



Child Online Protection Policy & Strategic Framework



Developed for the OECS by OECS, ITU and UNICEF



Aims to create a safer online environment for children



Guides Ministries of Education and ICT in addressing digital risks

CONTEXT: An assessment of the current state of child online safety in the OECS highlighted risks such as cyberbullying, lack of legal awareness, inconsistent IT policies, and ineffective online monitoring







Strategic Objectives

Establish a governance framework

Educate stakeholders on child online safety

Adopt technical mechanisms for protection

Promote regional and international cooperation

Develop continuous review and improvement processes

Key Policy Areas & Recommended Actions

01

Legal and Regulatory Framework

Strengthen laws, train law enforcement, and raise legal awareness

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Institutional Framework

Establish a Child
Online Protection
Advisory Committee to
oversee COP efforts in
each country

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Capacity and Awareness Building

Integrate online safety education into school curricula and train educators, parents, and social workers

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Technical & Procedural Measures

Implement cybersecurity controls in schools, improve internet filtering, and monitor online activity 05

International Cooperation

Foster partnerships
with regional and
global organizations to
enhance COP efforts

Legal and Regulatory Framework

Objective: Strengthen laws and enforcement to protect children online



Train law enforcement and judicial officers on COP issues



Strengthen laws addressing cyber risks for children



Improve awareness of existing laws for better enforcement

Institutional Framework

Form a Child (Online)
Protection
Advisory
Committee

Assign COP leads in each school

Create a network of COP ambassadors

Define performance indicators for measuring COP effectiveness

Capacity & Awareness Building



Integrate COP education into school curricula



Provide training for teachers, social workers, and law enforcement



Launch national COP awareness campaigns



Develop ageappropriate educational materials



Technical & Procedural Measures

Enforce
acceptable use
policies in
schools

Strengthen cybersecurity policies and internet filtering

Implement monitoring systems for online safety

Block access to harmful content via ISPs

International Cooperation

Objective: Collaborate with regional and global organisations to enhance COP



Establish partnerships with international COP bodies



Promote cross-border cooperation on child protection



Leverage best practices from global COP initiatives

Implementation Strategy

Regional and harmonised approach

Endorsement of the framework



Public awareness campaigns





Key Steps for Implementation

Adopt COP framework across all OECS Member States

Develop and disseminate COP awareness and education materials

Conduct training sessions for stakeholders

Strengthen community engagement in COP initiatives

Monitor & evaluate COP programs regularly

