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Few African countries provide for an explicit right to a nationality. Laws and practices governing citizenship effectively leave hundreds of thousands of people in Africa without a country. These stateless Africans can neither vote nor stand for office; they cannot enrol their children in school, travel freely, or own property; they cannot work for the government; they are exposed to human rights abuses.

Statelessness exacerbates and underlies tensions in many regions of the continent. *Citizenship Law in Africa, a comparative study* by two programs of the Open Society Foundations, describes the
