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## **International organizations, mobile operators and civil society join efforts to provide information and tools about the risks that children and teenagers face on the internet.**

Currently, one out of three internet and social network users is a boy, a girl or a teenager. Most of them are not aware of the risks behind these platforms, or have tools to protect themselves. Equally, parents and tutors do not know about risks or mechanisms for online protection.

Seeking to bring more information and tools to the country's decision-makers, about online risks that children and teenagers face today, as well as the potential felonies that they are exposed to, several organizations joined efforts to carry on a Workshop for Child and Teenager Online Protection, addressed to government officials, civil society, education sector, private sector, decision-makers and media.

The workshop was organized by Tigo Guatemala, GSMA (Global System Mobile Association), International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), Fundación Sobrevivientes, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Unicef.

Among the most common cyberspace felonies are sexual violence, human trafficking, extortions, sexting, grooming and bullying. Currently, in Guatemala, there are more than 300 cases under investigation that are related to the cybercrimes mentioned above. Through the coordinated work of government bodies and the private sector, perpetrators are facing trial; 41 people have been captured and 10 of them have received conviction for committed crimes, receiving prison sentences of up to 40 years, for pornography, pedophilia and human trafficking.

The workshop was attended by experts on the subject; representatives from different organizations such as: Fundación Sobrevivientes, Unicef, Tigo Guatemala, Public Ministry, National Congress, Government Ministry, as well as the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, among other representatives.

Experts discussed the subject from their experience and work scope from civil society, government, mobile operators, among others. One of the participants was Karuna Nain, Global Safety Public Policy Programs Manager at Facebook.

To close the workshop, mobile operators, GSMA and Unicef, signed an Engagement Letter in order to promote safe use, among children and teenagers, of internet and social networks.

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