



HACKTIVATED

Igniting innovation for a safer digital space.

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Problem

With about 160 million internet users in Nigeria, which is 55.5% of Nigeria's population, the internet has become one of the greatest technological development and a powerful engine for growth, which has helped to improve the quality of life for many including young people as the internet provides them access to education, entertainment and skills for their future employability.

While the internet is widely accepted for its ease and efficiency, it is also embedded with a multitude of vulnerabilities, and can also serve the purpose of ill-intentioned people posing significant threats to users.



Problem

There are about 160 million internet users in Nigeria, which is 55.5% of Nigeria's population, making the internet one of the greatest technological development in our nation and a powerful engine for growth.

160M

internet user in Nigeria

55.5%

of Nigeria's Population

110M

Young people under 18



Solution

A platform where internet stakeholders – young people, tech enthusiasts, creatives, engineers, ideators, educators, and entrepreneurs can come together to work collaboratively and build solutions to tackle online safety issues in Nigeria.



Online Safety HACKTIVATED

HACKTIVATED is an online safety intervention by Virtually Safe that leverage technology solutions to tackle online safety challenges in Nigeria.

The goal of Online Safety Hacktivated is to produce innovative tech products, ideas and MVPs that drives transformative internet safety solutions and services into development in areas like; Child Sexual Abusive Materials (CSAM), Gambling, Digital Wellbeing, Data Privacy, Digital Rights, Cyber Bullying, and other cyber and electronic crimes.



How it works

Participants register their interest through an application process and those with ideas can submit their ideas. At kickoff, participants will form a team, each team will work together in a two days rapid prototyping to develop projects and applications, and lastly present their solution to a panel of judges and the winning team is announced.



Impact

In 2022, we organized Safer Gambling Hackathon and Workshop, we welcomed 60 participants with innovative solutions to promote a safer gambling space in Nigeria.



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