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Why Focus on Equity, Innovation?

- We must take a hard look at who is being excluded from services and take steps to overcome systemic barriers to connect hardly reached people to HIV services
  - Stigma, structural racism, other forms of discrimination

- We must continue to develop and deploy innovative HIV treatment and prevention strategies and technologies suited to the different needs and preferences of diverse populations disproportionately affected by HIV
  - More robust drug and diagnostic pipelines required
  - More research into HIV care continuum optimization
LGBTQ Rights Under Assault

- 490+ anti-LGBTQ bills are under consideration or have been codified across the United States
  - Human Rights Campaign declares State of Emergency
- “Anti-Homosexuality Act” codified in Uganda, similar laws are currently under consideration across East Africa
  - Clinics providing HIV services in Kampala are empty

- Stigmatization, criminalization of LGBTQ people is a **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION** that is jeopardizing the HIV response