Safer Internet Day 2024 | Tuesday 6 February

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Background

- **Celebrated globally** in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation

- **A landmark event** in the online safety calendar, started in 2004

- SID celebration started in Nepal in 2019

- ChildSafeNet leads the SID national coordination in Nepal

- Celebrated in more than 170 countries

- **6 February 2024, Tuesday**

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Safer Internet Day Objectives

- To highlight and promote positive uses of the internet and to explore the role we all play in creating a better and safer internet

- To raise awareness on online risks for children and young people and protect them

- Develop synergy among organisations and institutions working with and for children

- To call upon young people, parents, caregivers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet
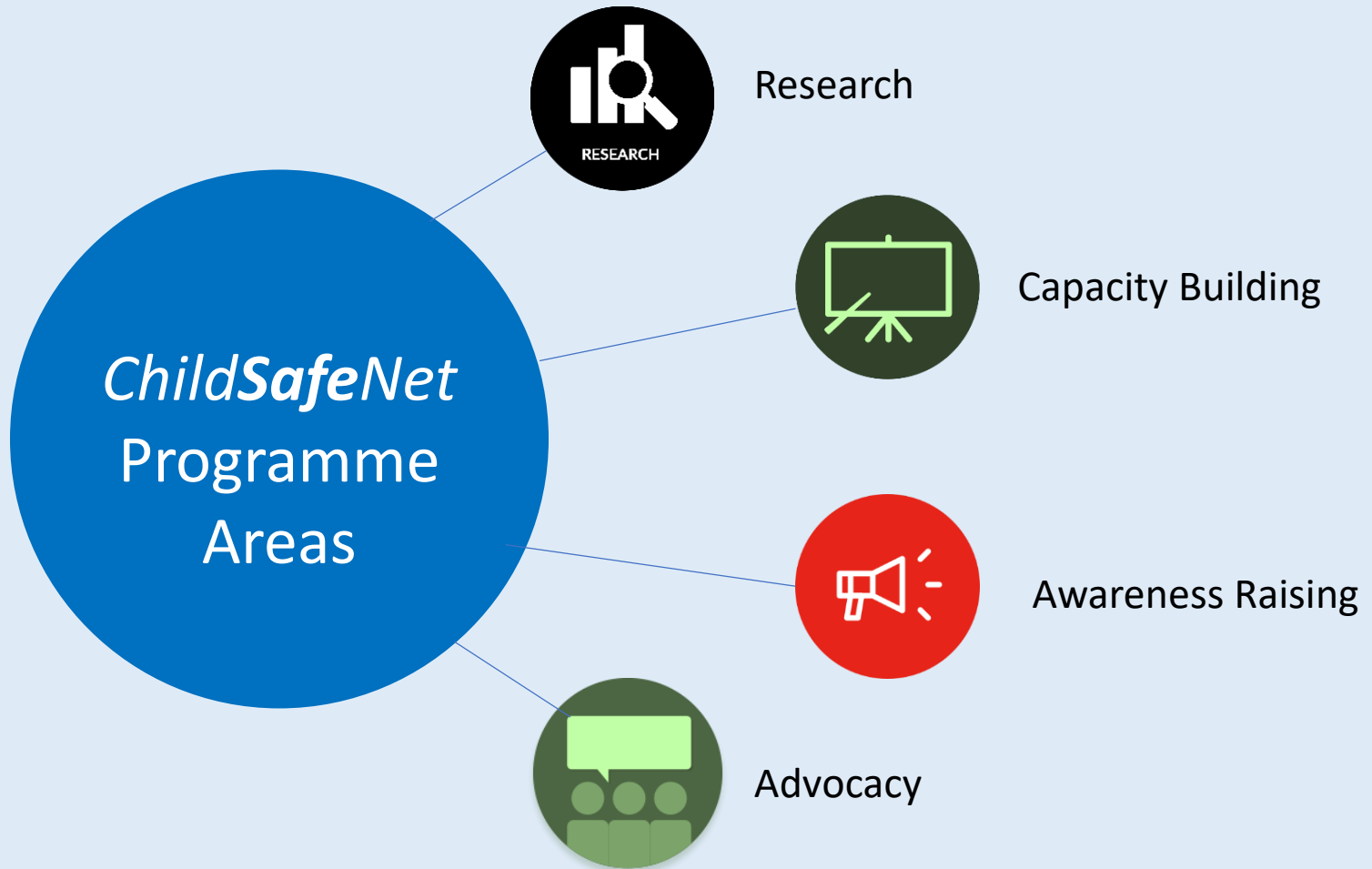
Protection of Children in the Digital Age

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What We Do

ChildSafeNet was established in 2018.

ChildSafeNet Programme Areas

- Research
- Capacity Building
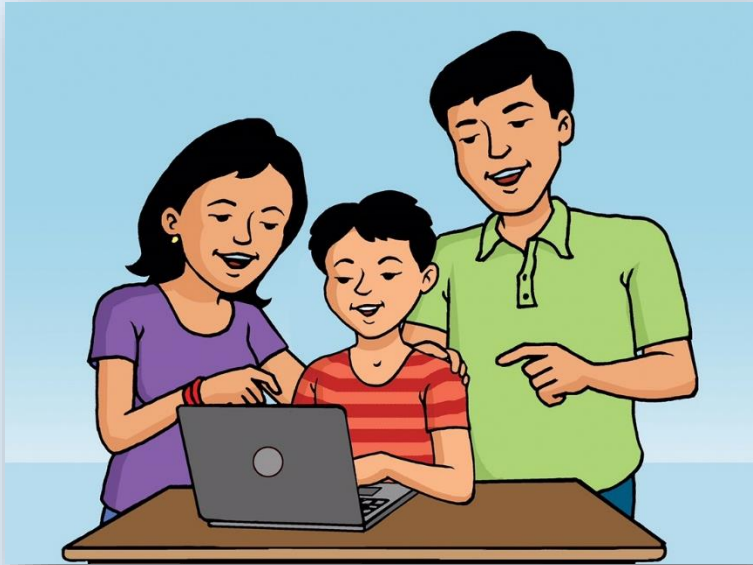- Awareness Raising
- Advocacy

Today, we will talk about

- Why Children Need to be Protected Online

- Gravity of Online Child Abuse and Exploitation

- Online Harms and Risks for Children

- Forms of Online Harm Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children

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Why children need to be protected online

Children have rights

* to be protected - offline and online

* to use the internet safely

* to information, education, privacy and recreation

* to express views on the matters, including by use of the technology

Key Concepts

- The internet could be Good, Bad and Ugly
- Online harms can be inter-connected with offline harms
- Protectionism vs Empowerment

Gravity of Online Child Abuse & Exploitation

- Could be as harmful as offline abuse & exploitation or more harmful

- Images/videos could be shared, tampered or misused

- Harmful posts can reach many people in anywhere in a short time

- Once in the internet, almost impossible to fully remove -> long lasting impact

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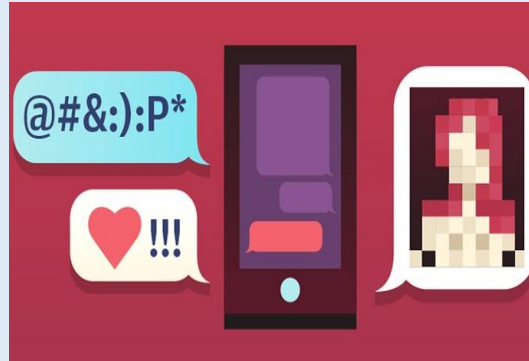
Online Abuse is Real - Offline Impacts

- Cyber bullying and offline bullying

- Cyber grooming and offline sexual abuse and exploitation

- Offline abuse could be filmed and shared online, including for sextortion

- Intimate partner violence and sharing of non-consensual abusive images

- Internet use for human trafficking

- Internet use for child/early/forced marriage

Risks & Threats in the Digital Age

Online Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation

Sexting

Cyber Bullying

Violence

Sextortion

Phishing

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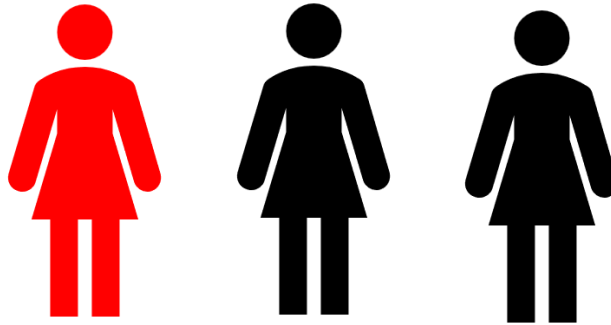**1 in 5** young girls experience online sexual abuse in Nepal.

Data: ChildSafeNet Study, 2020

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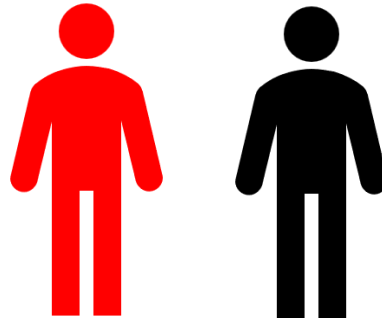
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Exposure to Sexual Contents

Survey on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Protection of Children and Young People Online, Unicef and ChildSafeNet, 2020

1 in 3 girls/young people visited sexual sites

1 in 2 boys/young people visited sexual sites

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Gaps

Knowledge - very few research studies and data

Awareness - Lack of understanding of manifestations and gravity of online abuse and exploitation of children and young people

Law Enforcement - Inadequate legal measures and weak law enforcement

Policies - Policies and directives are either not comprehensive or implemented effectively. Need amendment.

Response Mechanisms and Support System - not adequate and weak

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