Over the past decade, the Brazilian LGBTQ+ community has won several key legal battles in the fight for equal rights and safety.

Nonetheless, anti-LGBTQ+ violence and rhetoric remain widespread.

In 2019 at least 329 LGBTQ+ people violently died as victims of LGBTQ+phobia.

That equals one death every 26 HOURS in 2019.

The southeast and northeast regions were the most dangerous for members of the LGBTQ+ community in 2019.

Despite the threats, members of the LGBTQ+ community are driving change, including through increasing political participation at the federal and sub-national levels.

“It’s become even more important, even more necessary ... to be a guiding force in guaranteeing our rights.”

Erica Malunguinho
one of two transgender deputies elected in São Paulo in 2018