



Gender Inclusive City Project Petrozavodsk City

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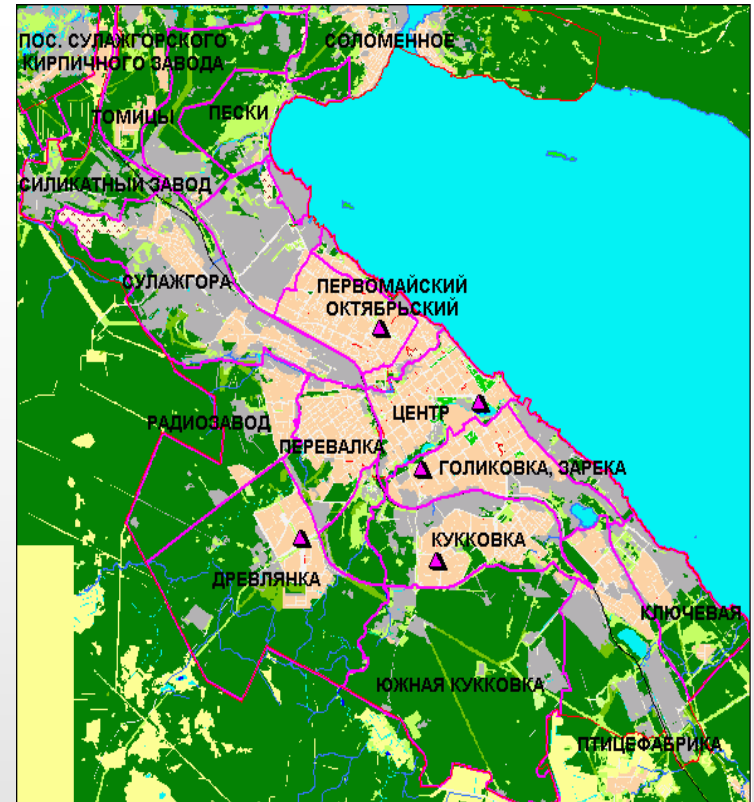
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Petrozavodsk-city

- Petrozavodsk city is the capital of Kareliya Republic, the major industrial centre of Kareliya and port Belomorsko-Onega shipping companies on lakeside of Onega. There is a big railway station and the airport .
- The population is about 282,7 thousand people.
- Women population in Petrozavodsk – 151895, age band 16 -60 and more - 133726 women, 87,9%.
- The average incomes of the population of Petrozavodsk city per 2009 were about \$560 per month.
- In 2008 on official data of 25,6% of the city population was categorized as poor.
- Petrozavodsk Deputy Council consists of 60 deputies, among them 15 women.



Focus Group Discussions

5 focus groups discussions have been held in the Petrozavodsk city.

- Members of Drivers Association, drivers of trolleybus, shuttle, taxi, conductors, officers from the Trolleybus Administration and Transport and Communication Department of city authority,
- elderly women, young mothers,
- girl - students of Education Center of the Ministry of Home Affairs Karelia Republic,
- women from ethnic minority, national-cultural autonomies and other female public organizations took part in FGD.

Participants were discussing women's safety issue, giving examples, specifying unsafety places and areas in the Petrozavodsk city.



FGD Outcomes

Trolleybuses and taxi drivers, conductors including women, go for work early in the morning and late come back home. There is a problem of ensuring their safety at night.

Now the company is driving them home, but not to an entrance and on a way to an entrance everything can happen. The accident cases have happened, such as women were attacked, beaten to a brain concussion. Woman lost health and job.

Shuttles, taxi, lifts are pointed out as unsafety places.

Intervention:

Public transportation Company must:

- ensure safety for their employees and drive them to the entrance of the house,
- ensure safety for shuttles and taxi passengers.



Problems

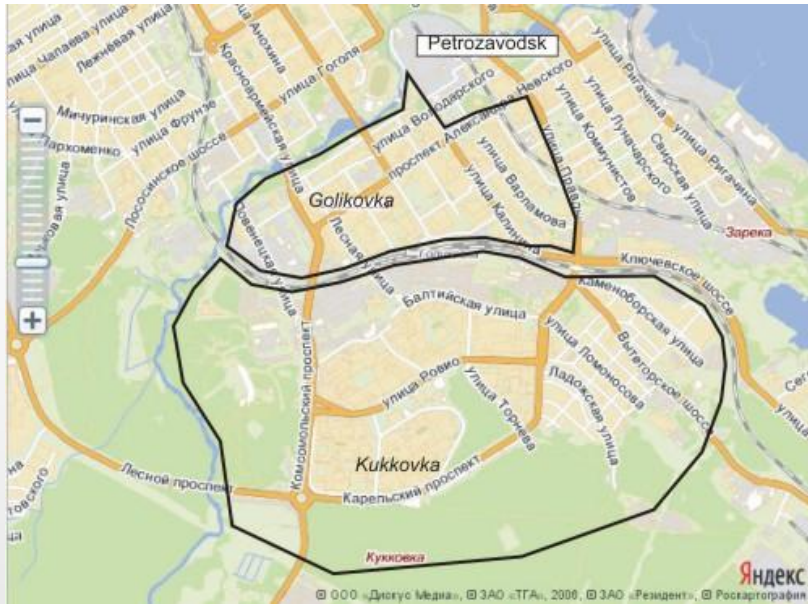
Young Mothers with child were the participants of the third FGD. They remarked very uneasy to go somewhere with a baby carriage. Trolleybuses and buses are not adapted for transportation of children's carriages. The playground for children is unsafe too. Many constructions are dangerous for children and their arrangement creates possibilities for getting traumas too. It is not considered that mums with small children walk here. Sometimes kids get traumas using playground .

Intervention

To prepare the report of monitoring children playground and include the playground maintenance and design work in Plan of Action.



Chosen Sites



- Two city sites of Petrozavodsk city «Kukkovka» and «Gollikovka» have been chosen for street survey.
- The choice has been based on the Street Survey Guide offered and the analysis of data on crimes in the time period January-May 2009 given Department of Internal Affairs Petrozavodsk city.
- Areas border with each other, but they are divided by a trunk-railway.

• «Kukkovka» is the largest microdistrict of the city, there are living 31.5 thousand residents, «Gollikovka» - the smallest, 13.9 thousand citizens live in it this area.

Street Survey

Street survey was spent in two sites of Petrozavodsk city: Gollikovka (9 places) and Kukkovka (10 places). On 250 women in each area filled the street survey forms at the day time and after dark.

Site Kukkovka:
before dark 181 and after dark 69.

Site Golikovka:
before dark 201 and after dark 44.



Street Survey Challenges

- Russian people are not used to answering personal questions in the street and to strangers,
- Questions in the street survey forms are not typical for public discussions.
- It was difficult to involve the respondents into the problem under study
- The pilot and the street survey in general demonstrate low women's concern about problem of sexual harassment and other sexual violence in Petrozavodsk,
- It nevertheless shows somewhat peculiar attitude of women in Russia to these items rather than real absence of them.
- Nearly all women in Russia have experienced it (touching, staring or whistling, in transport or in the beach)
- Women either take it indulgently or accept it as sort of men's attention.
- Most of respondents were unwilling to answer the questions concerning violence and sexual harassment.

The Safety Audit Walk

Results of focus groups discussions, street survey and plan of realization for future safety audit walk were discussed:
at Advisory Board meeting on 18th of November,
at a meeting with female local communities on 16th of November,
the 6 routes of the WSA at midday and 3 routes after dark have been defined.

Gollikovka

- Green zone in city centre, so-called "Yamka - hole"
- A coastal zone of the river Lososinka.

Kluchevaya

- Final stop of public transport in Sudostroitel'naya str.
- The market in Nojbrandenburgsky str. from Kluchevaya str. to Antonova str.

Kukkovka

- Rovio str. - from Parfyonov's str. to the Komsomol Avenue, including trolleybus stops.
- Insufficiently lighted residential areas - the block between Lyzhnaya str., Baltic, Rovio and Parfyonov.

Training «Safety audit walk» for all future participants of the safety audit walk was held on December, 8th 2009.

3 groups have been formed, heads of groups are appointed.

The safety audit walk has been conducted in Petrozavodsk on December, 10, 11 and 12 2009.

The Results of the Safety Audit Walk

The three most important issues identified for the areas were as follows:

Golikovka

- The bank of the Losossinka River is in a neglected condition and is not good to have a rest there ('good' place for 'flashers' and marginal people)
- Bad lighting
- Not all crossings in Kalinin Street obtain traffic-lights and necessary signs

Kukkovka

- Bad lighting in the yards
- Bad roads and pavements
- No information about transport routs and schedule at the bus stops
- Insufficiently lighted residential areas.

Klyuchevaya

- Bad condition of the terminal site
- Many closed stalls in the market which brings some darkness and empty spaces
- Street dogs

On December, 22nd the results of the Safety audit walk were discussed at the finishing seminar. Heads of groups have made reports on the results of Safety audit walk, participants of the audit have exchanged opinions.