

211 CHECK IMPACT REPORT

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Information Verification and Fact-checking Desk

January, 31st 2025



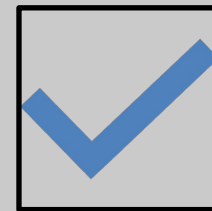
2024 Work Content

- ❑ SIMA Project: 36 Journalists Trained (13 Females and 23 Males) from Partner Radio Stations
- ❑ SIMA Project: 4 Editorial Fact-checking Desks Established at Partner Radio Stations
- ❑ CIPESA, Support Toward Responsible Information Sharing in South Sudan.
- ❑ 20 Fellows Trained on Tackling Misinformation & Disinformation
- ❑ 38 Published Fact-checks
- ❑ 113 Documents Uploaded into Data Repository

Report Content Outline



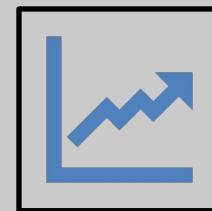
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211 Check Overview

211 Check is a flagship project under Digital Rights Frontline – DRF (former DefyHate Now South Sudan). It is an independent fact-checking and information verification platform, combating misinformation and ensuring access to credible information.

DRF is a leading organisation dedicated to promoting and safeguarding digital rights, cybersecurity, and information integrity. By fostering innovation, building capacity, and engaging communities, DRF empowers individuals and organisations to navigate the digital landscape safely and responsibly. Our mission is to protect online freedoms, combat misinformation, and bridge the digital divide, ensuring that technology serves humanity in an ethical and inclusive manner.

Mission Statement:

211 Check aims to further public discourse and counter false information through fact-checking and verifying information.

Vision Statement:

To create a South Sudan where accurate, reliable information is easily accessible and widely shared, empowering individuals to make informed decisions and contributing to a more informed and engaged society.

211 Check Objectives

Counter	Provide a platform for South Sudanese fact-checkers to publish articles/reports on various thematic issues within South Sudan.
Provide	Offer editorial support and training on fact-checking to South Sudanese journalists, bloggers, and content creators.
Enhance	Enhance the quality and health (fact-based) of information shared online in South Sudan.



Our Work in 2024

- SIMA: Establishment of Editorial Fact-Checking Desks at Partner Stations.
- CIPESA Project
- Fellowship With JHR
- Joint Advisory on Social Media Threats and Scams in South Sudan.
- Documents Upload into Data Repository.

2024 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS...

SIMA Project on establishing editorial fact-checking desks at partner radio stations.



36 journalists trained among them 13 females and 23 males



4 Editorial fact-checking Desks were established at the partner radio stations.



The partner radio stations include the Radio Community and its affiliate networks, Voice of Hope in Wau, Abyei Information and Radio Service (AIRS), and Eye Radio.



The stations capacity were built in editorial fact-checking, information verification, and fact-checking tools.

Establishment of Editorial Fact-checking Desks at Partner Stations.

Editorial Fact-checking Training Sessions Photos at Partner Stations (Voice of Hope, Abyei Rdio Service, Eye Radio, and the Radio Community including its affiliate networks) from July to August, 2024.

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Engagement Photo Sessions at Partner Stations in June, 2024.



From left, a group photo with TRC Director Chris Marol, (M) Marina Modi alongside Christ, and right, Chris alongside 211 Check Team, Juba

CIPESA's Project on Support for Towards Responsible Information Sharing Project in South Sudan



The CIPESA project to support responsible information sharing in South Sudan commenced in June and finished in November 2024.



The project activities covered a two-day national symposium on hate speech, disinformation awareness campaigns.



Radio talk shows were conducted on major radio stations in Juba to disseminate campaign messages against misinformation, disinformation, and hate speech in South Sudan.



Publication of four cartoons in the newspaper and social media platforms, and the placement of 100 printed posters in major places in the Juba capital.

Enagement During National Symposium on the International Day for Countering Hate Speech in June, 2024
- Juba supported by CIPESA on support towards responsible information sahring in South Sudan project.



Information Future Fellowship



20 fellows from six states participated in the fellowship from July 2024, and the states include Northern Bahr el Gazal, Eastern Equatoria, Central Equatoria, Western Bahr el Gazal, Western Equatoria State, Jonglei State, and the Abyei Administrative Area



The fellowship focused on tackling misinformation, disinformation, and hate speech in South Sudan.



The Information Future Fellowship was a two-month collaborative fellowship program between Journalist for Human Rights (JHR) and DefyHate Now.

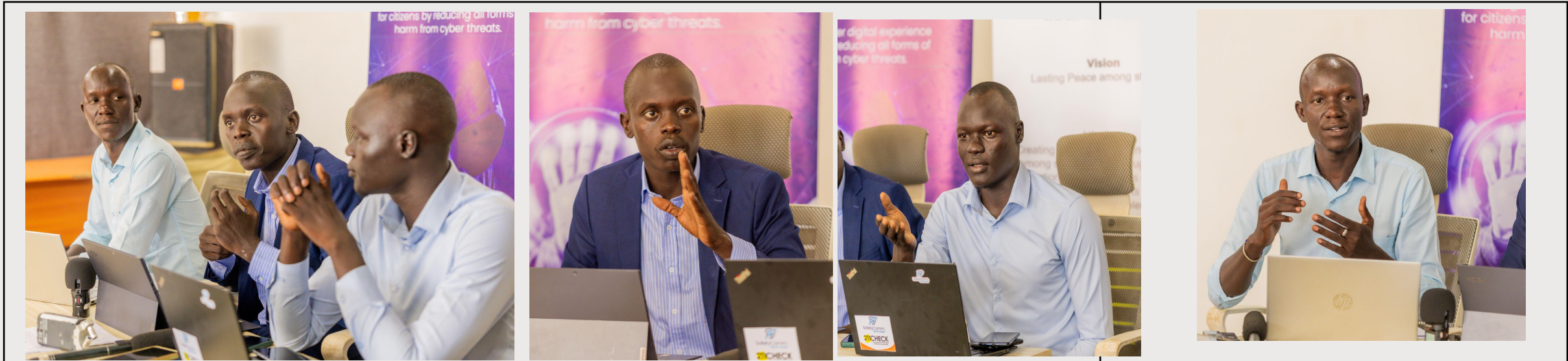


The fellowship brought participants from different community-based organisations (CBOs) countrywide to conduct activities within their communities.



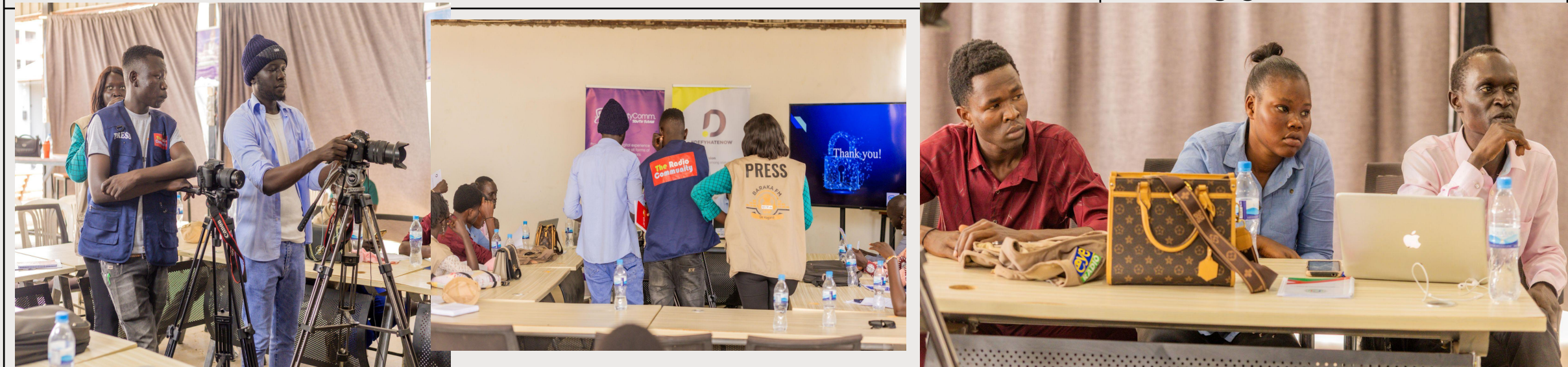
The fellows were trained and mentored online before they conducted tackling mis/disinformation activities in their communities.

Media engagement on joint advisory on social media threats and scams in South Sudan, held in September 2024 in Juba.



Digital Rights Frontline Team on set for media engagement on social media threats and scams in South Sudan in September 2024.


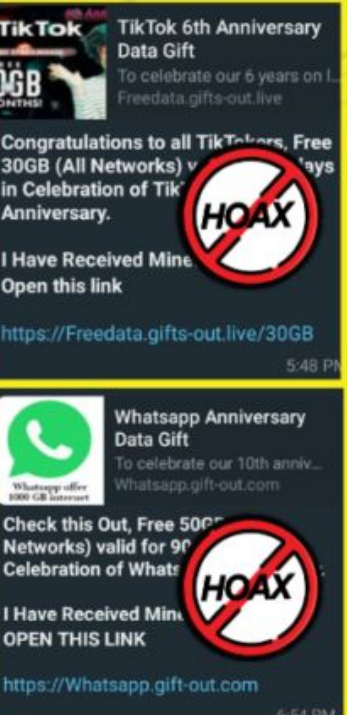

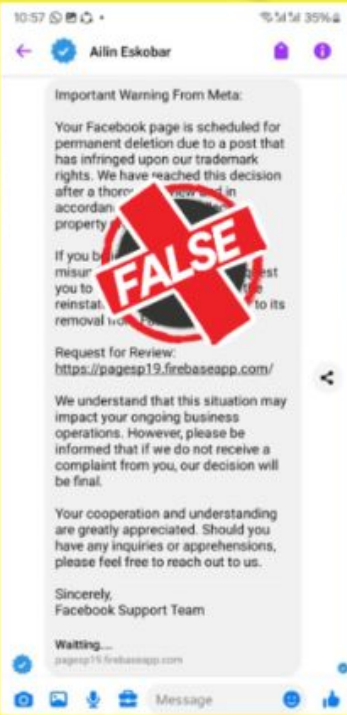
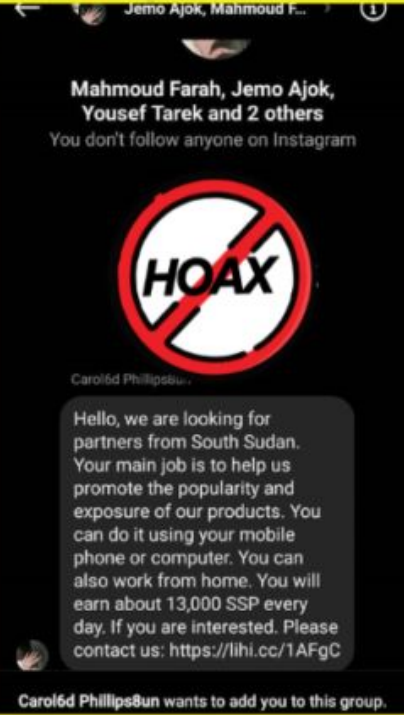
Nelson Kwaje (L) Tony Robert (M), and Ochaya Jackson (R) during the media engagement.







Member of press from Eye Radio, TRC, City Review, No.1 Citizen Daily, Juba Echo TV, and other media houses during media engagement on social media threats and scams in South Sudan in September 2024.


Journalists look on during question sessions on social media threats and scams in South Sudan

Some Fact-checks and Explainers Published in 2024.







Lack of digital literacy skills among online users, psychological vulnerability, and gaps in cybercrime legislation allow cyber threats and scams to persist

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The picture circulated on Facebook and WhatsApp is an edited Namibian dollar banknote

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A cumulative total of 99,176 laboratory-confirmed cases of Mpox, including 208 deaths, were reported to WHO from 116 countries in all six WHO regions in Africa from 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2024.

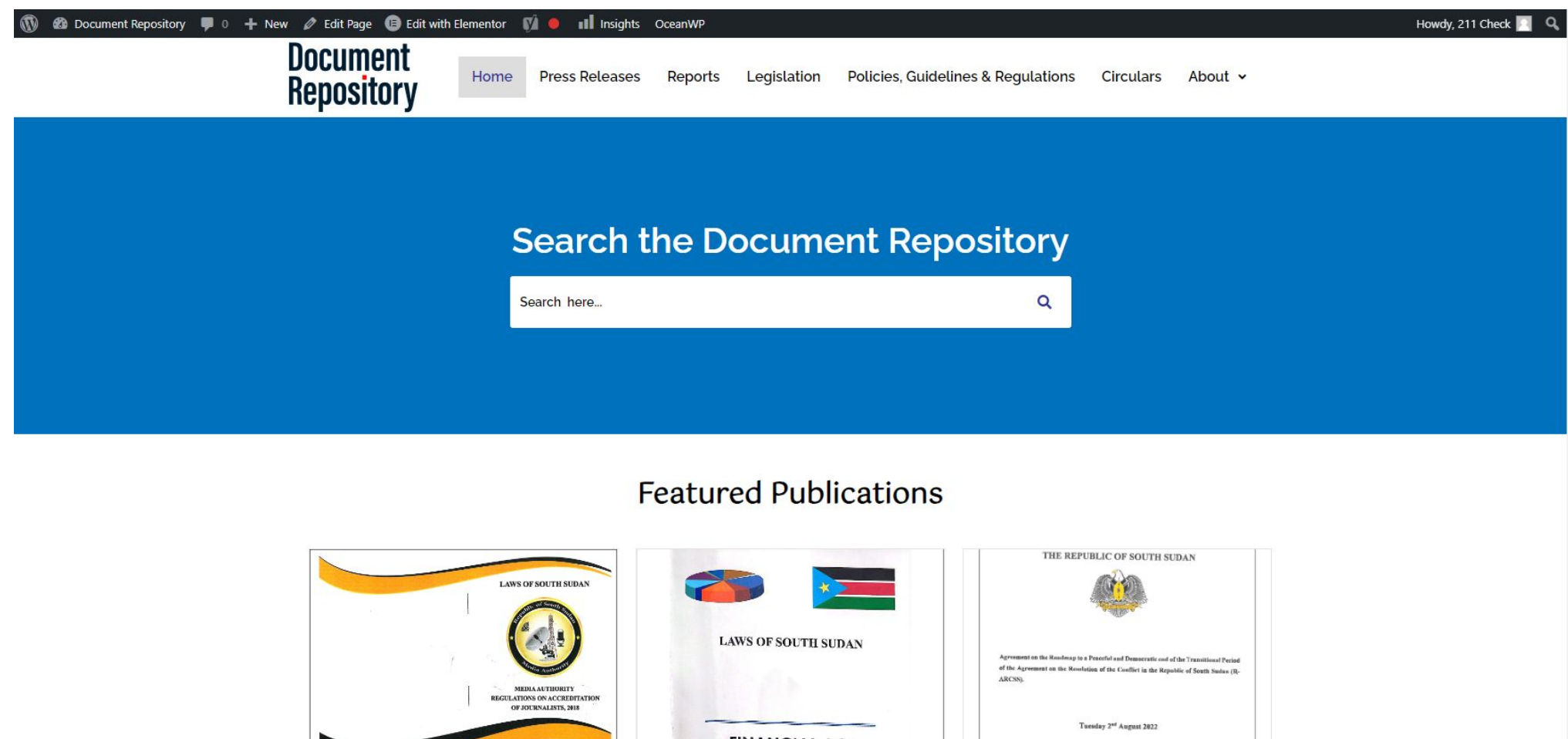
However, South Sudan has no confirmed case of Mpox, according to the Ministry of Health.

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These pictures were taken in 2016 when the Ugandan army came to Juba, South Sudan, to collect their citizens after the July conflict broke out in Juba

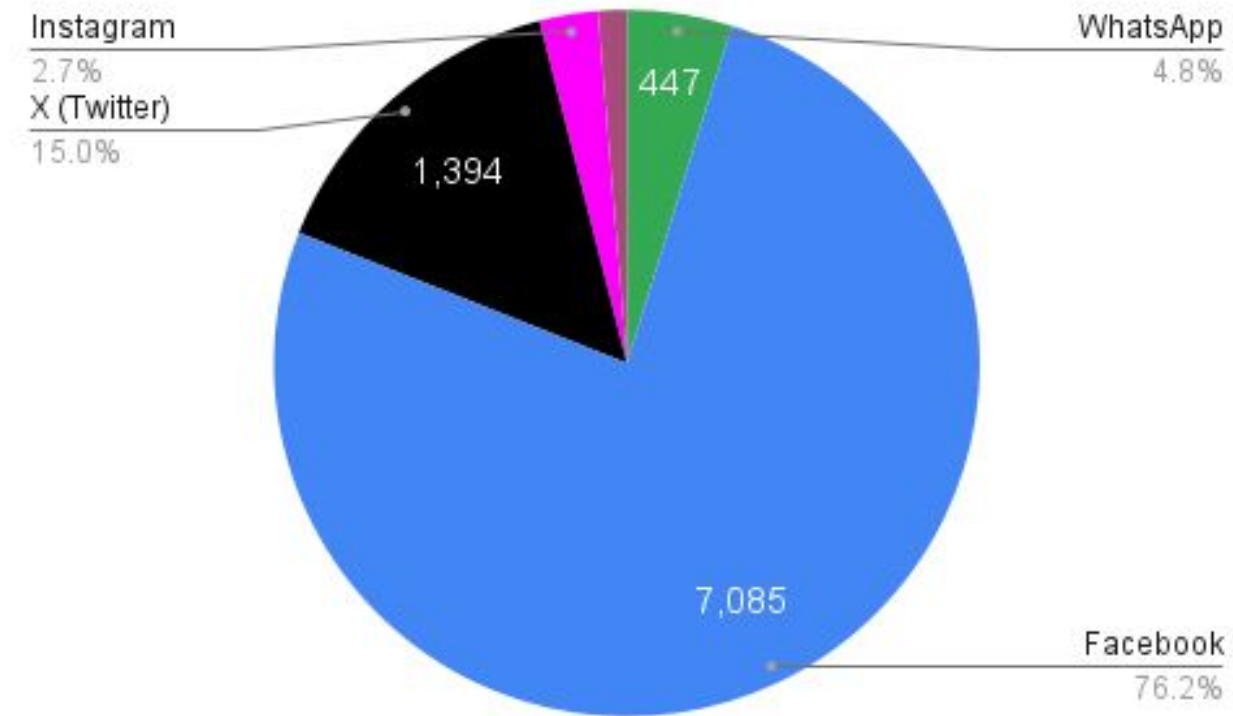
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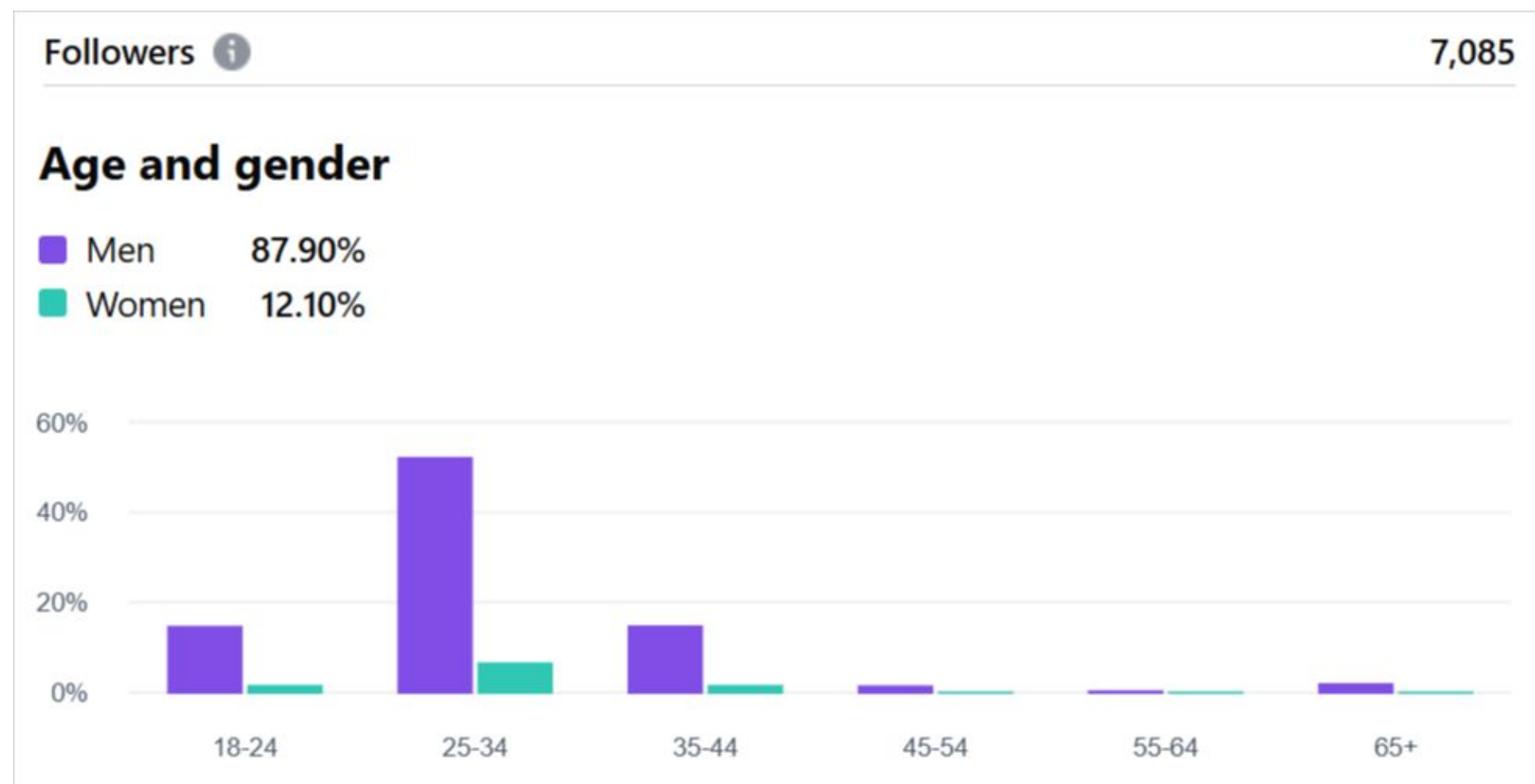
Our Document Repository

- The Document Repository (<https://dr.211check.org/>) is a collective archive of information and data containing documents related to Peacebuilding, Hate Speech, Freedom of expression, Digital laws and rights, and COVID-19.
- It is used to store Press Releases, Reports, Legislation, Policies, Guidelines and regulations, and Circulars, which the public can access at any time and from any location with internet access, with the primary goal of improving access to information. Journalists, researchers, academics, and the general public can access the Document Repository anytime and from any location with Internet access.
- In 2024, 113 documents were uploaded for online users

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Social
Media Data









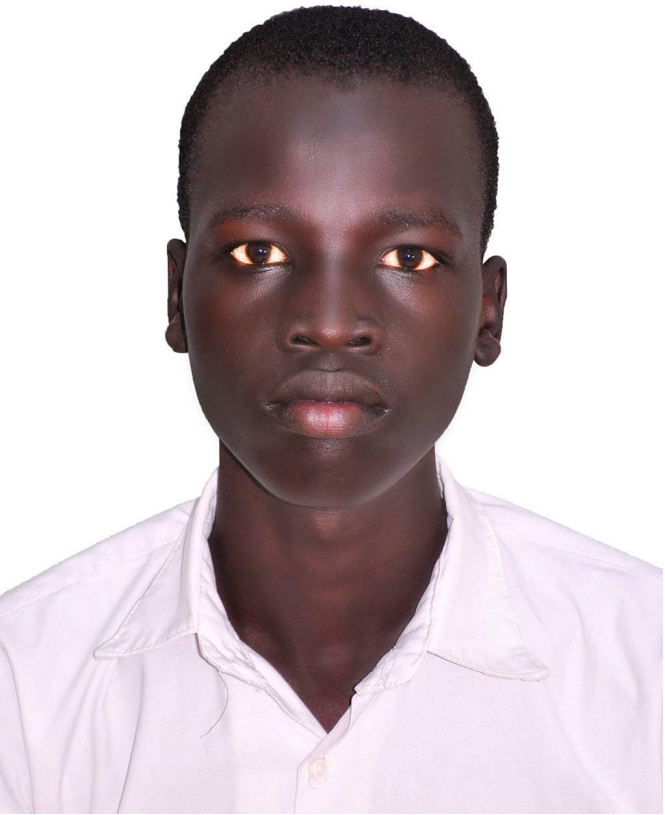
Social Meida Data from 2024



Facebook Demographic Data from 2024

Our Team

		
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International Engagements

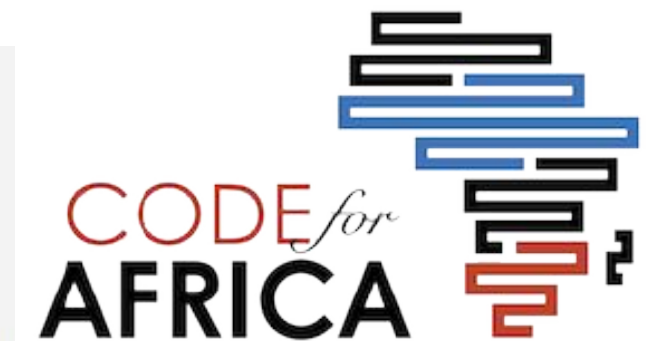
Memberships :

- Signatory of the International Fact-checking Network's Code of Principles
- Member of the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)
- Member of the Africa Facts Network
- Member of the Africa Fact-checking Alliance (AFCA)

Events:

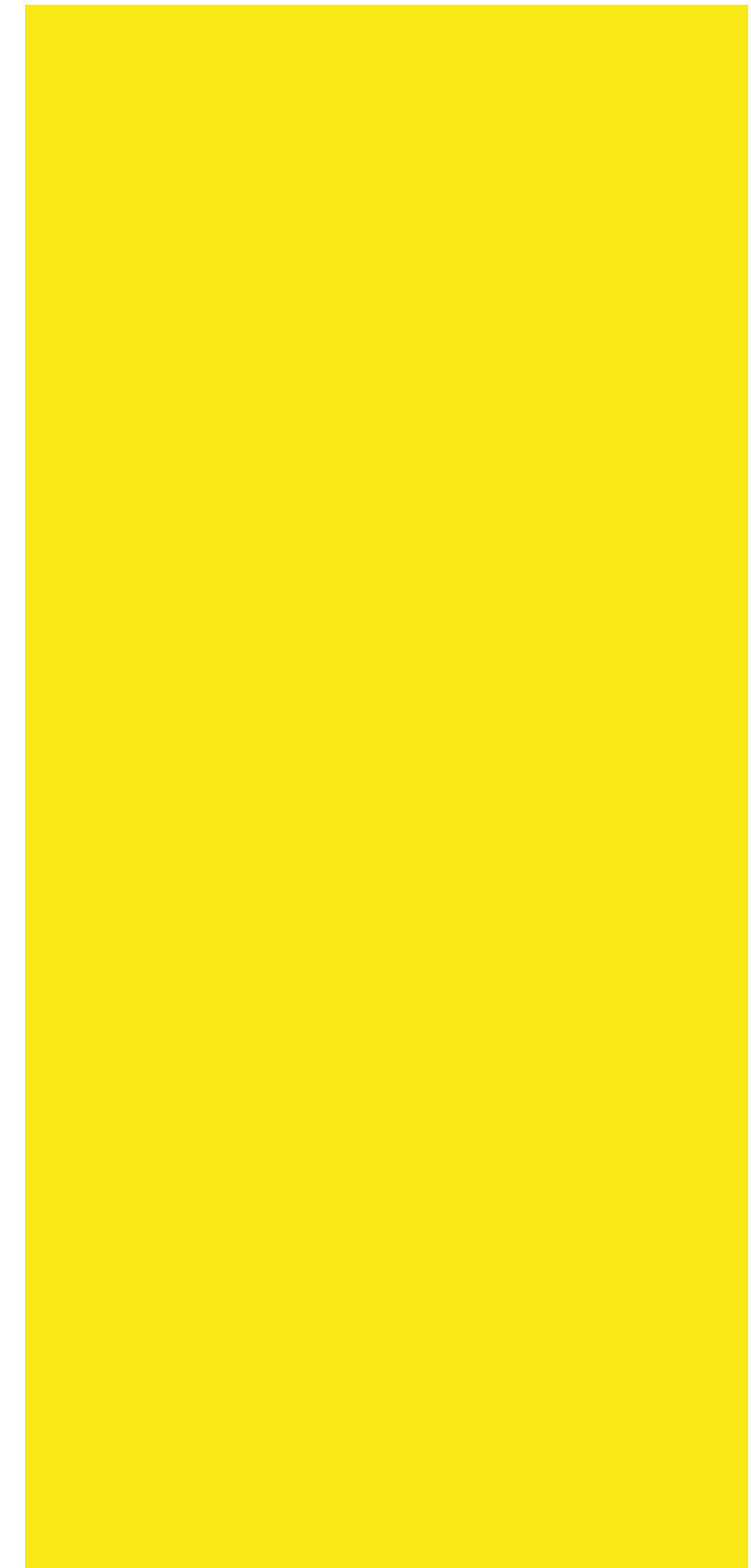
- GlobalFact10 – Virtual Attendance
- Media Development Forum
- Africa Facts Summit
- JamFest

Our Partners



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- <https://gfmd.info/gfmd-welcomes-32-new-members>
- <https://gfmd.info/members/211-check/>
- <https://jubaecho.com/2023/03/14/south-sudan-gains-global-fact-checking-platform/>
- <https://www.sudanspost.com/south-sudans-only-fact-checking-platform-admitted-into-global-network/>
- <https://www.poynter.org/ifcn/2023/as-global-fact-checkers-together-meet-some-of-the-nations/>



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