



**Reported Attacks of Persons with Albinism (PWA) – 1 Page Summary**  
**Date of report: April 22, 2021**

**Killings: 215**

**Attacks: 406** - Attacks include survivors of mutilations, violence, rape, attempted abductions, missing, grave violations, asylum & other refuge cases.

**Total: 621**

**Total Countries: 30**

**Benin, 18 reports:** 5 killings / 5 survivors / 7 missing / 1 grave robbery – Most recent Mar 23, 2019

**Botswana, 3 reports:** 3 survivors – Sept, 1998

**Burkina Faso, 9 reports:** 2 killings / 6 survivors / 1 asylum - Most recent, Aug 14, 2012

**Burundi, 39 reports:** 22 killings / 13 survivors / 4 grave robbery - Most recent, Aug 13, 2019

**Cameroon, 11 report:** 2 killings, 2 survivor, 6 asylums, 1 grave robbery - Most recent, Dec 23, 2015

**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 70 reports:** 17 killings / 35 survivors / 1 missing / 10 grave robberies / 7 asylums - Most recent, Mar 25, 2019

**Egypt, 1 report:** 1 asylum – Sept 16, 2011

**Gabon, 1 report:** 1 survivor – May 12, 2019

**Ghana, 3 report:** 1 killing / 2 survivors – Feb 17, 2015

**Guinea, 16 reports:** 5 killings / 6 survivors / 5 asylums - Most recent, Sept 20, 2018

**Ivory Coast, 30 reports:** 9 killings / 13 survivors / 4 missing / 2 asylums / 2 abandoned - Most recent, June 30, 2017

**Kenya, 13 reports:** 5 killings / 8 survivors - Most recent, Sept 20, 2015

**Lesotho, 1 report:** 1 killing – Oct 2015

**Madagascar, 1 report:** 1 killing – Oct 17, 2016

**\*Malawi, 57 report:** 18 killings / 26 survivors / 6 missing / 7 grave robberies – Most recent, Mar 26, 2021

**Mali, 17 report:** 5 killings / 3 survivors / 2 missing / 7 asylums - Most recent, May 13, 2018

**Mozambique, 51 reports:** 17 murders, 14 survivors, 5 grave robberies, 15 missing – Most recent, Jan 15, 2021

**Namibia, 4 reports:** 2 killings / 2 survivors - Most recent report, August 2, 2019

**Niger, 1 report:** 1 missing – Aug 6, 2012

**Nigeria, 13 reports:** 4 killings / 1 missing / 5 asylums / 3 survivors - Most recent, Feb 13, 2017

**Rwanda, 1 report:** 1 grave robbery – July 2, 2013

**Senegal, 9 report:** 3 alleged killings / 4 survivors / 2 asylum - Most recent, June 17, 2015

**South Africa, 9 reports:** 4 killings / 2 missing / 2 survivors / 1 grave robbery - Most recent, Jan 28, 2018

**Swaziland / Eswatini, 12 reports:** 4 killings / 8 survivors - Most recent, Nov 25, 2019

**Tanzania, 199 reports:** 76 killings / 94 survivors / 1 missing / 25 grave violations / 3 asylums - Most recent, Nov, 2019

**Togo, 1 report:** 1 killing - Sept 23, 2017

**Uganda, 9 reports:** 8 survivors / 1 asylum – Most recent, Dec 16, 2020

**USA, 2 reports:** 2 survivors - 1899

**Zambia, 18 reports:** 9 killings / 7 survivors / 2 grave robberies – Most recent, Mar 25, 2020

**Zimbabwe, 2 report:** 1 killing 2011 / 1 asylum - Most recent, Nov 29, 2012



\*In Malawi more cases have been reported. In 2017, 102 cases were reported by the UN Independent Expert on albinism in the report of her official visit to Malawi. See UN document number: [A/HRC/34/59/Add.1](#) (March 2017). A few months later, in October 2017, the association of persons with albinism in Malawi reported 122 cases (Source: Malawi News Agency (MANA); *Lack of finances stalls 122 cases of people with albinism*; Wednesday, Oct 25, 2017; <http://www.maravipost.com/lack-finances-stalls-122-cases-people-albinism/>). Under The Same Sun (UTSS) officially records cases after it has received a sufficient source and data: name of victim, type of attack, date, location, etc. Without access to such detail, UTSS is unable to enter these cases into its records for now; but recognizes that these reports are probably credible due to their sources.

**NOTE 1:** The actual number of attacks & killings of PWA are likely much higher than indicated above since many are never reported or documented. These ritual attacks frequently find their roots in ancient ancestral beliefs and have been going on since time beyond memory.

**NOTE 2:** Countries known to be involved in the cross-border trade of PWA and their body parts: Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland,

**NOTE 3:** UTSS gathers this data from its own field research and also from its partners on the ground. We record cases that have been thoroughly verified. However this is not always possible. In such cases, we record cases from partners, media and civil society that are reasonable and prima facie credible.