A SAFER WEB FOR WOMEN
Three sisters Lulu, Pendo & Amani are going to visit Nyanya...

Welcome! Welcome! Karibuni! Karibuni! Nimefurahi kuWAona. Happy to see you.

Eh heh... My girls, how have you been?

I'm fine, I'm fine Nyanya, I'm just trying my luck with politics.

Very good! Which position are you running for?

Governor!

Wow, that's nice!
But you know it’s not easy being in the public, people say mean and useless things kama “hana husband, that’s why she’s mkali. Hana watoto, that’s why she has nothing better to do than tell men what to do! I mean, no one ever says these kinds of things about men?!

I never know what to wear. If I look good, they say “rankings of the babes of gava”. If I don’t look good, they make fun of me?! My team is even advising me that I have to sell my femininity which is why they call me #mama mahustler #wakilibabe
Pole Amani. You know people will always say what they want to say. Just don’t mind them. You do what you need to do to make this county better. You can do just as well as any man if not better. But it’s true, sometimes we have to pretend we’re not as good as we are so that we don’t scare the people around us.

Yeah I just clap back these days.

Why are you clapping?

Nyanya, it means, you tell them off for saying bad things.

Nyanya, people write things online but you can change your settings so that you have to approve of what is published on your page before it’s published, or choose what you share with the public and what you share with people you trust.

Why are you clapping?

Ohhh

I also have to block people or remove posts that are hateful all the time. It gets tiring.

Unablock ama unatoa watu vipi?
When I started my online business I thought it would be easier than a normal shop because I don’t have rent to pay etc but I realised it can be just as hard in different ways. You still spend a lot of time trying to advertise your goods. You answer a lot of questions and don’t necessarily get any buys. People abuse you for nothing, call you #makonde, #surambaya, ask why you’re working and yet you have a husband…

As in, it makes me feel like not working and just hiding at home sometimes. It can be discouraging!
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Ngai! This internet does not look like a nice place for doing business. But even in real life, people will always make comments and you just have to be strong. ... Pendo, but why have you been so quiet?

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What do you mean? You only just started going on the internet and already bad things are happening to you!

I took pictures of myself without clothes and sent them to him because I loved him and wanted him to love me. But then we quarrelled and he put them all over!
But at least Amani had advised me that if I ever take nudes, not to include my face.

You are advising your sister how to take naked pictures?!!

Safe nudes Nyanya, no one can know it’s her without her face!

So it’s embarrassing because it’s me but at least it’s hard to know that it’s me.

Woi, woi, woi, waschana, to be a woman these days! And on the internet? Let me stay with my phone. Bahati removes my money for me, sends my text messages for me. What more do I need?
Bahati, what do you think of all these stories?

Yaani, I didn’t know how hard it was for women online and yet I have been saying these same abuses with my friends.

But why would you do that?

I don’t know. It seemed cool, but now I see it can be hurtful.
A cybercrime is a criminal activity that either targets or uses a computer, a computer network or a networked device.

Gender-based violence is violence that is directed against a woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately.

Violence against women online/technology-facilitated sexual violence or gender-based cybercrime includes physical, sexual, and/or emotional (or psychological) harm that has been committed online or through the use of ICT that is directed against a woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately.
WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF VAWG?

- **Hacking**: Using technology to gain illegal or unauthorized access to systems or resources to acquire personal information, alter or modify information, or slander and denigrate the victim and/or VAWG organizations. E.g., changing someone’s passwords and controlling their accounts and their access.

- **Impersonation**: Using technology to assume the victim’s identity in order to access private information, embarrass or shame them, contact them victim, or create fake identity documents; E.g., sending offensive emails from the victim’s account.

- **Surveillance/Tracking/Cyberstalking**: Using technology to stalk and monitor the victim’s activities and behaviours either in real-time or historically; E.g., GPS tracking via mobile phone.

- **Cyber-Harassment or Bullying/Spamming/Sexist Trolling**: Using technology to continuously contact, annoy, threaten, and/or scare the victim; E.g., persistent mobile calls/texts; filling up voicemail with messages so no one else can leave a message.

- **Recruitment**: Using technology to lure potential victims into violent situations; E.g., fraudulent postings and advertisements (dating sites; employment opportunities); traffickers using chat rooms, message boards, and websites to communicate/advertise.

- **Malicious Distribution/Revenge Porn/Image-Based Abuse/Non-consensual Pornography**: Using technology to manipulate and distribute defamatory and illegal materials related to the victim and/or VAWG organizations; E.g., threatening to or leaking intimate photos/video; using technology as a propaganda tool to promote violence against women.
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT VAWG?

Be mindful of the information you share online. Be minimal and selective. Keep your accounts as secure as possible. Use difficult passwords. Don’t share your passwords with anyone. If you want to take nudes, don’t include your face or anything that might identify you.

Require the same kind of data minimisation of the platforms you use; that they only collect as much data as they need for the specific purposes they say your data is needed for the service and that the information they have about you is accurate, up-to-date and given with your consent.

Block, remove, filter hateful posts, messages and people and report/flag to the Admins and to the platforms themselves if you feel verbally abused.

Report cybercrime to: Directorate of Criminal Investigations, P.O. Box 30036 - 00100 Nairobi. Mazingira Hse, Kiambu Road Opp. Forestry Department Headquarters, Karura. Tel: +254 020 3343312 | 020 7202000.

Report cyber-bullying to the National KE-CIRT/CC website. Go to their website here. Go to ‘Report An Incident’. Click on ‘Report.’ Fill in details about your case, including name, organization, contact address, subject (could be abusive content) and an area for a remark. Click ‘Submit’ to send your complaint to the relevant authorities.