



# WiFi, Code & Confidence: **Creating Safe Digital Spaces for Girls to Thrive**

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You don't need to hand a girl the entire world, just give her a safe space and a signal, and she'll begin to build it herself.

She'll ask bold questions, write her first line of code, and start imagining solutions for problems you didn't even realise were there. But that journey, as promising as it is, can only happen when the environment around her says: You're welcome here.

As Botswana deepens its digital transformation, the spotlight often falls on infrastructure and innovation. But what about the human side of that story? What about the girls who are eager to explore technology but hesitate because they don't see people who look like them in the room or because they're not even sure they're allowed in?

At Access Bank, we've learned that technology alone isn't enough. WiFi is powerful. Code is transformative. But confidence, that deep, inner knowing that says I belong, is what makes all the difference. And confidence grows best in spaces that are supportive, inclusive, and safe.

This is why we are so intentional about how we bring young women into tech. We don't just invite them to participate. We equip them. We teach them. We create rooms where their voices are not an afterthought, but a driving force.

In our spaces, we've watched girls evolve, from nervous first-timers in a coding workshop to capable presenters pitching real-world solutions. We've seen the impact of pairing them with other women in our ICT teams, leaders who show not just what's possible, but what's already being done.

Because when a girl sees another woman leading a digital rollout, managing a server migration, or standing in front of a room explaining a tech strategy with clarity and confidence, it changes what she believes is possible.

We are building more than systems at Access Bank, we are building pathways. Pathways that are safe from bias. Safe from doubt. And rich with encouragement.

Every click, every class, every conversation matters. We are planting seeds of confidence in girls who will one day transform Botswana's digital future. So let's stop imagining inclusion as a finish line. It should be the starting point.

When girls feel safe in digital space, when they feel truly seen, they do more than thrive. They lead.

So yes, WiFi and code are important. But confidence? That's the game changer.

And when we commit to creating spaces where girls feel safe, seen, and supported, we don't just change their lives, we change the future of tech in Botswana.

One girl. One safe space. One line of code at a time.

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