Trans is a prefix meaning “across,” “beyond,” “through” or “changing thoroughly.” Trans, transgender, gender diverse and gender non-conforming are sometimes used as “umbrella terms” representing words that describe an internal sense of gender that differs from the sex one was assigned at birth, whether one feels male, female, another gender or no gender. This list is not exhaustive; there are numerous terms in many languages. It is important to respect the autonomy of individuals in defining their own identities and to recognize that not everyone identifies as trans. How can you be an ally? Ask friends, family and colleagues what words and pronouns they prefer, and let them educate you.

TRANSGENDER
FA’AFAFINE | KHWAJA SARA | ARAVANI
GENDER QUEER
BISSU | METI | HIJRA | TRANSPINOY
GENDERFLUID
AGENDER | NON BINARY | KUA XING BIE
THIRD GENDER
TWO SPIRIT | X GENDER | MUXES
TRANSSEXUAL
TRANSMAN | TRANSWOMAN

TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING PEOPLE:

Are subjected to particularly brutal and cruel hate crimes, murders, sexual violence and harassment. AT LEAST 2,434 TRANS PEOPLE WERE MURDERED IN 69 COUNTRIES between 2008-2016. Real numbers are likely much higher.

Sources:
- Trans Murder Monitoring (TMM) project
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- Fenway Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health (2nd ed.)
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