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ONLINE SAFETY REPORT 2021



A study of young people's understanding and perspective of online safety in Nigeria.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This report on young people's understanding and perspective about Online Safety in Nigeria, was coordinated by Teens Can Code and the Virtually Safe team together with a network of volunteers across the 6 geopolitical zones in Nigeria.

This report was gathered from a survey of over 1,000 students ages 10 - 19 years, during the Virtually Safe school tour funded by Impact Amplifier through the Google Africa Online Safety Fund.



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As an organisation helping to expand access to technology education, we understand the importance of online safety for young people and this is why we launched the Virtually Safe project to provide young people with the skills and give them the confidence to engage safely and smartly while using the internet.

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Isaac Damian Ezirim
Founder, Teens Can Code

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Our mission is to empower online users especially young people with the information they need to keep themselves safe and secure online while encouraging a culture of online responsibility, and this is why the Virtually Safe project is so important, young people should be empowered to safely exploit the benefits of the Internet.

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Rachael Balogun
Program Manager

QUESTIONS ASKED

Facilitators/Volunteers had two documents to share with students: Baseline questions to know their understanding of online safety before teaching and then Endline questionnaire after the training.

BASELINE

Device + Frequency	How do you access the internet and how often do you use the internet?
Activities	What do you do with the internet?
Their Thoughts	Do you think there are risks online?
Experiences	Has your mental health been affected from using the internet, either by been bullied or threatened?
Their Knowledge	How do you stay safe online?

ENDLINE

Action	What should you do if you are being bullied online?
Responsibility	How can you ensure your digital wellbeing?
Ability	How can you stay safe online?
Integrity	How can you protect your digital reputation?
Consciousness	What are digital footprints?

QUESTIONS OVERVIEW

QUESTIONS
ASKED

10

AGE
RANGE

10-19
YEARS

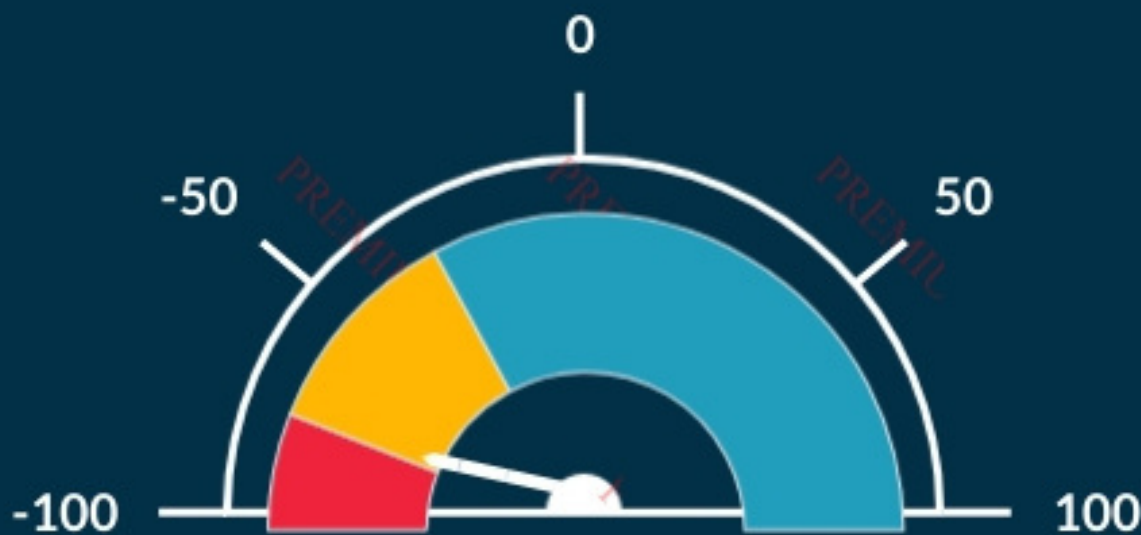
RESPONDENTS

1000+

BEFORE
TRAINING

62%

of students
have no prior
knowledge of
online safety
measures or
don't know
about it.



Survey Questions Breakdown



Clear Understanding	12%
Little Knowledge	26%
No Idea	62%

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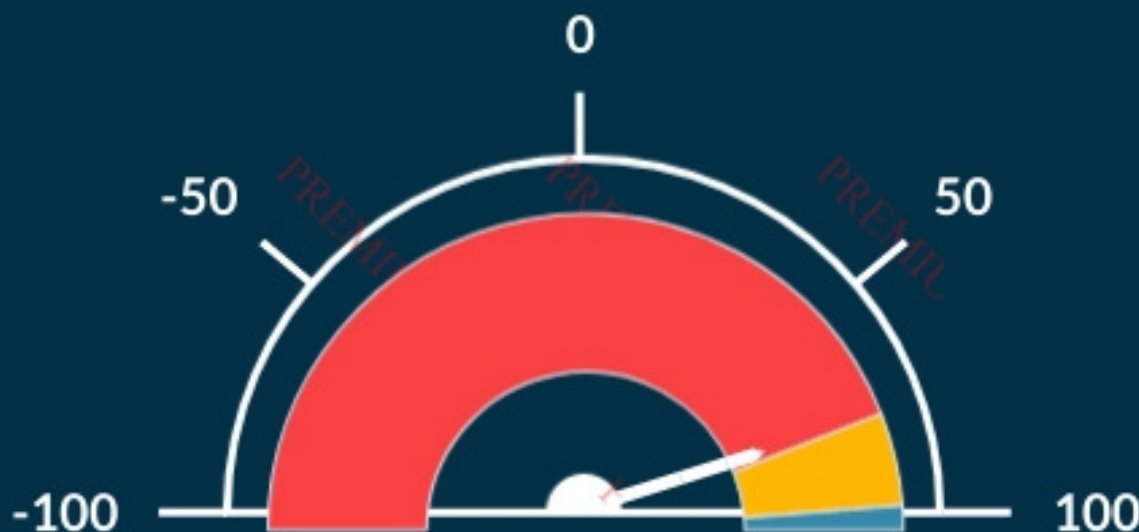
RESPONDENTS

1000+

AFTER
TRAINING

88%

of students
taught now
have an
understanding
of online safety
and how to keep
safe online.



Survey Questions Breakdown

Clear Understanding 88% Little Knowledge 9.5% No Knowledge 2.5%

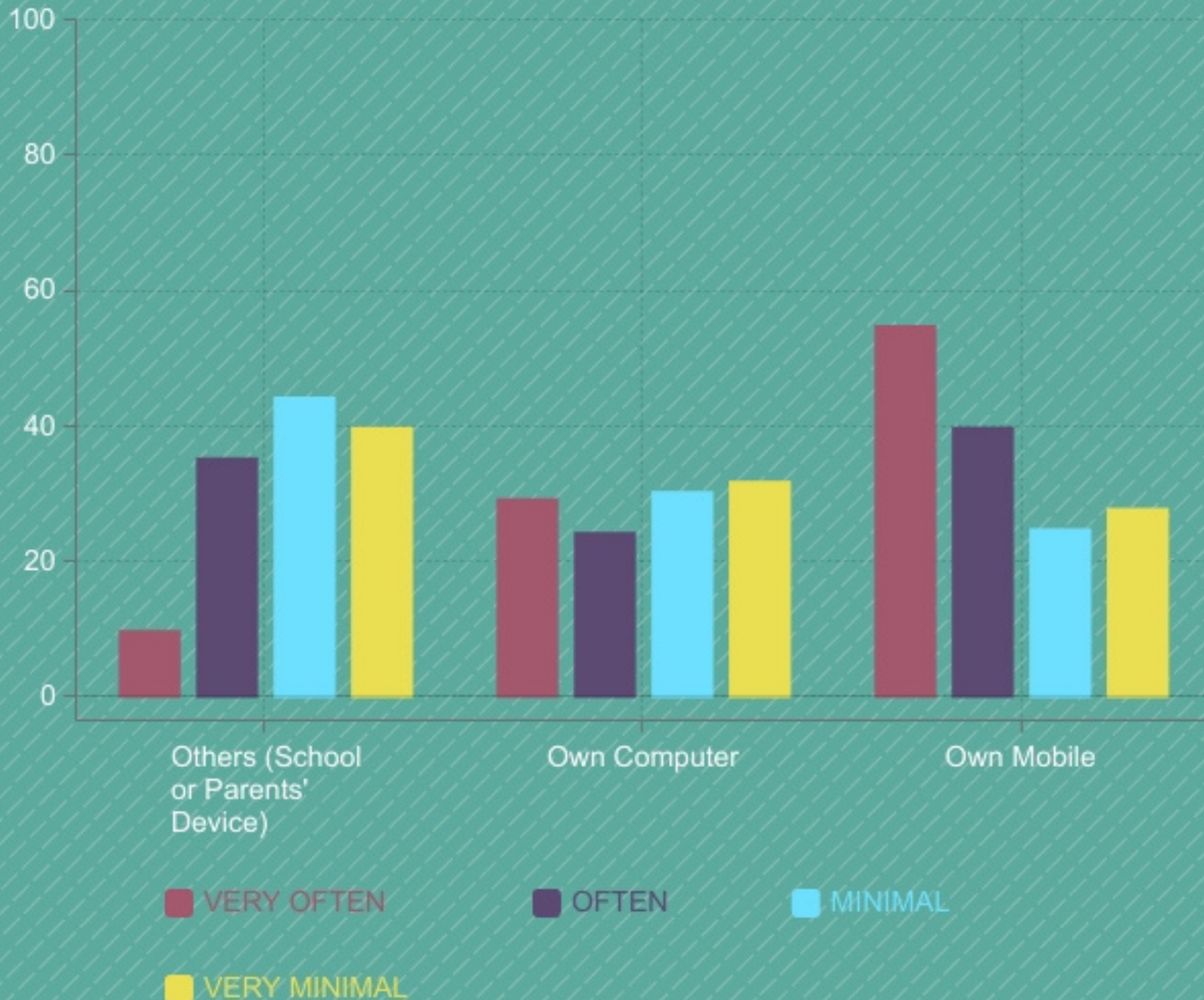
Clear Understanding	88%
Little Knowledge	9.5%
Still Not Clear	2.5%

01

QUESTION

How do you access the internet (with a mobile or computer) and how often do you use the internet?

OVERALL



02

QUESTION

What do you do with the internet?

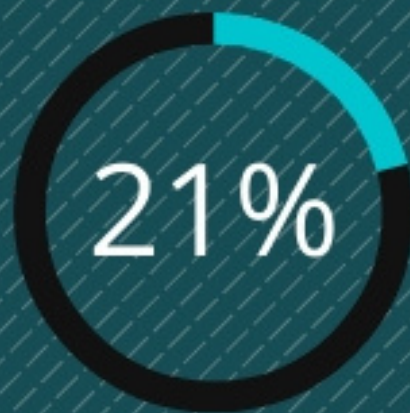
ENTERTAINMENT
(COMEDY SKITS ETC)



CONNECT WITH
FRIENDS



LEARNING/RESEARCH



PLAY GAMES



03

QUESTION

Do you think there are risks online?



95%
SAYS THERE
ARE ONLINE
RISK

FROM OUR SURVEY 95% OF STUDENTS THINK THERE ARE RISKS ONLINE. AND MOST OF THEM SITED CYBER FRAUD. THE OTHER 5% EITHER DID NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION OR ARE NOT AWARE OF RISKS ONLINE.

04

QUESTION

Has your mental health been affected from using the internet, either by been bullied or threatened?

45%

OF BOYS

55%

OF GIRLS

HAVE RECEIVED INSULTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

30%



OF STUDENTS HAVE WITNESSED OR EXPERIENCED ONLINE STRESS

05

QUESTION

How do you stay safe online?



62% of students surveyed have no knowledge of online safety and online safety measures.

26% of students surveyed have little knowledge of online safety and online safety measures.

12% of students surveyed have very clear knowledge of online safety and already implement one or more online safety measures.

06

QUESTION

What should you do if you are being bullied online?

70%



OF STUDENTS SURVED SAYS THEY'LL REPORT OR BLOCK THE ACCOUNT

25%



OF STUDENTS SURVED SAYS THEY'LL TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT ABOUT IT

5%

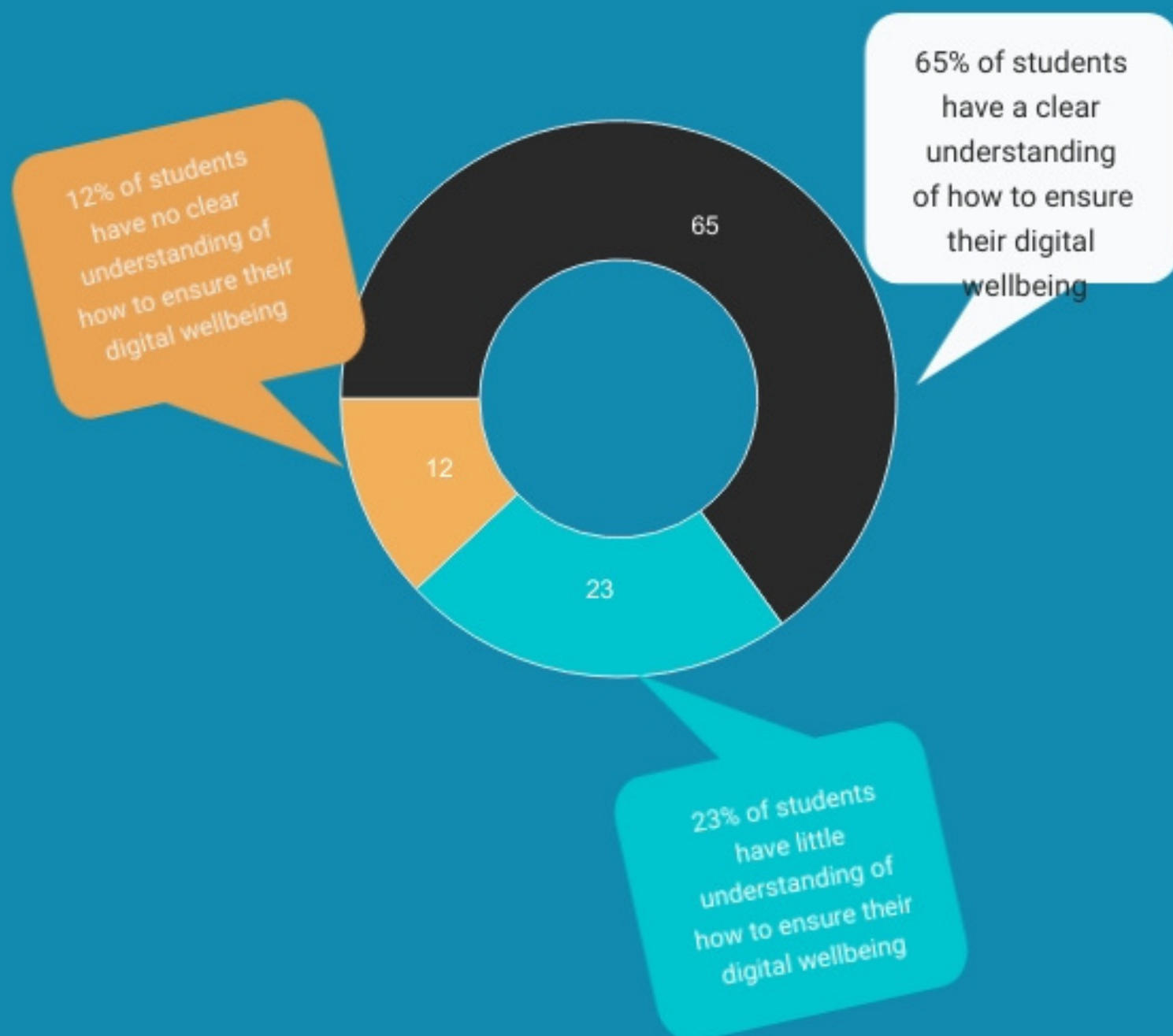


OF STUDENTS SURVED GAVE OTHER SUBMISSIONS; FIGHT BACK, TRY TO TALK WITH BULLY

07

QUESTION

How can you ensure your digital wellbeing?



08

QUESTION

How do you stay safe online?



88%

of students surveyed after the training now have very clear knowledge of online safety and measures to ensure their safety.

9.5%

of students surveyed after the training now have little knowledge of online safety and online safety measures.

2.5%

of students surveyed after the training still have no clear knowledge of online safety and online safety measures.

09

QUESTION

How can you protect your digital reputation?



61%

of students from their submissions showed that they understand digital reputation and how to protect it.



35%

of students from their submissions showed that they only have little understanding of digital reputation and how to protect it.



4%

of students from their submissions showed that they do not understand the concept of digital reputation and how to protect it.

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QUESTION

What are digital footprints?

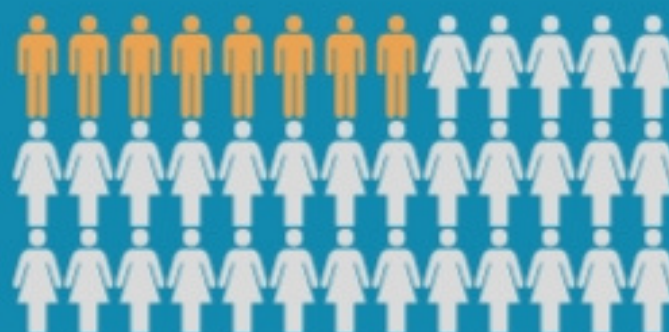
78%

of students surveyed after the training have a clear understanding of digital footprints and participated in a class activity



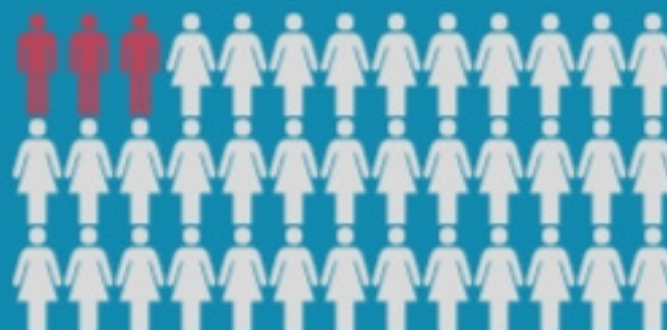
15%

of students surveyed after the training have little understanding of digital footprints and participated in a class activity



7%

of students surveyed after the training have little understanding of digital footprints and participated in a class activity



About Virtually Safe

Virtually Safe is an Initiative of Teens Can Code to help provide a wide range of online safety support, advice, programs and resources to help internet users stay safe online.

Our Mission is to empower online users especially young people with the information they need to keep themselves safe and secure online while encouraging a culture of online responsibility.

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