Industry Discussion on the threats to children.

What are the specific risks and dangers in the region related to the following:

a.Satellite images in the regional context regarding issues of privacy / data protection etc.

What are some of the benefits and harms?

Mobile Internet: use by children what are the benefits and harms in the region?

Benefits of Mobile internet to children

- Easy access to learning material
- Ease of communication
- Easy tracking of children in circumstances that necessitate tracking
- Opens children to the world – global village
- Affordable – data is affordable
- The services are adaptable to suit the changing times
- Real-time availability – products and services are available in realtime

HARMS/RISKS/THREAT

- 1. CONTENT:
  - ➢ Child online exploitation and abuse material (COEA) include Child sexual abuse material, violent material, gaming, gambling, exposure to adult pornography online, age-inappropriate content, hate speech, extremism (extreme political or religious views)

HARMS/RISK/THREATS

- 2. CONTACT
  - Online grooming
    - Radicalization
    - Sexual acts offline
  - Cyberbullying
  - Harassment

HARMS/RISKS/THREATS

- CONDUCT
  - ➤ Overuse of mobile internet
  - ➤ Sharing of explicit pictures of children online
  - ➤ Inappropriate behavior
    - Unintended spending: many games have in-app purchases promoted with adverts
    - Unauthorized spending

HARMS/RISK/THREATS

- Contract Risk
  - ➢Terms and Conditions of industry are in language children do not understand.

Public Wi-Fi: what are the benefits and harms to children in the region?

BENEFITS OF PUBLIC WIFI

- Available at public spaces
  - Hotels
  - Retailers
  - Businesses and organizations
- Free or provided at minimum cost
- Good means of promoting internet availability in a given community

HARMS/RISKS/THREATS

- Sometimes minimum sign on formalities – could easily be manipulated in such cases may lead to unauthorized access by passers-by leading to user data being compromised.

MEASURES TO PROTECT CHILDREN – PUBLIC WIFI

- Sensitive data should not be shared over public Wi-Fi as it could easily be compromised.

- Owners of public Wi-Fi should block access to websites that is not suitable to a larger audience which may include children.

- Provide software and procedures to assist in controlling and monitoring of children's access to internet content.

MEASURES TO PROTECT CHILDREN – PUBLIC WIFI

- Terms and conditions should include clauses that forbids the use of WiFi to display or access material that is unsuitable in an environment with children.

- Terms and conditions should include consequences of infringing such rules.

Identify and list Apps and Social Media etc. that are most used in the African Region

Apps and Social media mostly used in Africa

- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- Snap chat
- YouTube
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Gaming and gambling apps

CASE STUDY

- To be shared by Liberia

PROBLEM

- WhatsApp and other social media platform create the conducive environment for the viral sharing of explicit material of children online.

  ➢ WhatsApp Groups, Facebook Groups etc. compound the issue

MEASURES TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

- For monitoring and controlling purposes the possibility of registering WhatsApp/Facebook groups and others should be explored

- Take down notice and procedure
  - ➢Block
  - ➢Filter
  - ➢Reporting to LEA

MEASURES TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

- Industry should be proactive - Train staff to identify and takedown on a timely basis COEA material
- Solutions should be developed to prevent first responders from sighting material to avoid re-victimizing
- Victim management – Counselling of victims

MEASURES TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

- Industry should have a zero tolerance for COEA material
- Innovative solutions to takedown and block COEA material should be developed by Government and Industry

MEASURES TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

- Child Safety online by design
  - ➤ To tackle child abuse, industry should conduct "child protection impact assessments" before releasing any products or services
  - ➤ Child protection impact assessments would reveal any risks and threats to children online.
  - ➤ Necessary measures to curb these should be implemented
  - ➤ Possibility of using regulations to implement
  - ➤ Accountability : demonstrate compliance with assessment reports.

Measures to tackle the issue

- Cooperation during takedown and investigations
  - Internet Watch Foundation
  - Interpol – LEA in other Jurisdiction
  - Budapest Convention

What is your expectation of SMEs towards COP in the regional context?

EXPECTATIONS FROM SME

- CSR programme of SMEs should include policies and procedures to tackle Child Online Abuse issue online.

- Products, Policies, Procedures and Operations should be designed with Child Safety in mind

- Cooperate with LEA during investigations

- Acceptable Use Policy and Terms and Conditions should forbid child abuse online and should prescribe consequences of flouting such rules

THANK YOU

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