

## Cyberbullying of Women in Myanmar and Addressing Barriers to Its Reporting

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### Abstract

Cyberbullying is online bullying. The term refers to the use of social media, or other internet platforms, or cause harm to others and with the increasing use of the internet and mobile phones, cyberbullying has become more widespread. Despite the absence of physical contact, cyberbullying may have severe consequences for the victim, including embarrassment, shame and depression and, in extreme cases, suicide. Women are particularly vulnerable to cyberbullying. This paper focuses on cyber-bullying against women in Myanmar, where - while women and girls often experience cyberbullying - many do not report this to the relevant authorities. Based on interviews with women who have experienced cyberbullying, this paper identifies and analyses some of the main barriers that prevent women from reporting cyberbullying. Against this background, the paper presents a set of recommendations for how to minimize these barriers and support women who have been victims of cyberbullying.

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