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Gender Based Violence Online



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE ONLINE

- What is cyber-bullying and gender-based violence?
- How does sexual harassment affect women online?
- Why is civil society action & education important?

Gender-based violence is a global health and human rights issue that violates international human rights law and gender equality.

Gender-based violence (GBV) online takes many forms including hacking, impersonation, surveillance, recruiting victims into violent situations, and malicious distribution of intimate photos and messages.

Online harassment exacerbates digital exclusion and self-censorship.

Koliwe Majama, an African media, internet and communications expert says the sharp rise in technology-related violence against women and its normalisation has made the use of the Internet a gendered issue:

“It has, of necessity, become imperative that women get to the fore of the debate on cyber-security instead of leaving it solely to governments and the financial/business sector as is the case in national and regional governance forums.”

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF GBV ONLINE

Cameroon has no specific law to address Gender based violence online, but Law No 2010/0 12 of 21st December 2010 relates to cyber security and cyber criminality in Cameroon, Section 75{1}.

FEMALE LEADERSHIP & ONLINE BULLYING

“We are socialized to believe men are the only capable leaders. We need to be educated, women should not be intimidated from running for office.” Theresa Mmolawa