



# SILVIA IS MY NAME

by Max Benyo



## SYNOPSIS

The young woman Silvia Sempeyu belongs to the Maasai tribe and lives in southern Kenya, near the Amboseli National Park. With her five children, she lives in a small wooden house near the border town of Loitokitok, right on the border with Tanzania. Silvia lives in the heart of the „Maasailand“, which extends across the borders of East Africa via the Amboseli National Park. She takes a motorcycle taxi to the more remote places in her home country to talk to young women who have become pregnant, have been raped or talk to the older women and explains why the circumcision of their daughters and granddaughters is dangerous for the girls. It calls on like-minded people to defend themselves against the patriarchy, to become independent and independent of men and to invoke state women's rights. Silvia Sempeyu repeatedly encounters resistance, she is laughed at and some people - including women - react aggressively to their ideas and demands.

Her family was attacked several times, she...

## FESTIVALS

2020

FF Max Ophüls Preis – world premiere

## CAST AND CREW

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63 min

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Human Rights, Social issues

### PREMIERE

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