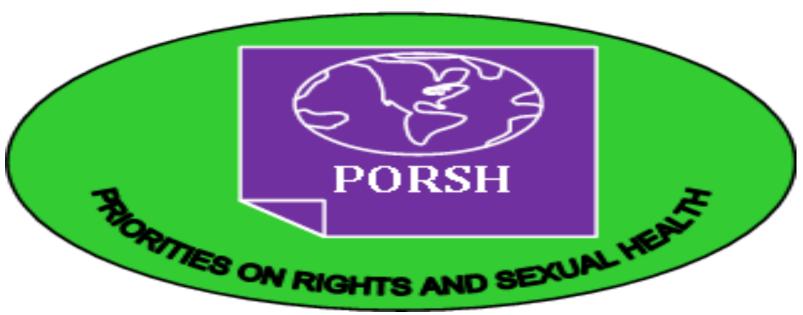
### **BGRG SUMMIT 2015**

Homosexuality in Ghana; the myths, misconceptions and miseries.

By
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### **GENERAL MYTH**

'a widely held but false belief or idea'

- Homosexuals are un-Godly and a curse
- Homosexuality is align to our culture
- Homosexuals are filthy
- Homosexuals spell doom for Ghana
- Homosexuals wear pampers/diapers

## General Misconceptions

'conclusions that are wrong because they are based on faulty thinking or facts that are wrong'.

- > Homosexuality is an evil spirit
- > Homosexuals are possessed by demons
- > Homosexuality is an import from the west
- Homosexuality is not our culture
- Homosexuality is a mental deficiency
- Homosexuality can be treated

## **MISERIES**

'a state or feeling of great distress or discomfort of mind or body'

- High rate of blackmail cases against 'perceived or actual' homosexuals
- High rates of stigma-related death
- High rates of HIV/STI infections(17.5%) prevalence.
- Low self-esteem , family rejection and neglect.
- > Rampant suicidal attempts
- Police detention and un-warranted arrest

## PRIORITIES ON RIGHTS AND SEXUAL HEALTH'S EFFORTS

- Empowerment seminars
- Referrals to friendly healthcare services
- Provision of pro-bono legal services/ advice
- Peer education
- Prison visits
- General personal development sessions

## Daily Graphic



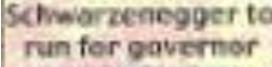
#### Asantahane calls for dialoguo on funding higher education





# WELCOME!! AKWAABA!!

- Ghana warmly welcomes all visitors of goodwill.
- Ghana does not welcome paedophiles and other sexual deviants.
- Indeed Ghana imposes extremely harsh penalties on such sexually aberrant behaviour.
- If you are in Ghana for such activity, then for everybody's good, including your own, we suggest you go elsewhere.





Ratsiraka gets 10-yr sentence





# Daily Graphic

## Four homosexuals jailed 2 years each













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# HOMBOS Town invade James Town

BY VIDA WALLACE

HOMOSEXUALITY HAS reached roof level in the capital city of Accra, a Health Agenda search conducted this week has revealed.

The practice, now common among the people of

James Town and Bukom, both Accra suburbs is creeping deep into the two communities.

Weekends are said to be the days they parade with their partners and are mostly seen at the James Town beaches where they have fun which runs deep into the nights

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