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Problem Statement

- Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases have increased since the start of the first COVID-19 lockdown in 2020.
- The GBV Hotline at Musasa Project recorded a total of 6200 GBV related calls from the beginning of the lockdown on 30 March to its end on 27 November 2020.
- That means that there was an average of 27 cases per day and this excludes reports done at the Police Stations, other organizations and unreported cases.
- These statistics motivated us as DSC HIT to develop a web application that fights this problem by giving the public information of where they can report as well as educating them on GBV.

Summary

Confidant is a Web based platform where users can:

- i. Report GBV cases
- ii. Find details of where they can get GBV related help.
- iii. Read GBV victims' stories or share their own GBV stories
- iv. Learn about GBV and other types of violence.
- v. Look at the Zimbabwean and worldwide GBV statistics.
- vi. Go through an assessment that will determine if they are at risk of GBV.

Confidant addresses two of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) which are:

- i. **SDG 5: Gender Equality – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.**

Targets being met:

- 5.1 – End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
- 5.2 – Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.
- 5.3 – Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.
- 5.4 – Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.
- 5.5 – Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.
- 5.6 – Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences.
- 5.a – Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property,

financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws.

5.b – Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women.

5.c – Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.

ii. **SDG 16: Peace, Justice And Strong Institutions – Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.**

Targets being met:

16.1 – Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.

16.2 – End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

16.3 – Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.

16.6 – Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels.

16.b – Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development.

Technologies used

Frontend – React JS and CSS

Backend – Firebase

Project Management – GitHub

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