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## HER INTERNET

*Safe For Her*

## HELLO 2023!

There is no better way to welcome you into the new year than reflect and take you back in time with us.

The 4th edition of our Biannual Newsletter is here. Check out some highlights that occurred in the second half of last year which include; the digital safety workshop, misinformation and disinformation advocacy drive, collaborative campaign on elimination of online gender-based violence and a digital rights advocacy campaign.

To every single person and organization that has walked the journey with us through your guidance, effort and support showed towards our work at HER Internet, we give our heartfelt appreciation and thanks.

We wish each one of you a great 2023!

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*Our Deputy Executive Director, Kettie Kahume takes participants through hands-on lessons on the T.O.R browser.*

## DIGITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY TRAINING.

In June 2022, we conducted a Digital Security and Safety workshop in Kampala as part of our efforts to enhance the online security capacity of the participants for effective advocacy online as individuals, organizations and collectives.

This workshop engaged 20 participants in topics around basic online safety, secure browsing, social engineering, phishing and practical lessons on circumvention techniques, equipping them with information on tools on how to navigate the internet more safely. It was supported by T.O.R Project and Power Of Pride (P.O.P).

## REGIONAL CYBER LAWS' SENSITIZATION DIALOGUES.

We hosted regional sensitization dialogues on the existence and implementation of cyber laws in three different parts across the country; Malaba, Kasese and Gulu during the months of July and August 2022 with support from UHAI- EASHRI and the Fund for Global Human Rights under the Legal Empowerment Fund (LEF).

The dialogues were organized to impart knowledge on the existing cyber laws enshrined in Uganda's constitution and how they can be used to seek for redress in the face of online violence for communities of systemically marginalized womxn.



*Sandra Kwikiriza, our Executive Director at HER Internet engages with participants in Malaba on cyber laws and how they can be used to seek for redress in cases of online violence*





*Our Communications Lead at HER Internet, Diana Karungi holds a conversation with the participants on Misinformation.*

## MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION ADVOCACY DRIVE.

Following our one- month long social media advocacy drive in September, we hosted a two days' workshop on Misinformation and Disinformation in Kampala.

This project which was supported by Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Central Africa (CIPESA) sought to empower systemically marginalized womxn with knowledge on how to identify and combat the effects of false or untrue information, Gender Based Disinformation and how to verify information in this digital age.

## RESISTANCE AND CONNECTION: AN AFRICAN FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE FOR DECOLONIZING THE INTERNET

The Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa #FIFAfrica22 event was hosted in Zambia by CIPESA from 26th to 29th September last year.

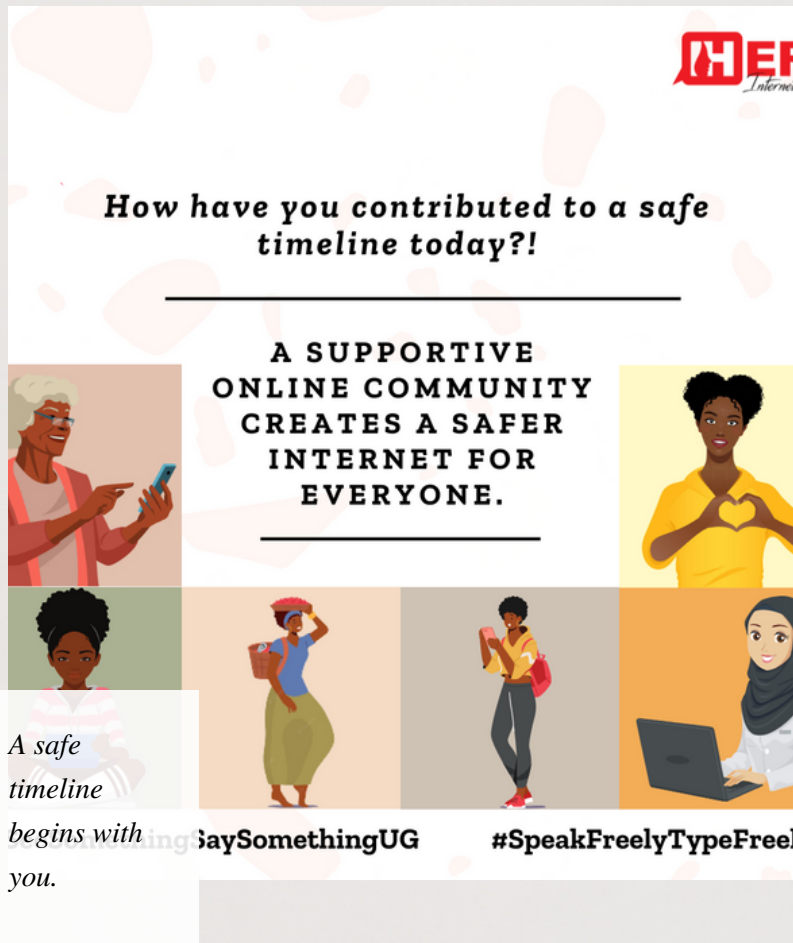
Our Anchor, Sandra Kwikiriza joined African Feminists in a panel discussion on “Resistance and Connection: an African feminist perspective for decolonizing the internet” which highlighted responses, solutions and opportunities of resistance against challenges of the digital systemic design, landscapes and spaces in Africa.

To read more:

<https://africanfeminism.com/resistance-connection-an-african-feminist-perspective-for-decolonizing-the-internet/>



*Our Executive Director at HER Internet joins in a panel discussion on “Resistance and Connection: an African feminist perspective for decolonizing the internet”*



## DIGITAL RIGHTS ADVOCACY (D.R.A) CAMPAIGN.

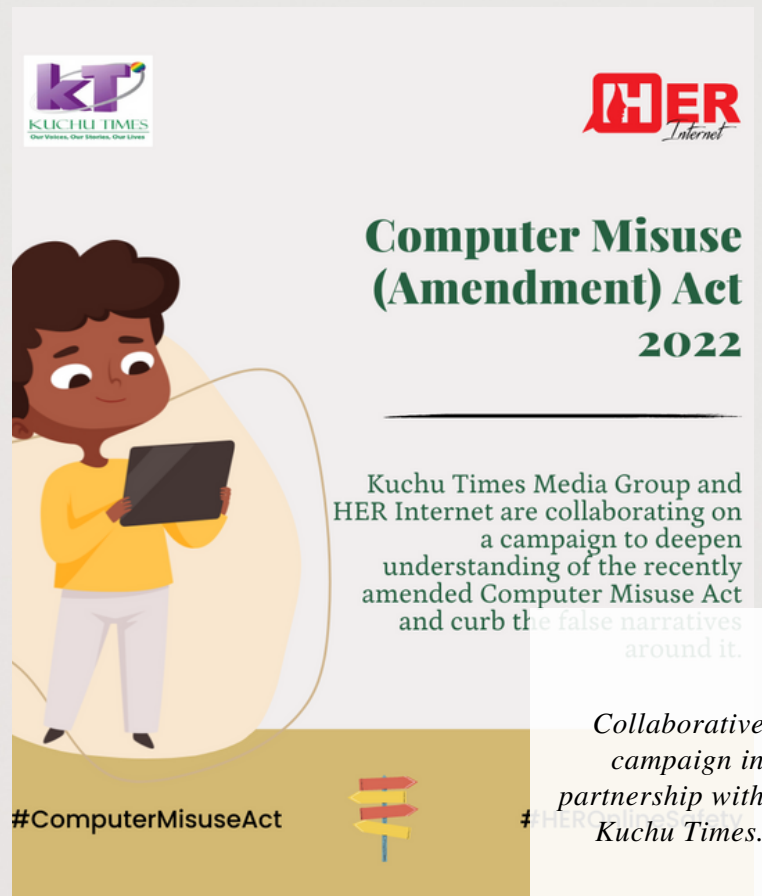
From 10th October to 10th November, we spearheaded a Digital Rights Advocacy campaign dubbed **#SpeakFreelyTypeFreely** and **#SeeSomethingSaySomethingUG** across our social media platforms with support from Internews.

The goal of this campaign which lasted for 9 weeks was to raise awareness on digital rights to freedom of speech and expression, encourage structurally silenced womxn to take charge of their respective online activities and build a safe online community for all. Follow our campaign hashtags above for more information via our socials.

## COMPUTER MISUSE AMENDMENT ACT 2022 #DYK AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

HER Internet in conjunction with Kuchu Times Media Group ran a week long **#DYK** social media campaign from Monday 24 October 2022 to Tuesday 1 November 2022 under **#HerOnlineSafety** **#ComputerMisuseAct**.

The objective of this campaign was to inform about the facts, hits and misses, impacts and recommendations of the Computer Misuse (Amendment) Act 2022, and thus, curb the spread of misinformation and disinformation after it was signed to become law on 13th October 2022.







*Sanyu Mulungi, our Administration Lead joins some of the participants at the GIGX event for a photo moment.*

## GENDER INTERNET GOVERNANCE EXCHANGE (GIGX)

Our Administrations and Coordination's Lead at HER Internet, Sanyu Mulungi took part in the Gender Internet Governance Exchange (GIGX) for Our Voices Our Future (OVOF) partners in Uganda that was hosted by Women Of Uganda Network (WOUGNET) on 28th October 2022. .

The event aimed at fostering understanding on the different feminist principles of the internet and the link between gender and internet governance

## JOINT CAMPAIGN ON ELIMINATION OF ONLINE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

For 16 days of Activism 2022, under the theme #UNiTE, HER Internet in partnership with Digital Dada Podcast in Kenya and She E-Secures in Ethiopia carried out a social media campaign against Online Gender Based Violence.

Together, we held a live Town Hall podcast session with female journalism students in Kenya, launched a Telegram channel in Amaharic which is a language commonly spoken in Ethiopia, and hosted a Tech Fun Day with a side of advocacy against Online Gender Based Violence. To read more;

<https://herinternet.org/16days-2022-collaborative-campaign-on-elimination-of-online-gender-based-violence/>





Panel discussion themed “Reimagining an internet free from Online Gender Based Violence”

## TECH FUN DAY TO MARK 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM 2022.

Themed “Reimagining an internet free from Online Gender Based Violence” with support from Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and African Women Development Fund (AWDF), we wrapped up #16Days 2022 campaign with a Tech Fun Day event in Kampala on 9th December 2022.

The playful advocacy event aimed at raising awareness on the curtailing OGBV and how it can be addressed through games and a panel discussion on how to create a supportive online community in efforts to combat violence against women and girls.

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