



Gender Group Research Presentation

Internet Policy In Africa: Research Methods Workshop for Advocacy

February 26 - March 3, 2018

Kampala, Uganda



#RevengePornAfrica
#KillRevengePorn

Group Participants

- ◆ Felicia Anthonio, Ghana
- ◆ Nonhlanhla Chanza, South Africa
- ◆ Chipo Kaitisha, Zambia
- ◆ Loyce Kyogabirwe, Uganda
- ◆ Eseohe Ojo, Nigeria
- ◆ Evelyne Wanjiku, Kenya

MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION AND SUB QUESTIONS

- ◇ How is revenge porn regulated in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and Zambia?
- ◇ Who are the key stakeholders protecting revenge porn victims in these countries?
- ◇ What are the best practices the stakeholders can learn from each other?

Background Of The Issue And Why It Is Relevant

- ◇ Severe repercussions for victims
- ◇ Lack of/Inadequate advocacy
- ◇ Lack of/Inadequate research
- ◇ Lack of awareness
- ◇ Low regulation
- ◇ Lack of/Inadequate justice for victims

Background Of The Issue And Why It Is Relevant

Revenge pornography is an increasing occurrence in the highlighted African countries – Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and Zambia. It is being used to silence, victimise, shame, humiliate and embarrass persons, especially women and girls.

Background Of The Issue And Why It Is Relevant

While victims of revenge porn have lost their jobs, faced backlash from their families and the public or even resorted to suicide, not enough is being done in terms of regulation and ensuring that justice is served. Despite this devastating effect on the victims and those around them, little or nothing is being done by the state and non-state actors to tackle this rather worrying phenomenon.

Background Of The Issue And Why It Is Relevant

In addition, the term revenge porn is a relatively new concept in Africa thus research around the issue is scanty. There is also little or no advocacy efforts by stakeholders to address it.

A Short Literature Review

1. Gender, law and revenge porn in Sub-Saharan Africa: a review of Malawi and Uganda
<https://www.nature.com/articles/palcomms201669>
2. Revenge porn is rising and it should be addressed
<http://www.monitor.co.ug/artsculture/Reviews/Revenge-porn--addressed/691232-2651158-x5o5r3/index.html>
3. Facebook acts to block revenge porn <http://citifmonline.com/2017/04/05/facebook-acts-to-block-revenge-porn/>
4. Legislative Approaches to Combating 'Revenge Porn': A Multijurisdictional Perspective
<https://academic.oup.com/slr/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/slr/hmx008/3798536?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
5. Snap of shame: The rough road to stamping out 'revenge porn'
<https://mg.co.za/article/2017-08-18-00-snap-of-shame-the-rough-road-to-stamping-out-revenge-porn>

Stakeholder Analysis

High Interest, Low Influence	High Interest, High Influence	Low Interest, High Influence
Human rights advocacy groups	The media	Law enforcement agencies
Victims & families	Public	Parliament
	New media platforms	New media platforms

Key Policy Documents To Review

- ◇ Constitutions
- ◇ Cyberlaws
- ◇ Case laws
- ◇ Policy Analysis
- ◇ International Instruments – UDHR, ICCPR, ACHPR
- ◇ Existing policies and regulations of the agencies currently handling these issues.

Research Methods

- ◆ Media monitoring/scan/reporting
- ◆ Social network analysis
- ◆ Interviews
- ◆ Survey

Challenges

- ◆ Limited understanding of the issue of revenge porn among stakeholders
- ◆ Difficulty to access stakeholders to speak to the issue
- ◆ Lack of knowledge/research in the countries

Impact Deliverables and Communication Plan

Your impact objectives and links with current advocacy efforts	Prioritized Audiences	Your message and communication strategy/format
Share best practices among countries	Law Enforcement Agencies	Knowledge Sharing Sessions
Effect changes in policy and practice	Human Rights Advocates	Social media campaigns
Raise awareness	Media	Action Plans
Increase research and advocacy	Public	Policy Briefs
		Media Engagements
		IEC Materials