



PROTECTION THROUGH ONLINE PARTICIPATION

Even though the Internet is a place where children are at risk of experiencing a wide range of online threats, it's also a place where children can find safety.

When children risk being victims of in-person harms - like domestic violence and abuse, sexual violence, bullying, physical violence, discrimination – it's common that they use the Internet to look for help. Same happens when they're going through mental distress, when they're scared, or feeling lonely.

When feeling unsafe, children and youth use the Internet to connect to child helplines, to communities dealing with similar issues, to the police or law enforcement. Or they help each other.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE RISK OR HARM IS COMING FROM, THE INTERNET IS A MEANS TO CONNECT WITH THE HELP & SUPPORT NEEDED AT THE TIME.

PoP believes that every child who has access to the Internet, should have access to safety and protection, regardless of the form of harm they may experience.

PoP – Protection through online Participation – is a collaborative global initiative leading the way towards creating a digital world that helps children and youth access safety and protection in a timely and safe manner, when at risk of experiencing any form of harm, whether in person or online.

Our mission is to align technology with children's needs when looking for safety and protection. We envision a world where every child and young person who has access to the Internet, can connect with the help and safety they need, when they need it.

2022

PoP convenes a network of global partners: UN agencies, CSOs, tech companies, academia.

PoP outlines strategy and methodology for collecting evidence from different stakeholders.

2023

PoP collects data from 100 countries, mapping child helplines using the Internet to counsel & support children.

PoP collects learnings from tech platforms regarding bridging protection services with their users.

PoP convenes its network of partners for an in-person meeting to analyze findings.

2024

PoP is collects evidence from children and young people on how they use the Internet to access safety and protection when at risk of experiencing any type of harm.

PoP holds online sessions with a broader community of tech companies, to identify solutions for providing children and youth with online protection services

PoP releases recommendations for improving or implementing online protections services / platforms / solutions, targeting child helplines, private sector companies, children & youth, policy makers.

PoP publishes a dynamic map to make available all the collected evidence.

PoP interviews children and youth who have lead online solutions to address children's protection needs.

2025

PoP identifies implementing partners to take forward the PoP recommendations.

PoP collects evidence on how AI is being used to support online protection services and platforms, to later release recommendations..

PoP collects evidence on how children are accessing support & protection through online gaming.

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