Hope you linked our video (https://tinyurl.com/y5etm5qj). We have loaded more content onto our website and will continue to do so, so please keep visiting our website. www.som-isoc.org

The Somali Chapter of the Internet Society in Collaboration with Hope University, Bakka Training Centre participated the Chapterthon 2020 focusing on two issues:

1. To inform the Somali community about the need to get reliable, authoritative information about COVID19 from the Internet.

This project focused on providing ways to ensure the Somali people access correct information and rely on proven medical ways to protect themselves from the COVID19. More on this please visit som-isoc.org.

The most reliable source of information about COVID19, that the Somali Chapter of the Internet Society recommends is from the World Health Organisation Website (WHO.INT). Please visit this website for the latest information on covid19 and how to deal with it.
We have also developed our own local website that will provide some general information, please visit http://somaliaaway.com/ and up to date statistics and other useful information.

For more specific information about Covid19 in Somalis click the option Covid-19.
2. And to create more awareness about internet security and cybersecurity, especially during this COVID19 challenge.

The Security threats are many and the Somali community received warnings and ways to protect themselves while online from Malware, Virus, Spyware, Adware, Ransomware, Phishing, Hacking, Worms, Trojans, Hoax, Spam, Keylogger, Identity theft, Man in the middle, etc.

The project focused on common problems such as Phishing which is very common problem many in Somalia face on daily basis. This is a fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames and passwords by posing as a legitimate person or entity.

To recap what we have covered in our webinars and zoom meetings here is a summary of how to Identify Phishing Attacks: Be aware and very careful about emails with generic greetings, requesting personal information or sometimes requesting an urgent response. Extra care should be taken about emails with spoofed links. For more information on this, please watch these videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3hKOuSkhw
And also https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnmneAjVrM4

**How to avoid phishing?**

Make sure you know or can verify every email sender’s address. If necessary, confirm sender’s identity if unsure. Report suspicious activity to your technical teams and do not ever open email attachments from unknown senders or click on links in suspicious emails.

**Mitigating security risks associated with browsing:**

Use well known browsers such as Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Microsoft edge etc. Ensure that you customise your security settings, if possible, use a VPN to hide your identity. Make sure you update your software and never store passwords in your browser, it is good idea to block Pop-ups and scripts. For more information about password security, please visit https://www.security.org/how-secure-is-mypassword/

Make sure you understand the difference between HTTP - Hypertext Transfer Protocol and HTTPS - Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure. HTTPS is far more secure than HTTP. A website that uses HTTP has http:// in its URL, while a website that uses HTTPS has https://.

Visit our website for information on SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY, EMAIL SECURITY, PASSWORDMANAGEMENT, AND 2 STEP VERIFICATION

As a way forward, the Chapter’s shared information and training material about computer and Internet security with the community in. We also encouraged universities to explore online education delivery such as Google Classroom as a platform for online education.
The Somali Chapter of the Internet Society believes that COVID-19 will change our lives forever with new work styles, new cybersecurity issues, new proposed policies, personal hygiene and so on. We all must participate in the fight against COVID-19... this will require a joint effort from everyone. It is also apparent that Post COVID-19, we will need to rethink about our cyber risk management measures. Please visit som-isoc.org for more updates.