

Appendix 7: LKNU Position Statement

LKNU Position Statement Regarding LGBT Support¹
Saturday, 05 March 2016

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

In response to issues and accusations following the Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) statement, dated February 22, 2016 on the rejection of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender practices and movement. Our Health Institute Board of Nahdlatul Ulama (LKNU) felt it necessary to explain the following:

1. That LKNU, as an institution under the auspices of the PBNU, submit and obey the attitudes and decisions of PBNU, including the related attitude, which states that LGBT constitutes a behaviour that denies human nature.
2. It is true that in recent years LKNU has become one of the partners of the Global Fund program for the prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that attacks the immune system, and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). We need to clarify that the partnership program is run in the context of prevention. In this program, the efforts of prevention and assistance were undertaken by LKNU against the assisted communities which, includes people with HIV / AIDS (PLWHA).
3. Implementation of the HIV / AIDS programme is funded by the Global Fund, managed by LKNU and devoted to those who become targets of the program.
4. That the implementation of the program, through LKNU prevention and advocacy efforts, also interacts with any community. An understanding of the principles of universal humanity form LKNU foundations so as not to restrict the interaction with certain groups or communities.
5. That LKNU does not make any and or engage in campaign agendas and propaganda to fight for the recognition of LGBT existence.
6. LKNU asked all parties not to politicise and take advantage of cooperation built by LKNU for particular interests, apart from health interests.
7. LKNU are willing, in cooperation with partners, to review the points of agreement sourced from the grants funding program of the Global Fund with reference to the official stance of the PBNU.

Thus this position statement is an information source and media for each **tabayyun**.

¹ Suara Nahdlatul Ulama, "Pernyataan Sikap LKNU Terkait Tudingan Dukung LGBT", Sabtu, 05 Maret 2016. Accessed: <http://www.nu.or.id/post/read/66290/pernyataan-sikap-lknu-terkait-tudingan-dukung-lgbt>

Wallahul muwafiq ilaa aqwamith thoriq

And peace and mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you

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