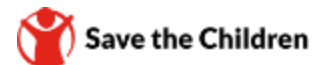


# A framework for technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) aimed at children and adolescents: Preliminary findings to understand and address violence against young people

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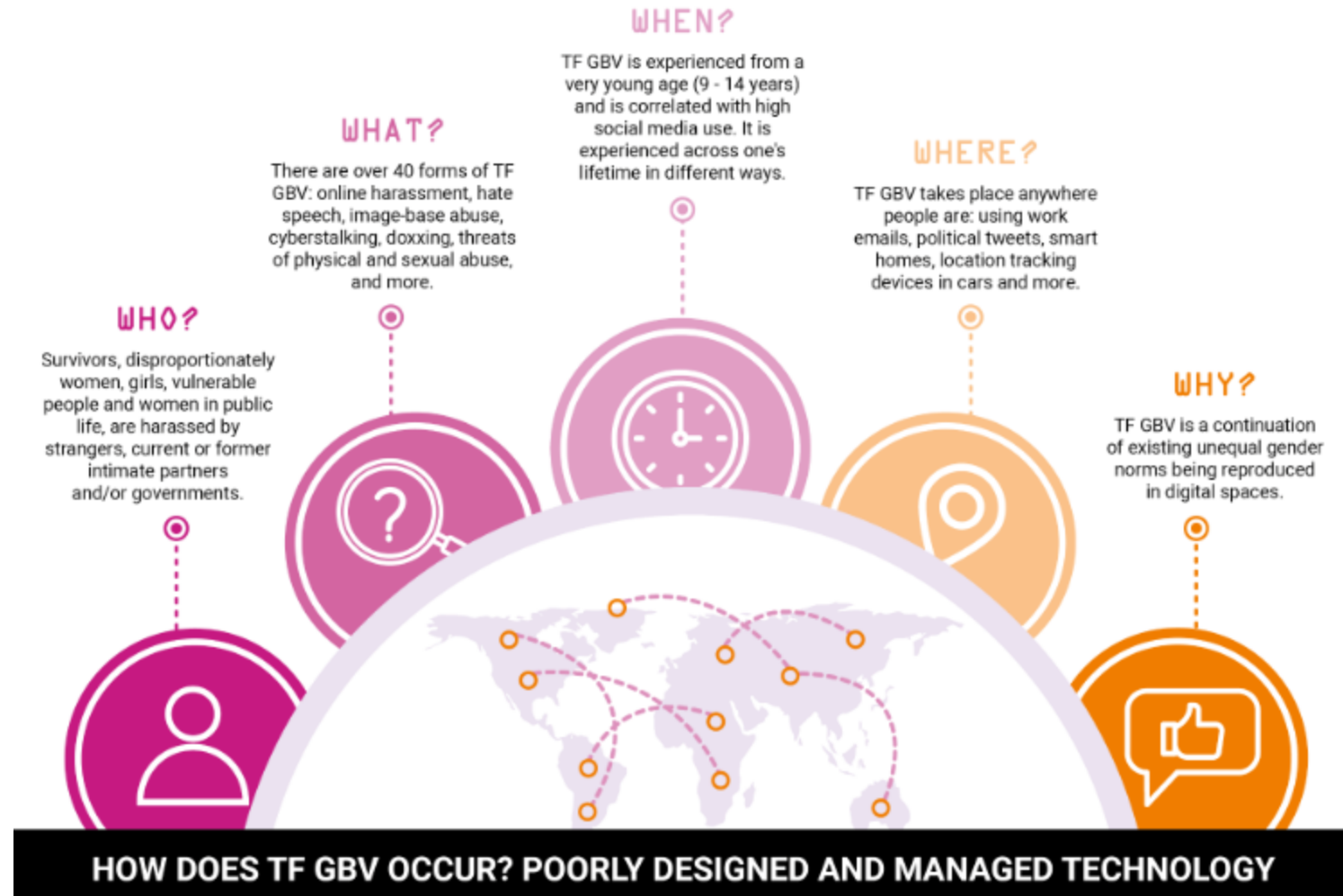
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# What is TFGBV?

An act of violence perpetrated by one or more individuals that is committed, assisted, aggravated and amplified in part or fully by the use of information and communication technologies or digital media, against a person on the basis of their gender.

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# TFGBV Framework for Children and Adolescents

## Study: goals and objectives

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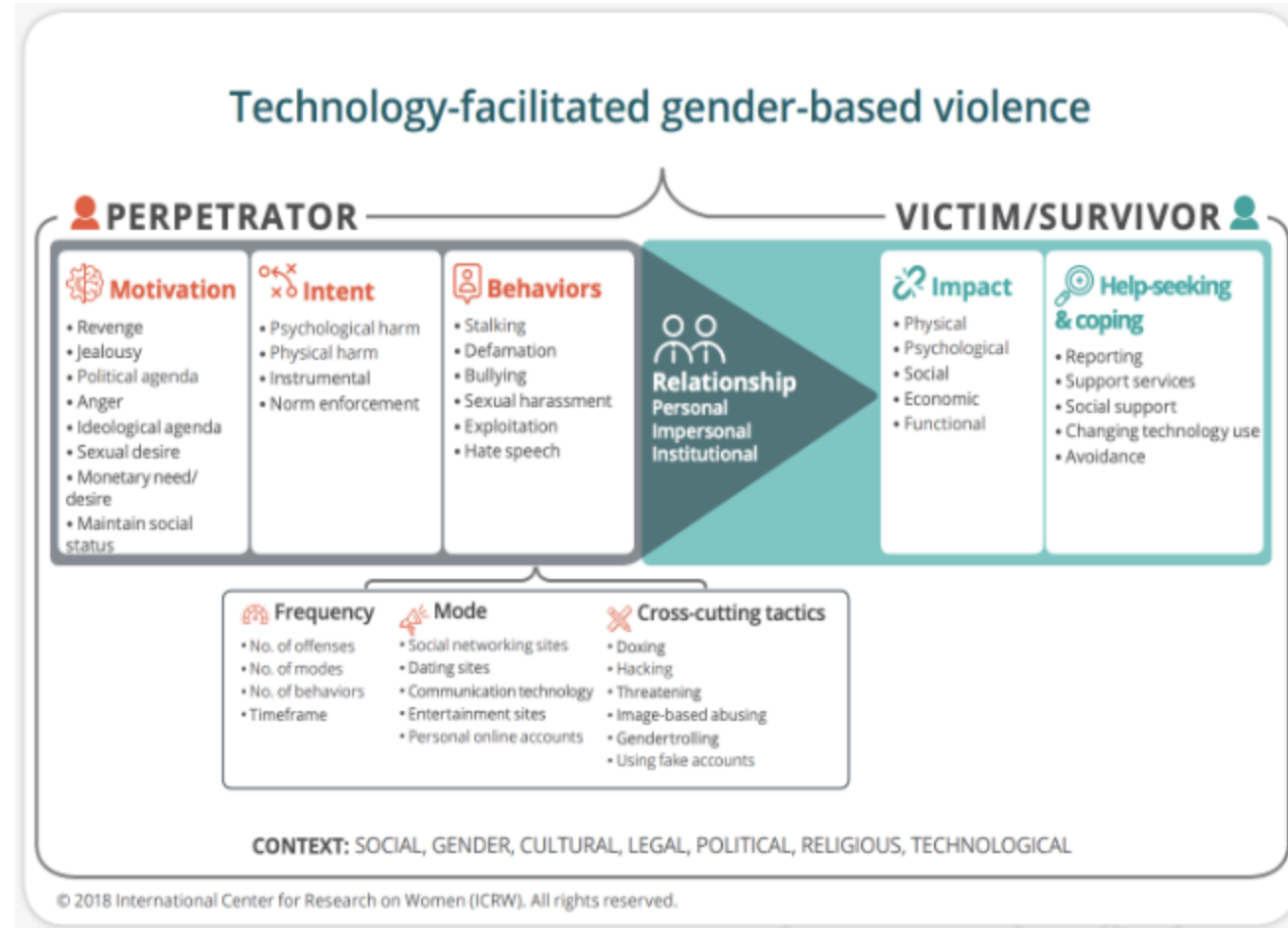
Generate a global framework to conceptualize TFGBV against children and adolescents, considering their unique needs, experiences, manifestations, and barriers.

# Methodology

- Literature Review
- Key Informant Interviews
- Youth Workshops (Ages 9-17)
- Case study countries: Colombia, South Africa, Kenya, and the Philippines

## Key Explorations:

- Development spectrum
- Gender
- Identity Characteristics
- Inherent Criminality



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- Changes how and when youth connect with technology or how it connects with them, as well as their approaches and understandings of technology and violence.
- Affects the way youth view and connect with stakeholders and young people's ability to navigate helpseeking.

*“So with young people's case, they just assumed that it comes with the territory... They just accept it as their reality that once you have a social media presence, harassment will always be there. You will always be subjected to online violence.” - Activist, the Philippines*

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- Allows youth to explore online in positive ways, but opens up avenues of abuse and exploitation.
- Risk of loss to freedom and community and reduction of ability to disclose.

*“The number one thing why you never tell your parent anything is that they will take your phone – your access to freedom.” - TFGBV Educator, Asia*

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- Online and offline socialization are heightened, and social norms and taboos are perpetuated or impact understanding of violence.
- Alters rules of engagement to disclose, discuss, understand, and address across stakeholders.

*“The values you have offline, you also perpetuate them online... So what they're learning in society is also something that they can do [online]. But it's also true the other way around. So some of the narratives or some of the behaviors of some of the toxicity they can see online can be perpetrated then can be used offline as well.” – Researcher, Global*



# Emerging Recommendations

1. Align stakeholders to incorporate gender holistically.
2. Increase focus on perpetration.
3. Include youth into the conversation but with consideration to their development stage.
4. Consider youth's privacy and healthy exploration within the protection conversation.

# Impacts for Our Work

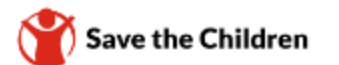
- Contributes to the global knowledge base on TFGBV
- Help lay foundation for evidence based programming
- Future intervention approach applicable to youth
  - Empowering youth agency and development
  - Redefining social norms and violence perceptions (unblurring)
  - Increased resilience and awareness

# Mentimeter

1. What do you feel are the biggest gaps in addressing TFGBV against children and adolescents?



**THANK YOU**





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