

Going High: Lessons from the movement of people with albinism

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intersectionalities

- Albinism (to help us reflect)
- International Human Rights Perspective
- UN mandate (why)
- Racial Discrimination
- Disability: vision impairment
- Health
- Geography
- Socio-economics
- Gender
- Age
- Minority



Human Rights Issues

- **Life**
- **Physical Integrity / Security**
- **Trafficking**
- **Grave Desecration**
- **Health**
- **Education**
- **Racial Discrimination**
- **Harmful Practices**
- **Refugee**
- **Children**
- **Women**





David - Canada



Harry - Puerto Rico



Sisters - United Kingdom



Isabelle - Cameroun



Maizan - Malaysia



Brooke - China



Dasha - Russia



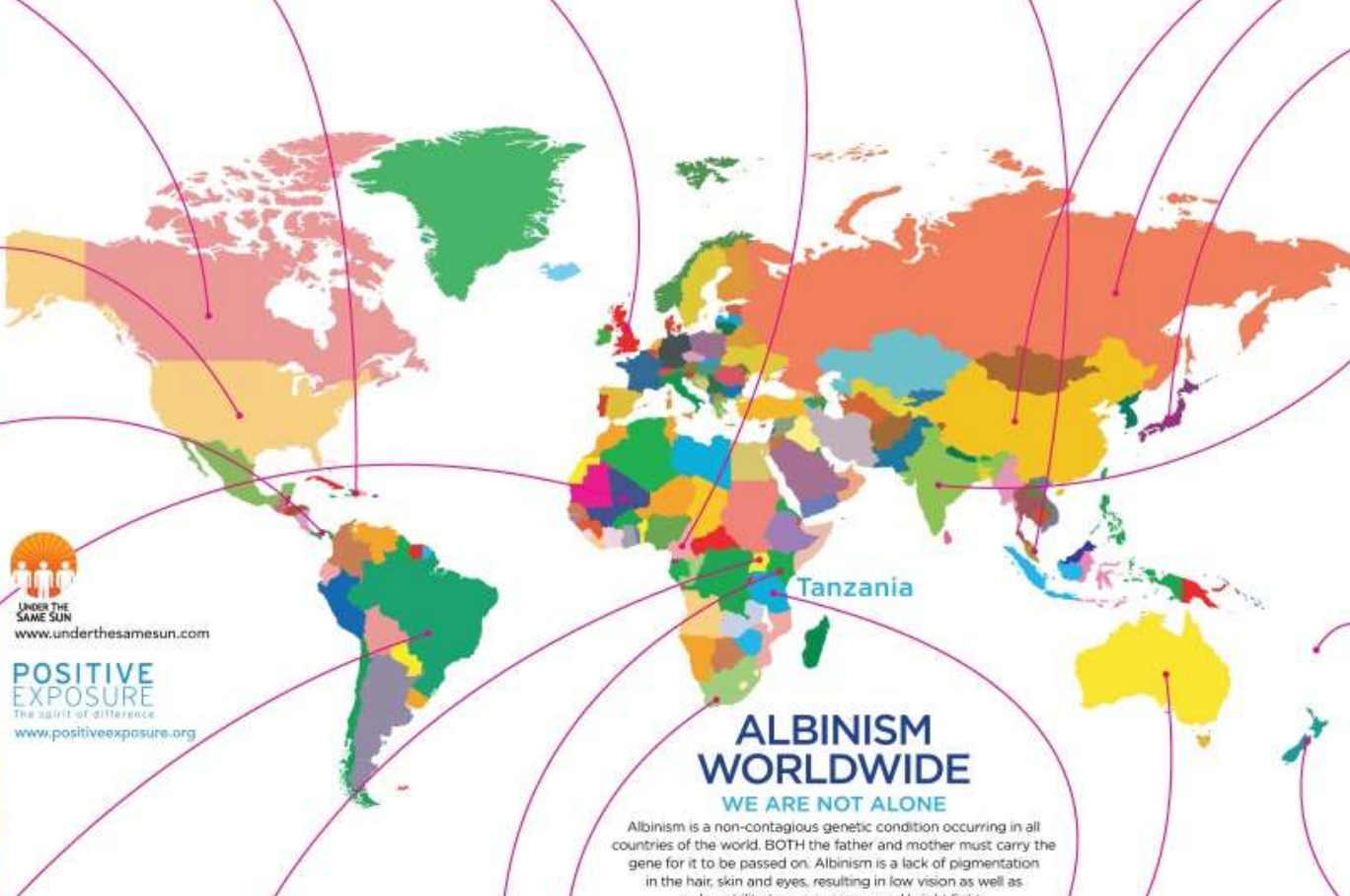
Noah - USA



Gladismira - Panama



Siri - Mali



Jayde - Japan



Keke - India



Mere - Fiji



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ALBINISM WORLDWIDE

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Albinism is a non-contagious genetic condition occurring in all countries of the world. BOTH the father and mother must carry the gene for it to be passed on. Albinism is a lack of pigmentation in the hair, skin and eyes, resulting in low vision as well as vulnerability to sun exposure and bright light.



Amanda - Brasil



Tina - Uganda



CK and Daphne - Kenya



Smile - South Africa



Tanzania



Lauren - Australia



Ceara - New Zealand

Health Issues: Vision

- **1. LOW VISION / “LEGAL BLINDNESS”**



Warning : Photos may be
graphic to some

Health Issues: Skin cancer





Fundamentals of Resilience

- **Paradox well**
- “Inbetweenness”
- **Emerging fundamental elements of Paradox**
 - We are all paradoxes
 - Degrees in paradox exists
 - Victims can be perpetrators
 - Knowledge of situation is fundamental
 - Empathy



Specific Tools of Resilience

1. **Parallel Track**

- General on one track
- Specific Groups on other
- Same Goal
- SDG Pledge



2. Market Share – Economics

3. Action Plans

- “Emotions are not plans.” While valid, they don’t “solve any problems or right any wrongs.”

Action Plans

- **Evidence-Base**
- **Concretization**
- **Multi-sectorial approach**
- **Time-bound**
- **Measurement + Accountability**
- **Master Plan**
 - **Domestication by Sector**
- **Advantage for activists**
- “Not about accepting conditions of oppression or letting cruelty and power go unchallenged.” BUT about “how we sustain ourselves in the process rather than burn out.”



Action Plans on Albinism

- **African Union Plan (2021-31)**
 - **Multi-stakeholder engagement**
 - **Concrete measures**
 - **Domestication / Context**
 - **Assignments for all stakeholders**
 - **Private sector participation**
 - **Combined vision for activistic**
 - **Pre-identification of what we can change**



Caveat & Conclusion

- **Caveat**
- Sacrificial leaders
 - “Orchestra Conductors”
- **Summary/Conclusion**
- Live in Paradox
- Facts + Solutions
- “Run with patience”
- Angry + Constructive
- Work with oppressors + recognizing problems
- Call out bias + Self Reflect
- Me: Victim + Oppressor
- Global equity needed + Degrees in Equity needed
- Making best of contradictions + accountability

