

Child Online Protection

ITU Global programme

Children online safety and protection worldwide



“*Every child everywhere must be protected online. We must make it our global priority and we must act now*”.

Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden
at the launch of the COP 2020 Guidelines,
23 June 2020

Our value



1. The leading Specialized Agency of the United Nations, responsible for issues, concerning information and communication technologies
2. The COP Initiative is serving as global leadership platform with a multi-stakeholder community
3. A proven expertise and successful technical assistance record of more than 10 years on COP activities worldwide
4. A well-established holistic framework for COP and a strong network of partners for validation & joint implementation

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Vision

We are creating a world where children can be connected and fully benefit from the opportunities of a trusted and safe online environment



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Current Global Landscape



71%

of young people are already online

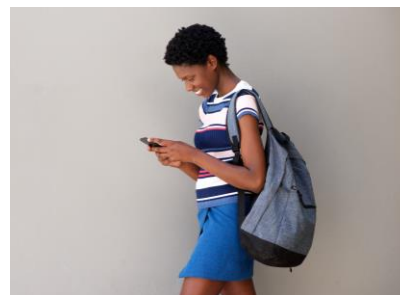
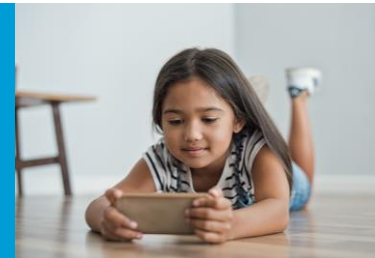


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Of all internet users today are children



One in three internet users is a child under 18 years of age



1B children are affected by violence, abuse or neglect every year

In 2019, more than half of the world's population used the Internet.

53.6%

~ 4.1b users

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Global Challenges



Are we aware of the challenges our kids face in the 21-st century?



Connectivity

1.2 billion children out of school during COVID-19 lockdowns

41% less children in the developing world have access to the Internet

Online Risks

51% of children online have been exposed to various online risks and harms

44% of children exposed to online threats suffer long-term consequences later in their adult life



The pandemic of COVID-19 confirms the urgent need to **ACT NOW!** Children spend more time online and are therefore even more exposed to the challenges related to the online environment.

Let's hear from our children

“*Online, I can show my true self, there are no rules... I have more than 5 000 friends online.*”
Girl, aged 13 years, Japan

“*I play online games and make money from them.*”
Boy, aged 17 years, Ghana

“*Yes, I know how to [hack computers], but do not do it anymore.*”
Boy, aged 15 years, The Philippines

“*I know everything you post on the Internet stays forever and it can affect your life in the future*”
Girl, 14 years old, Chile

“*I was very scared... I saw a picture of a boy who was shot dead.*”
Boy, aged 12 years, Serbia



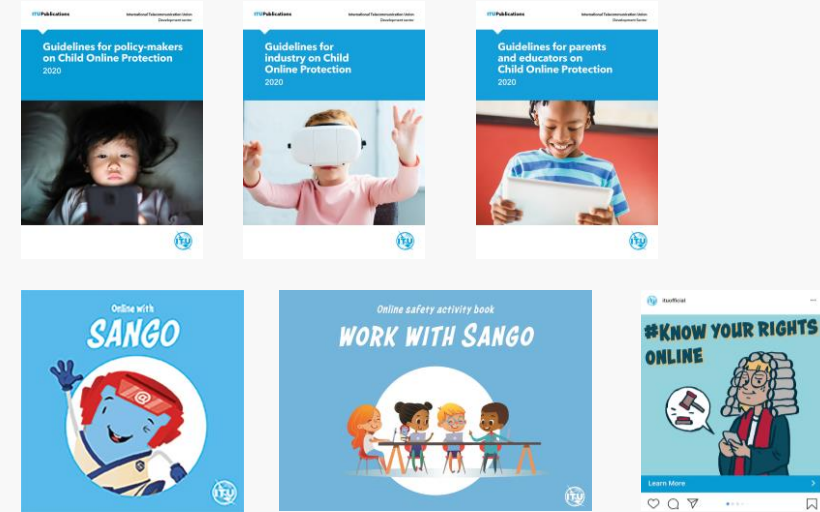
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Global Solutions



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The new 2020 COP Guidelines: A roadmap to implementation



Policy implementation to promote the journey of self-resilience

- **Accelerating the development and adoption** of a sound **child online protection strategy** and comprehensive **action plans** for governments
- **Improving online safety measures and tools** for industry in the Least Developed and Developing Countries

Capacity development to scale up train the trainer programs

- Build **capacity** by running self-paced programs for '**Train the Trainers**' modules providing a framework and leveraging on partner organizations, with the aim to **empower** local children and parents
- **Develop open source solutions** to make digital content, information and skills **available** to children, teachers, and administrators

By 2023, we aim to protect and empower millions of children through:

Connectivity

10M adolescents connected with digital safety skills

Frameworks

30 countries and private sectors are provided with strategies and/or policies

Skills

5M children reached with educational safety programs



Engagement

Global participation through **200+ surveys, polls, challenges** and other formats of engagement

Dissemination

Translation into at least **50 national languages**

Transfer knowledge

Run at least **50 train the trainers programs** with ICT professionals and other stakeholders

Testimonials



"We would like to thank you for the excellent tools and have to say that the Guidelines are needed more than ever. COP has always been an areas that requires urgent and deliberative action. But right now it has become a matter of emergency. I can just ask that we all play our role in implementing the 2020 COP Guidelines."

H.E Paula Ingabire,
Minister of Information, Communication, Technology and Innovation, Rwanda



"The outstanding Child Online Protection and the work of ITU will make it possible to develop effective COP strategies at the national and regional level."

Mr. Abdelaziz Alzerooni,
Chair of the Council Working Group on Child Online Protection, UAE



"Let me voice our support and alinement to the work of ITU and congratulate all of us to the adoption of the Child Online Protection Guidelines. UNESCO will take forward the work with ITU on COP as a multi-stakeholder effort".

Mr Borhene Chakroun,
Director, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, Education Sector, UNESCO

**Together
we will protect and
empower children**



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