

RISK MATRIX FOR VSLAS



The risk matrix below combines the examples of gender-based violence, low literacy levels, and rural communities for women using smartphones:

Likelihood / Impact	Low	Medium	High
Low	1	2	4
Medium	2	3	5
High	4	5	6



And here are some scenarios that illustrate the various risks in this risk matrix:

Scenario 1	Low likelihood, low impact - A woman uses her smartphone to stay in touch with family and friends but is not as careful as she could be and ends up sharing her personal information with people she doesn't know or trusts.
Scenario 2	Medium likelihood, medium impact - A woman receives unsolicited messages from strangers on social media and feels uncomfortable and harassed.
Scenario 3	High likelihood, high impact - A woman's phone is stolen and the thief uses it to access her personal information and stalk her.
Scenario 4	High likelihood, high impact - A woman receives threatening messages from her partner who monitors her phone use and social media activity.
Scenario 5	Medium likelihood, medium impact - A woman accidentally shares personal information with strangers on social media due to limited literacy skills.
Scenario 6	High likelihood, high impact - A woman experiences cyberbullying and harassment on social media due to her increasing use of the internet.

Based on these scenarios, we can assign each scenario to a cell in the risk matrix based on its likelihood and impact level. For example, scenario 1 might be classified as a low likelihood and low impact risk (cell 1), while scenario 4 might be classified as a low likelihood and high impact risk (cell 4), and scenario 6 might be classified as a high likelihood and high impact risk (cell 6).

Once the risks are classified, appropriate risk management strategies can be developed for each risk level. For example, for scenario 2, risk management strategies might include education and awareness programs for safe social media use, and for scenario 6, risk management strategies might include education and training programs for safe social media use that take into account the needs of women with low literacy levels. For scenario 4, risk management strategies might include legal protection for victims of domestic violence. For scenario 3, risk management strategies might include reporting the theft to the police and using security features on the smartphone to protect personal information.



Scenario	Risk Management
<p>Low likelihood, low impact: A woman uses her smartphone to stay in touch with family and friends but is not as careful as she could be and ends up sharing personal information with people she doesn't know or trust.</p>	<p>Encourage women to use smartphones responsibly and be aware of potential risks associated with sharing personal information online. Provide education and training on safe smartphone use and privacy protection.</p>
<p>Medium likelihood, medium impact: A woman receives unsolicited messages from strangers on social media and feels uncomfortable and harassed.</p>	<p>Provide education and awareness programs for safe social media use. Encourage women to set privacy settings on their social media accounts, and to report any incidents of harassment to her CBT who will follow CARE protocols to address these issues. In serious cases the matter should be escalated to the local authorities.</p>
<p>High likelihood, high impact: A woman's phone is stolen, and the thief uses it to access her personal information and stalk her.</p>	<p>Encourage women to use security features on their smartphones such as passcodes, fingerprint identification or facial recognition. Instruct women to report the theft to the police, and if necessary, contact the phone service provider to block the stolen phone and prevent unauthorized access to personal information.</p>





Scenario	Risk Management
<p>Low likelihood, high impact: A woman receives threatening messages from her partner who monitors her phone use and social media activity.</p>	<p>Provide legal protection for victims of domestic violence. Offer services and support such as counseling and shelters for victims of abuse. Create awareness of these resources through community outreach programs and partnerships with local organizations.</p>
<p>Medium likelihood, medium impact: A woman accidentally shares personal information with strangers on social media due to limited literacy skills.</p>	<p>Provide education and training programs that take into account the needs of women with low literacy levels. Offer training on how to set privacy settings on social media and provide guidance on safe use of smartphones to prevent accidental sharing of personal information.</p>
<p>High likelihood, high impact: A woman experiences cyberbullying and harassment on social media due to her limited literacy skills.</p>	<p>Offer education and training programs for safe social media use that take into account the needs of women with low literacy levels. Encourage women to report incidents of cyberbullying and harassment to the platform and/or authorities and provide support services such as counseling to victims of online abuse.</p>

