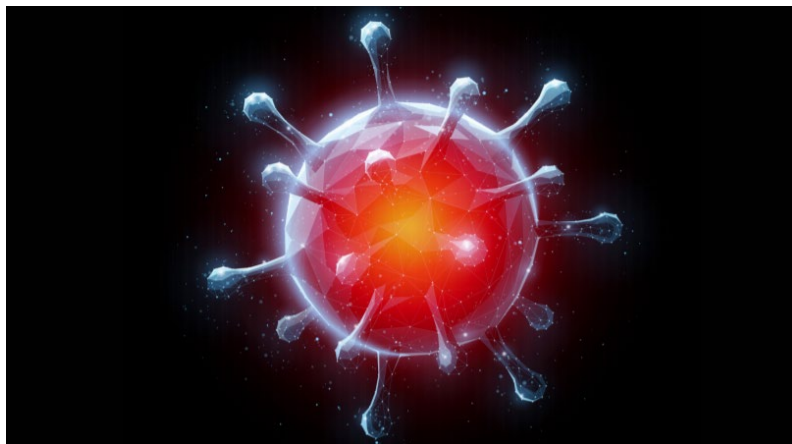


Hope you linked our video (<https://tinyurl.com/y5etm5qj>). We have loaded more content onto our website and will continue to do so, so please keep visiting our website. [www.som-isoc.org](http://www.som-isoc.org)

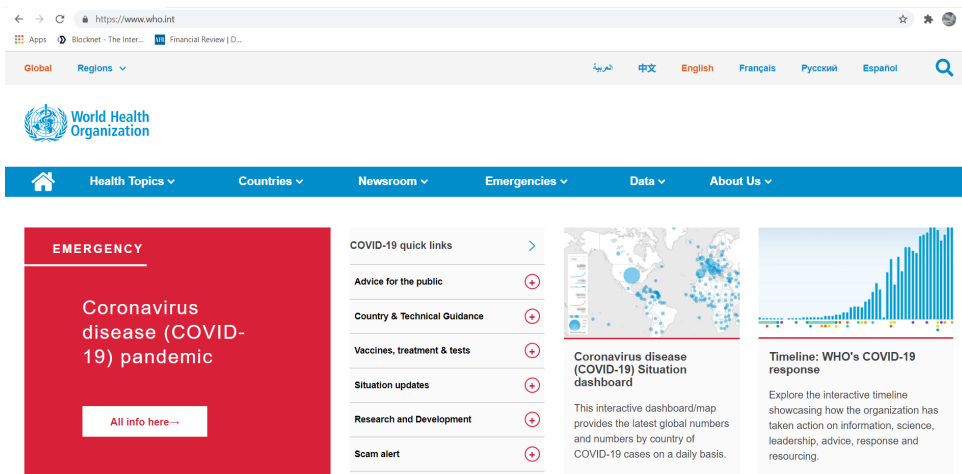
**The Somali Chapter of the Internet Society** in Collaboration with Hope University, Bakka Training Centre participated the Chapterthon 2020 focusing on two issues:

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



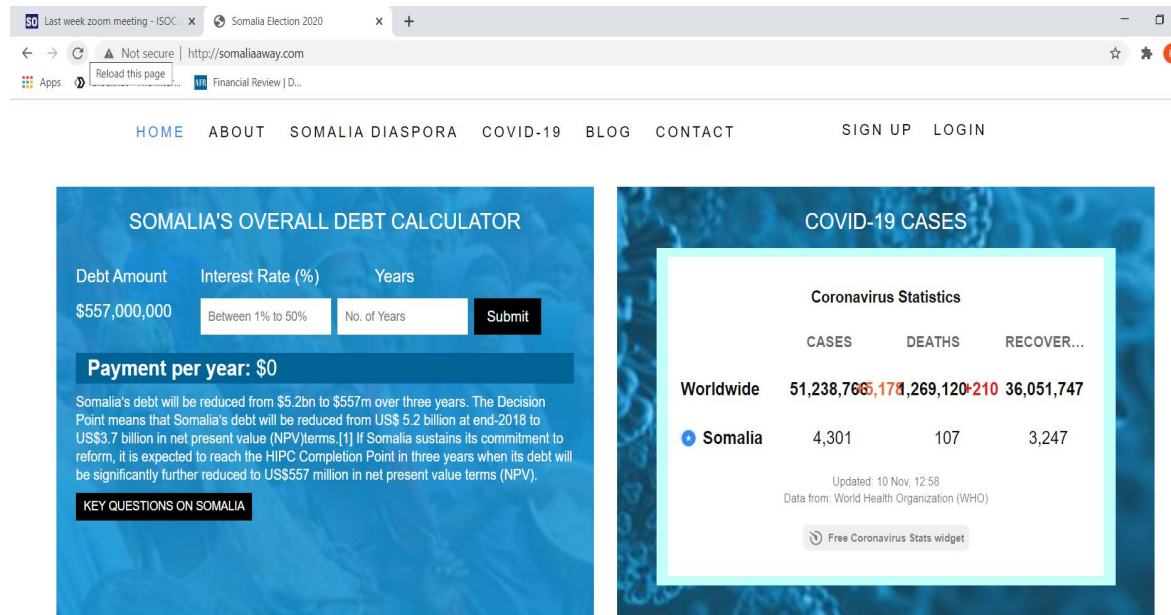
This project focused on providing ways to ensure the Somali people access correct information and rely on proven medical ways to protect themselves from the COVID19. More on this please visit [som-isoc.org](http://som-isoc.org).

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.



The screenshot shows the WHO website's emergency page for COVID-19. The page features a red banner with the text "EMERGENCY" and "Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic". Below the banner is a list of quick links: "COVID-19 quick links", "Advice for the public", "Country & Technical Guidance", "Vaccines, treatment & tests", "Situation updates", "Research and Development", and "Scam alert". To the right of the links are two interactive elements: a "Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Situation dashboard" with a world map and a "Timeline: WHO's COVID-19 response" with a bar chart.

We have also developed our own local website that will provide some general information, please visit <http://somaliiaway.com/> and up to date statistics and other useful information.



The screenshot shows a web browser with two tabs: 'Last week zoom meeting - ISOC' and 'Somalia Election 2020'. The address bar shows 'http://somaliiaway.com'. The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT, SOMALIA DIASPORA, COVID-19, BLOG, CONTACT, SIGN UP, LOGIN.

**SOMALIA'S OVERALL DEBT CALCULATOR**

Debt Amount: \$557,000,000  
Interest Rate (%): Between 1% to 50%  
Years: No. of Years  
Submit

**Payment per year: \$0**

Somalia's debt will be reduced from \$5.2bn to \$557m over three years. The Decision Point means that Somalia's debt will be reduced from US\$ 5.2 billion at end-2018 to US\$3.7 billion in net present value (NPV) terms. [1] If Somalia sustains its commitment to reform, it is expected to reach the HIPC Completion Point in three years when its debt will be significantly further reduced to US\$557 million in net present value terms (NPV).

**KEY QUESTIONS ON SOMALIA**

**COVID-19 CASES**

**Coronavirus Statistics**

	CASES	DEATHS	RECOVER...
Worldwide	51,238,766 +5,178	1,269,120 +210	36,051,747
Somalia	4,301	107	3,247

Updated: 10 Nov, 12:58  
Data from: World Health Organization (WHO)

Free Coronavirus Stats widget

For more specific information about Covid19 in Somalis click the option Covid-19.



The screenshot shows the 'COVID-19' section of the website. The navigation menu is the same as in the previous screenshot.

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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=3hKOPuSkhw>  
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.

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the manuals  
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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](http://som-isoc.org) for more updates.