WHAT TO DO IF SOCIAL MEDIA, SPECIFIC WEBSITES OR THE INTERNET IS BLOCKED IN NIGERIA

#EndSARS

As #EndSARS #SARSMustEnd #EndSWAT protests continue across Nigeria, there are concerns about social media or general Internet shutdowns. If or when shutdowns happen, Paradigm Initiative and Co-Creation Hub recommend these steps to take in an event of website blockages, social media shutdown, and internet shutdowns.
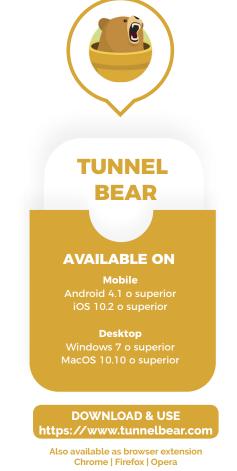
1. TO CIRCUMVENT OR ACCESS BLOCKED WEBSITES

Install TOR browser

Tor Browser will allow you to access blocked websites and to surf the web anonymously
https://www.torproject.org/download/download.html

Download trusted Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to access blocked websites and apps

PSIPHON

AVAILABLE ON

Mobile
Android 4.6 o superior
iOS 10.2 o superior

Desktop
Windows (XP/Vista/7/8/10)

DOWNLOAD & USE
https://psiphon.ca/

LANTERN

AVAILABLE ON

Mobile
Android 4.1 o superior
iOS 10.2 o superior

Desktop
Windows (XP/SP/3)
OSX 10.8 o superior
Ubuntu

DOWNLOAD & USE
https://getlantern.org

TUNNEL BEAR

AVAILABLE ON

Mobile
Android 4.1 o superior
iOS 10.2 o superior

Desktop
Windows 7 o superior
MacOS 10.10 o superior

DOWNLOAD & USE
https://www.tunnelbear.com

Also available as browser extension
Chrome | Firefox | Opera

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2. VERIFY AND TEST BLOCKED WEBSITES, APPS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Testing for website censorship is important for the media freedom community. Censorship activities flourish when they are not documented and exposed.

Install the OONI app to test for blocked websites

Make sure to turn off your VPN before testing for blocked websites using OOni
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.openobservatory.ooniprobe
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ooni-probe/id1199566366

3. HOW TO CONTINUE COMMUNICATING IF THE INTERNET IS SHUT DOWN

Download a VPN e.g. TunnelBear, CyberGhost and NordVPN (In the event of a partial shutdown they will be handy but note that they drain the battery life of phone quite quickly)

Give a trusted person who is out of country your SM pasword and ask that if they don't hear from you In x then they should tweet a message. Example' The internet in Nigeria has been shut down by the government #ENDSARS

Download Lantern, a p2p network to get people in uncensored areas to share their Internet with you.

Download Firechat . This app allows communication over bluetooth. It however only works if many people download and use the app In the same vicinity. Once a critical amount of people have the app, everyone essentially becomes a cell tower, and thus can communicate without a cell network.

4. DON'T FORGET TO IMPLEMENT DIGITAL SECURITY PRACTICES

During the protest, the government might unleash intense media censorship and when journalists, activists, human rights defenders, and civil society groups find it risky to do their work. Implementing digital security measures such as having good passwords, avoiding free wifi spots *and* others are crucial for your safety.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE DIGITAL RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED AS NIGERIANS EXERCISE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS!

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