



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from The Executive Director- Ms. Ruth Atim

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, people were relying more on online technology. Due to lockdowns and high-level restrictions, young women spent more time at home and were not able to see friends and family in person



This made keeping in touch online extra important. While this comes along with endless benefits, many young women and girls were exposed to online violence like cyberbullying or sexting issues that put their mental health and well-being at risk.

At the Gender Tech Initiative-Uganda, we provided a variety of support including Cyber security training that played a big role in resolving online safety issues that women faced. We are grateful to our partners and other stakeholders who have joined the fight against online/cyber bullies.

Over time, we have also mentored young school girls to embrace science and technology in their different spheres of life. We are glad that this program has seen many consider having an ICT/Science career, which is a good step towards bridging the gender digital divide gap.

Our Story

The Gender Tech Initiative-Uganda was started to address the challenge of online Gender Based Violence that many women were experiencing.

Ruth our founder was a broadcast media journalist, she used to experience a lot of online violence from her News sources, a situation that made her almost leave the profession.

But after attending "Safe Sister" mentorship program for aspiring Tech-Savvy Women, Ruth decided to set-up an initiative and pass on the knowledge to fellow female journalists, in a bid to retain as many females as possible in the journalism profession. Her vision grew from working with journalists, to Women Human Rights Defenders from different spheres of life, to mentoring young school girls to embrace science and Technology among others.

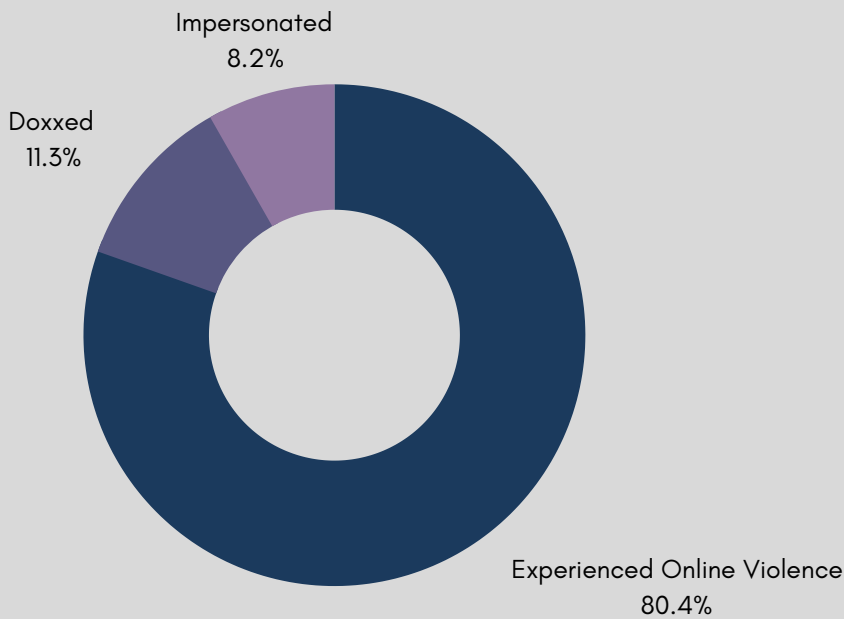


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2021 RESEARCH RESULTS

In the Year 2021, We did research, and below are the findings.

How Safe are women online?



80.4

Total number of young women who have experienced some form of violence online

What are people doing online?

62%

Do social media work

15%

do research for school work.

95%

of young women go online between 8:00 am to 10:00 pm

43%

update status or check a friend's status.

32%

send and email.

OUR IMPACT

2021 was a busy year for us, here are our figures at a glance



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The number of activities and programs we ran during the year. This included research, trainings, Mentorship program and career guidance talks.



250

The number of school-going girls we have mentored for our School ICT Club Project that is available in 5 different partner secondary schools in Northern Uganda.



750

Young women were impacted through our activities. Most of them were victims of online harassment who had even considered quitting their professions, but after our training and support, they had to reconsider.

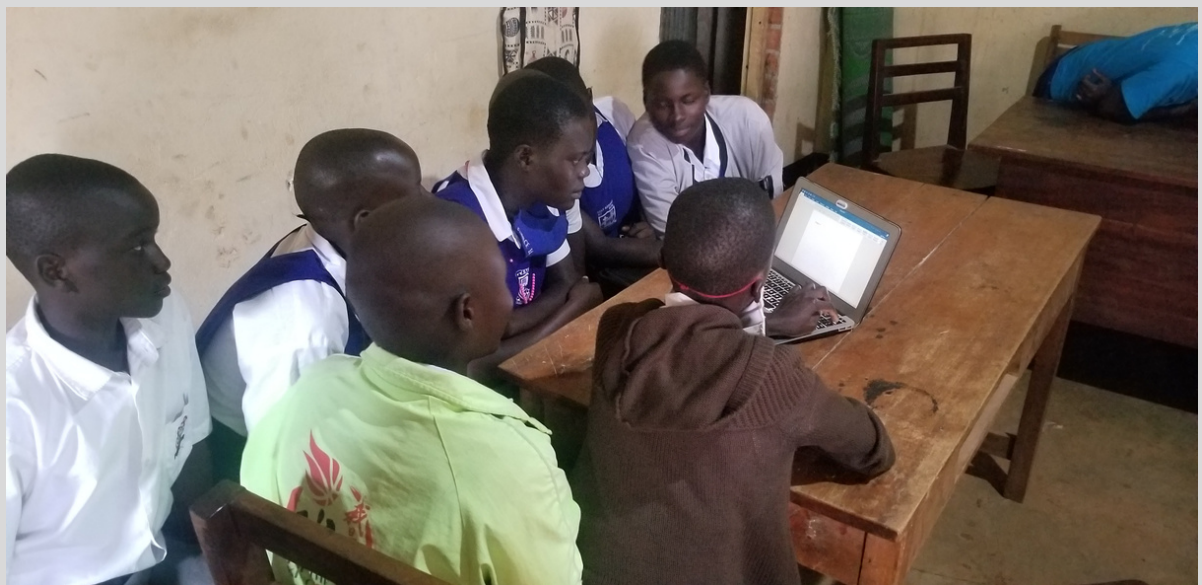
Our activities in Pictures.











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