Unlike in neighboring Armenia and Georgia, women are much less likely to own and use technology than men are.

Why is this?

Gender inequality and access to resources is an issue across Azerbaijan and information and communication technologies are not exception.

Azerbaijani women may lack the economic and educational resources which would make them more likely to use technology. Further, Azerbaijani women may lack the temporal resources (due to household responsibilities) to have time to engage with technology.

Culturally and religiously, there is some evidence that Azerbaijani families discourage women from using the Internet because of fear of emancipatory activities or meeting men. There is a good deal of evidence of this occurring in neighboring Turkey as well.

Many Azerbaijanis use Internet cafes for access and these, like in many countries, are places that are inappropriate or not safe for women.