

Impact

Emotional Impact Survey participants expressed feeling scared, unsafe, violated, and traumatized, with emotions such as fear, worry, and insecurity prevalent. Other emotional impacts included feeling terrified and constantly worried about something worse happening.

Psychological Impact: Shaken confidence, loss of interest, feeling dirty, and being held hostage were commonly reported psychological impacts.

Social Impact: Loss of interest in interaction, stress in social relations, and stress in social relations were among the social impacts mentioned.

Behavioral Impact: Participants reported changing passwords, blocking accounts, loss of interest in interacting with people, and discomfort in talking to strangers as behavioral impacts.

Digital Impact: Cyber attacks, privacy intrusion, inappropriate comments, and hacking were also reported by participants.

Gender-Specific Impact: Women were frequently targeted, and inappropriate violence was mentioned.

Interpersonal Impact: Relationships were affected, and loss of interest was a common outcome.



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Statistics

Reporting of Abuse: **78%** of survey participants did not report abuse on social media platforms, as they felt they wouldn't be taken seriously, and half were unaware of the available reporting mechanisms. This highlights the urgent need to enhance reporting mechanisms and ensure that survivors are taken seriously in addressing technology-facilitated gender-based violence.


Most Common Violations: Threats and intimidation, as well as sexual harassment, were the most common types of violence reported.

Common Forms of Violence: Emotional damage, including anxiety, depression, and loss of privacy, was frequently reported by participants



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Stories of Individuals Affected by TFGBV




“I did not feel safe to go outside cause something might happen to me because the threats got serious day by day”

**Gender - Female
Age - 26**

“Especially as a woman living in Ethiopia, there is a web of threats to our digital presence and freedom of expression because the majority of the attacks are intimidating and very scary.”

**Gender - Female
Age - 24**



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Desired Actions

Participants expressed the need for better monitoring tools, increased social awareness about TFGBV, accessible reporting systems, and stronger violation policies on social media platforms. They emphasized the need for these policies to be put into action, with immediate action such as banning perpetrators and removing reported cases from platforms.

Personal Strategies

Some participants expressed their personal strategies for dealing with TFGBV, including

- **Distancing themselves from spending too much time Online,**
- **Avoiding talking to strangers,**
- **Reporting suspicious activities immediately.**



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