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UAE's Efforts towards **Child Online Protection**

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| Introduction |

Children and youth, heavily rely on the internet for schoolwork, online gaming, and social networking.

Although technology is supposed to be a helpful tool, there are also many dangers which threaten the safety and well-being of children.

According to UNICEF, One in Three internet user is under 18 years of age

(Source: The State of the World's Children Report 2017)

| Facts about the UAE |

According to recent statistics the UAE has world's second highest internet penetration at 92% with over 8.8 million residents now online.

The country also tops the region in smartphone user penetration at 64.6%

(source: Emirates Safer Internet Society).

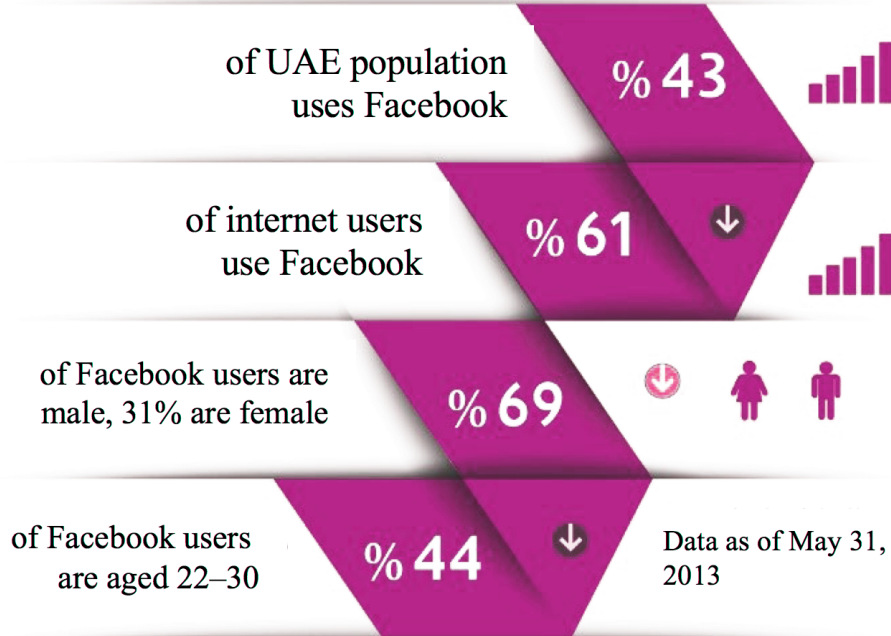
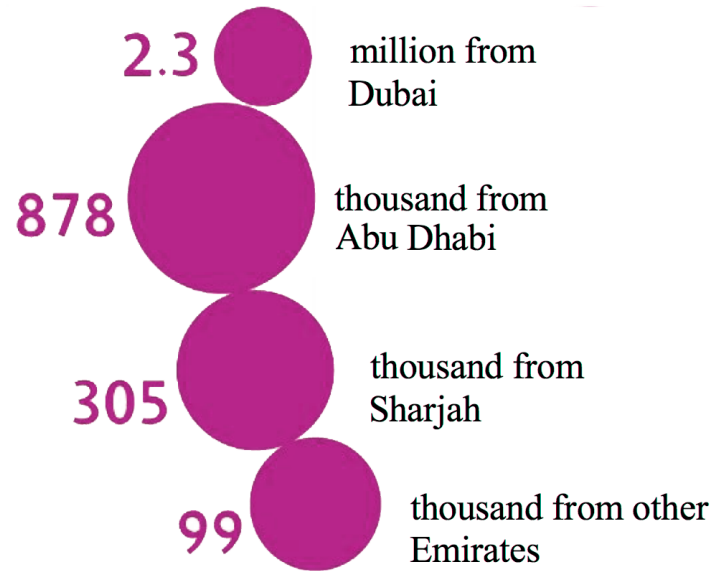
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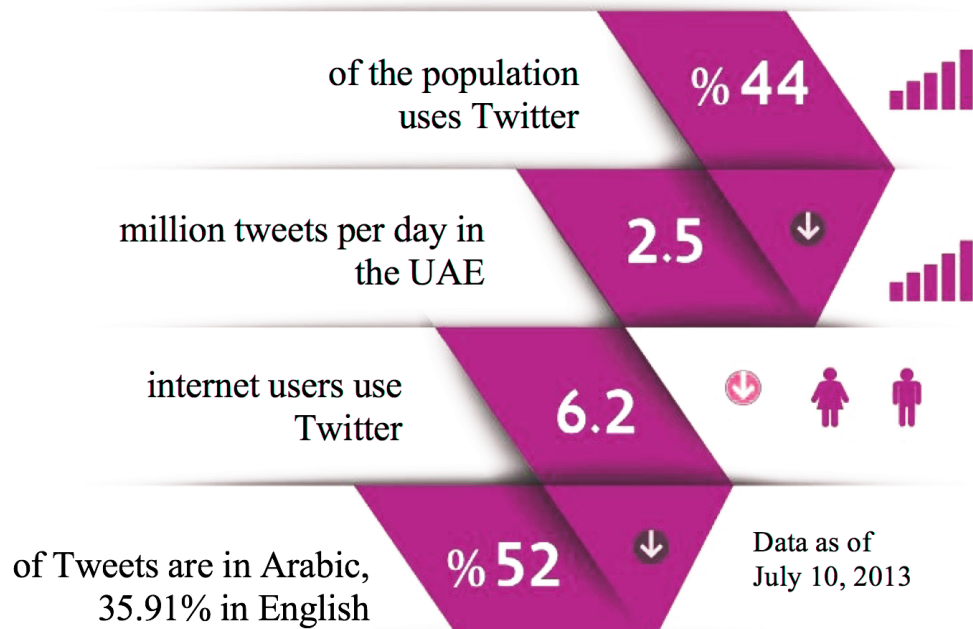
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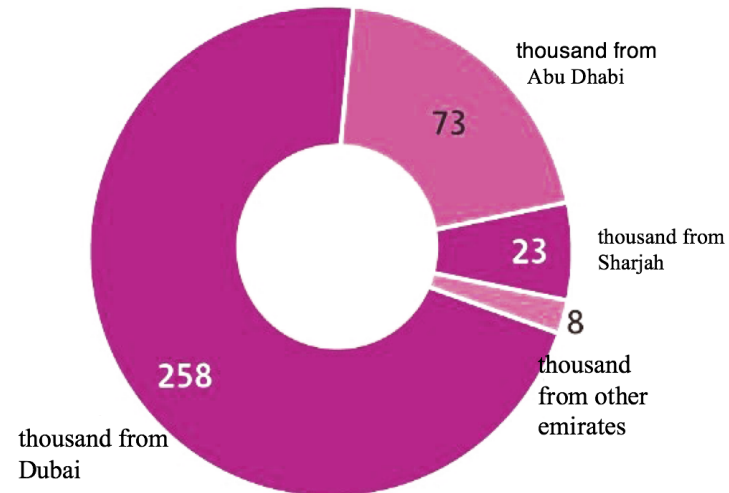
FACEBOOK



3.6
million active users
in the UAE



DISTRIBUTION OF USERS BY EMIRATE



TWITTER



363
thousand active users
in the UAE

| UAE and Child Protection |

The UAE is exerting a lot of efforts in protecting children by providing a positive environment and appropriate legislative and programmatic frameworks to meet the health, psychological, educational, social and legal needs for children's proper growth.

| UAE and Child Protection |

Protecting children from online risks is no exception. In fact, the UAE has adopted a series of preventive measures and solutions designed to protect children from online risks at various levels:

- International Community
- International law
- National legislative framework
- National initiatives

| International Level |

- The UAE represented by the Ministry of Interior has been chairing the **Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT)** since 2015
- The VGT is an international alliance of dedicated law enforcement agencies and industry partners working together to keep children safe online
- The VGT has contributed to the rescue of hundreds of children around the world from online child exploitation and to the prosecution of hundreds of offenders since 2003

International Level

Country Members

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Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) Command
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Ministry of Interior for the United Arab Emirate (MOI UAE)
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Dutch National Police (DNP)
- 
INTERPOL
- 
Swiss Federal Police
- 
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- 
Korean National Police (KNP)
- 
New Zealand Police (NZP)
- 
Colombian National Police
- 
Europol
- 
Australian Federal Police (AFP)
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Philippines National Police
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Making the internet a safe place for children

| International Level |

- UAE has been providing support to the VGT in achieving its goals in child protection and cooperation in combating crimes that target children globally.
- It has also hosted the VGT conference in 2012 and sponsored the VGT website which provides information to the public on safety and a channel to report abuse.



| International Level |



The UAE was awarded a permanent seat on the **#WePROTECT** Global Alliance International Advisory Board (IAB), in recognition of its security and police work in the field of child protection



| International Level |

The UAE hosted the 2nd #WeProtect Global Summit in 2015 in Abu Dhabi which resulted in:

- Governments and organisations agreed to establish a coordinated national response to online child sexual exploitation
- Statements of action to globally fight online child sexual exploitation



| **International Level** |

In June 2017, the UAE was elected to lead the international committee for Child Online Protection (COP) during the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Conference in Geneva

| International Law |

- The UAE was the first Arab country to accede to the **Convention on Child Protection against Cybercrime of 2001**
- In 2016, the UAE acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography

| National Legislative Level |

Cybercrime Law No. 5 of 2012

Article 17

Shall be punished by imprisonment and a fine not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dirhams and not in excess of five hundred thousand dirhams or either of these two penalties whoever establishes, manages or runs a website or transmits, sends, publishes or re-publishes through the computer network pornographic materials or gambling activities and whatever that may afflict the public morals.

Shall be punished by the same penalty whoever produces, draws up, prepares, sends or saves for exploitation, distribution, or display to others through the computer network, pornographic materials or gambling activities and whatever that may afflict the public morals.

If the subject of the pornographic content involves a juvenile under eighteen years of age, or if such content is designed to seduce juveniles, the principal shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of at least one year and a fine not less than fifty thousand dirhams and not in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dirhams.

Article 18

Shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of at least six months and a fine not less than one hundred fifty thousand dirhams and not in excess of one million dirhams whoever has deliberately acquired pornographic materials involving juveniles by using an electronic information system or computer network or electronic website or any information technology means.

Article 19

Shall be punished by imprisonment and a fine not less than two hundred fifty thousand dirhams and not in excess of one million dirhams or either of these two penalties whoever entices, aids or abets another person, by using a computer network or any information technology means, to engage in prostitution or lewdness.

The punishment shall be imprisonment for a period of at least five years and a fine not in excess of one million dirhams if the victim is a juvenile under the age of eighteen years of age.

| National Legislative Level |

- **Child Rights Law (Wadeema Law) No. 3 of 2016** which guarantees the protection of children from all forms of exploitation and abuse.
- Articles 29 and 37 prohibit the exploitation, production, filming, possession and circulation of child pornographic materials and calls for the immediate removal of child sexual abuse material from the internet and child online abuse.

| National Initiatives |

AQDAR'S E-SAFE SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY

A joint initiative between Aqdar Khalifa Empowerment Program for Students- a government program for students' empowerment and awareness and Emirates Safer Internet Society (E-safe) a foundation for a safer online experience in the UAE with a key focus on children.

Status: Ongoing from 03/10/2016 to 30/06/2021

| National Initiatives |

AQDAR'S E-SAFE SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY

The initiative aims to challenge, support and recognise schools to review their e-safety provision and to develop an action plan to protect their children online.

It provides public and private schools with a toolset to support them in developing online safeguarding strategies.

It has trained so far more than 200,000 students, teachers and parents.

| National Initiatives |

AQDAR'S E-SAFE SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY

Since 2017, schools are being evaluated for their cyber security standards.

10 schools were selected for the evaluation and the ones that meet the criteria will be certified by Aqdar and the National Electronic Security Authority (NESA).

The target is to reach **100** schools by 2019.

| National Initiatives |

AQDAR'S E-SAFE SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY

The initiative was awarded first place in the category: The role of government and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development at the WSIS for 2017.



| National Initiatives |

#SafeUpWhatsApp

A youth online safety awareness campaign by Aqdar and E-Safe Society.

E-SAFE has identified a significant security vulnerability in WhatsApp which allows hackers to easily gain complete access to people's account in a matter of seconds.

The issue reached Facebook and they changed WhatsApp security setting.

#SafeUpWhatsApp
A YOUTH ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN BY

safe
مجلس الإمارات المتحدة على الإنترنت
EMIRATES SAFER INTERNET SOCIETY

ASSOCIATION WITH: **aqdar** **مجلس الإمارات المتحدة على الإنترنت**
SUPPORTERS: **TRA** **CONTINENTAL**

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?
WhatsApp is the world's leading instant messaging App with over a billion active users. E-SAFE has identified a significant security vulnerability in WhatsApp. With a small bit of social engineering, anyone can misuse a user's WhatsApp Web feature to gain complete access to his/her account in a matter of seconds.

Take a look at our Awareness Video

SHARING THIS CAN SAVE LIVES!
Appeal to WhatsApp to include a Safety Notification

Show your support by sharing this video on Social Media with the hashtag #SafeUpWhatsApp to appeal to WhatsApp Inc. USA, to include a safety notification feature when any PC/web device is paired with a WhatsApp account.

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| National Initiatives |

Safer Internet Day initiatives on a national level that included activities such as:

- workshops that served around 10,000 students,
- a massive campaign with banners everywhere in the country,
- a multi-platform social media campaign,
- flyers distributed to students,
- competitions on students' knowledge about internet safety etc.

The Safer Internet Day 2017 reached out to 40% of the students in UAE.



| National Initiatives |

- The **Safe Surfers** is a pilot program by the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood and the General Women's Union.
- The program is in line with the state's vision of achieving sustainable development and building a knowledge-based economy that supports innovation.



| National Initiatives |

The **Safe Surfers** includes:

- awareness campaigns,
- summer programs,
- lectures,
- training workshops

Objectives:

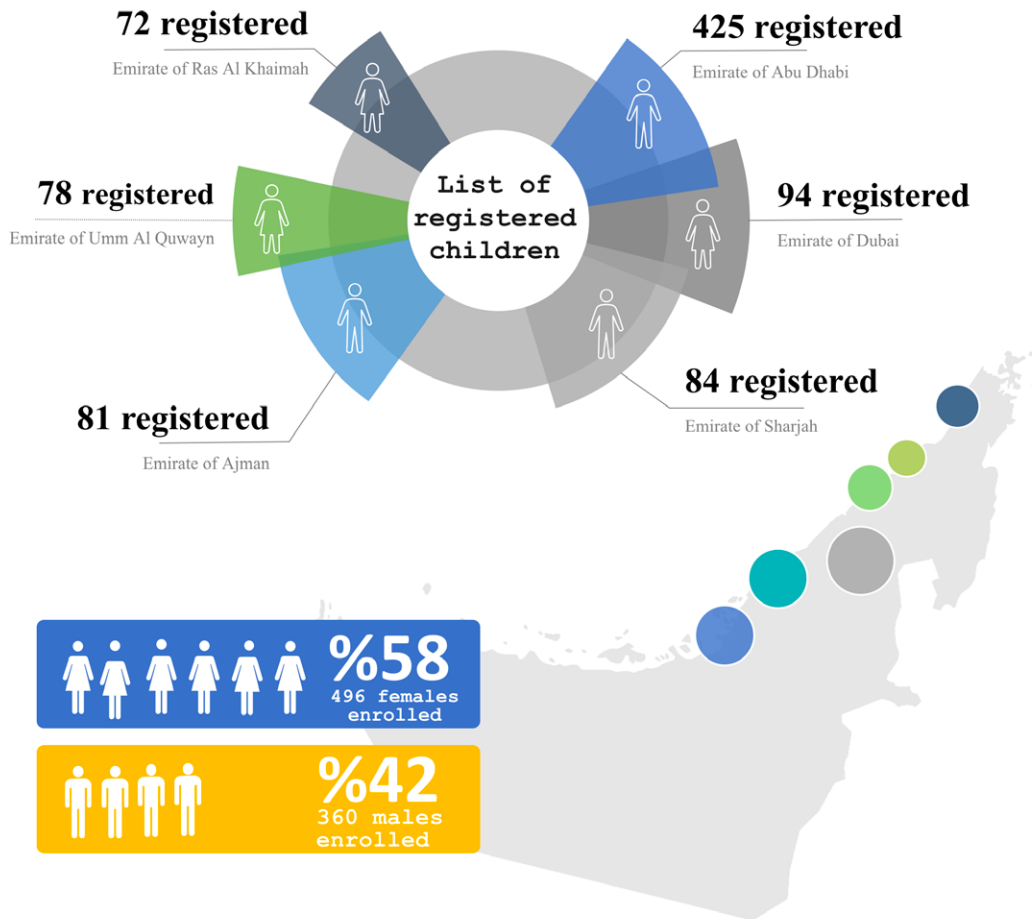
- To train students and equip them with technical skills.
- To raise their awareness about the dangers of the Internet, cybercrime, privacy protection and the importance of technology in future industry.



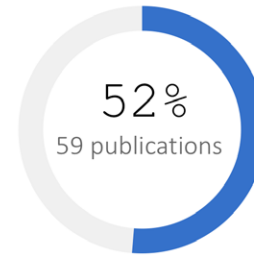
Statistics and figures

141,099

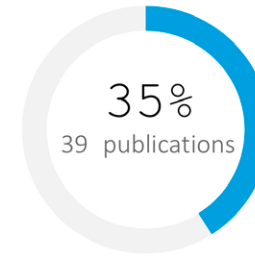
beneficiaries



ELECTRONIC AWARENESS PUBLICATIONS



Technical advice
for optical internet usage

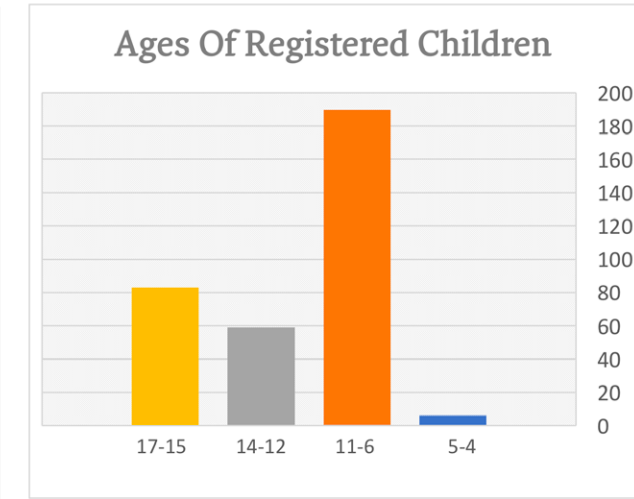
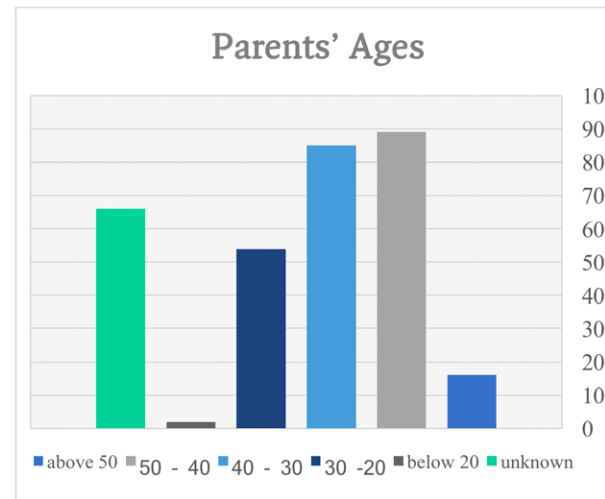


Electronic education
Percentage of transfer of institution's services to apps



Legal awareness
Cybercrimes

112 ↑
Awareness Publications



| National Initiatives |

- The Regulatory Authority (TRA) has established a **Computer Emergency Response Team** which aims to support a safe cyber environment for the residents of the UAE.
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- The Team introduced **SALIM** an Emirati character acting as a cyber-security adviser.



| National Initiatives |

SALIM provides IT and Internet users in the UAE with tips on how to protect themselves against cyber threats and guide them towards a safe cyber culture.



| National Initiatives |

The UAE recently started providing **Circle with Disney** service. IT allows parents to filter content, limit screen time and set a bedtime for every device in the house



Jun 11 - Jun 17	Jun 18 - Jun 24	Jun 25 - Jun 31
	YouTube	3h 50m
>	Chat & Forums	3h 40m
>	Social Media	3h 35m
	Instagram	2h 35m
	Snapchat	2h 20m
>	App Stores & Downloads	2h 0m
	Facebook	1h 45m
>	Music	1h 35m
>	Search & Reference	1h 35m

Apr 4	YESTERDAY	TODAY
>	Science & Technology	4h 30m
∨	Business	4h 20m
	figma.com	3h 40m
	slack-msgs.com	2h 20m
	redfin.com	10 min
	cpmoregon.com	5 min
	cdn-redfin.com	5 min
>	Chat & Forums	2h 35m
>	App Stores & Downloads	1h 15m
>	Search & Reference	1h 0m
	Pandora	50 min

Jun 2017	THIS MONTH	
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>	Online Shopping	5h 35m
	Amazon	4h 55m
>	Business	4h 45m
	Netflix	4h 35m
>	Chat & Forums	4h 0m
>	Email	3h 50m
	Snapchat	3h 0m
>	App Stores & Downloads	3h 0m

| Thank You |