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Information Center of the independent Women's Forum (ICIWF, Moscow, Russia) is one of the four women's organization which is implementing the GTS project.

Realization of the project in Russia has some features, ICIWF - the project partner – is placed in Moscow, and the project must be implemented in the Petrozavodsk city- capital of Kareliya Republic.

Within eight last years ICIWF regularly held together with Internal Affairs Directorate city and Ministry of Home affairs on Republic Kareliya seminars for creating public tools and skills of increasing safety of public space . At the same time, ICIWF together with city administration held seminars on the development of local and neighborhood communities and territorial self-governance. Women's local group was a constant ICIWF partner for implementation these activities in the Petrozavodsk city. Later this group became the core of the Karelian regional women's organization «Citizens and House». Three members of this organization: Raisa Musienko (coordinator), Bera Khevsurishvilly and Irina Sysun are the representatives of Petrozavodsk team.

Preparation for the project implementation in Petrozavodsk city has begun with the providing seminar «the Safe city - new approaches» on 19-21-th of December 2008. Discussion of the project implementation «Gender Inclusive City” in Petrozavodsk city, methods of future work, modern approaches to increasing safety, crime prevention tools

concerning women, the role of public institutions and local groups in this process were the main seminar goals.

The seminar was passed on three spaces: the first day has been carried out on 19-th, December 2008 in the board Ministry hall of Home affairs of Kareliya Republic. It was training «the Safe city - new approaches» for the administrative board of Directorates and Departments of Ministry of Home affairs. Fulfilling duties of Minister of Home Affairs Michael Zakomaldin



was the chairman of this day.

On 20-th December 2008, the title of the second day of the seminar was «the Safe city - new approaches. The role of public organizations and local groups of inhabitants» has taken place in business center of the hotel. The deputy Head of Petrozavodsk city Administration, chair of City Committee



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concerning housing and communal services Nadezhda Kurbatova and Sergey Popov, senior staff of Transport and Communication Department of City Committee concerning housing and communal services have taken part at the second day of the seminar. Further they became members of the Advisory Board of the GIC project.

On 21-st of December, there was the meeting with female leaders of neighborhood and territorial communities.

During January 2009 ICIWF has prepared the seminar report and collect data for future presentation at the Montreal meeting.

On January, 26-th, 2009 Petrozavodsk team has sent to the Head of Internal Affairs Directorate of Petrozavodsk city Dmitry Burakov the letter with the suggestion to discuss joint actions of the group of citizens and Internal Affairs Directorate on maintenance of women's safety and their participations in GIC project implementation.

On February, 17-th, 2009 the members of Petrozavodsk project team have visited the



Head of Internal Affairs Directorate of Petrozavodsk a city Dmitry Burakov. Vladimir Garmashov, the chief of Public Safety Militia of the Internal Affairs Directorate Petrozavodsk city and Olga Filippenkova, chief of district militia officers and affairs of minors branch have part at this meeting. Discussion was about continuation of cooperation of city police and the Karelian regional women's organization «Citizens and House» on increasing women's safety at the public spaces. The participation of

employees of Internal Affairs Directorate in the GIC project «Increase of safety of women and violence reduction through practical activities in local territories» were discussed also. The schedule of consultation citizens by militia officers at the militia station was arranged during this discussion.

ICIWF presentation at the seminar in Montreal on February, 24-27th, 2009 was prepared during January-February.

In March-April the materials of the seminar summary Montreal, the resume of the project and Focus Group Guide have been translated into Russian and have been sent to Petrozavodsk project team for studying.

Negotiations with potential members of the Advisory council were carried out. The member list of Advisory council from 9 persons has been done.

On March, 30-th, 2009 Raisa Musienko, Bera Khevsurishvilly, Irina Sysun and Liza Bozhkova have taken part in Internet conference on Skype.

During the second quarter of the first year of the project we drew strong attention on the providing five focus groups in the Petrozavodsk city. We choose the space of providing and participants, militia officers, drivers, elderly women, young mothers, young women-students.



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The following questions can be used as a guide for conducting the discussion.

- 1. Do you think that public spaces in the city are safe for women and girls of all ages to move about freely? Are there some specific places which you think are particularly unsafe? Why are these places unsafe? What has influenced your views – your own experiences, others experiences, media reports, stories etc. Share some concrete experiences or stories of safety in public spaces.*
- 2. Are there any places in where you feel particularly safe or unsafe? What is it about these places that make you feel so?*
- 3. Do you take any precautions when you go out? For example, do you carry something for protection, or avoid certain areas etc.*
- 4. Have you ever asked for help with an unsafe or dangerous situation? Did you go to the police? Did you approach anyone else for help? Did you feel the response met your needs? Why or why not? [If you haven't actually done this, who are you most likely to ask for help?*
- 5. What do you think are the three most important women's safety issues in the city/this area? Why? (probe if there is any information such as reports or incidents)*
- 6. How could women's safety and feelings of safety in public spaces be improved? This could be by changes of policy, changes in design, changes in services, changes in (men's) behavior, etc. Encourage concrete suggestions.*

Focus group list

1. 3 June 2009, 10 participants from Drivers Association, 4 men and 6 women, among them there were drivers of trolleybus, shuttle and taxi and also officers from Trolleybus Administration and Transport and Communication Department of city authority
2. 17 June 2009r, 9 elderly women.
3. 25 June 2009, 8 young mothers .
4. 30 June 2009, 8-12 young women, students of Education Center of the Ministry of Home Affairs Karelia Republic
5. 23 July 2009, 11 women from ethnic minority, national-cultural autonomies and other female public organizations

The regional coordinator of the project Raisa Musienko have presented a Petrozavodsk team of the project «Gender Inclusive Cities», she explained project activities in the city, shared with participants the resume, explained, that the focus group purpose consists on



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collecting the personal experience on safety issue, hear opinions on the questions connected with safety in the city, to exchange ideas of safe residing.

The facilitator of all the groups was Vera Hevsurishvily, she has agreed with participants about key rules: carrying out group focus.



The participants of the first focus groups were 10 militia officers, 3 men and 7 women 27 May 2009, 10 militia officers, 3 men and 7 women were the participant of the first group.



The participants of the second focus groups were, 10 participants from Drivers Association, 4 men and 6 women, among them there were drivers of trolleybus, shuttle and taxi and also officers from Trolleybus

Administration and Transport and Communication Department of city authority, 3 June 2009

The participants of the third focus group were, 9 elderly women, 17 June 2009



The participants of the fourth focus group were 8 young mothers, 25 June 2009.



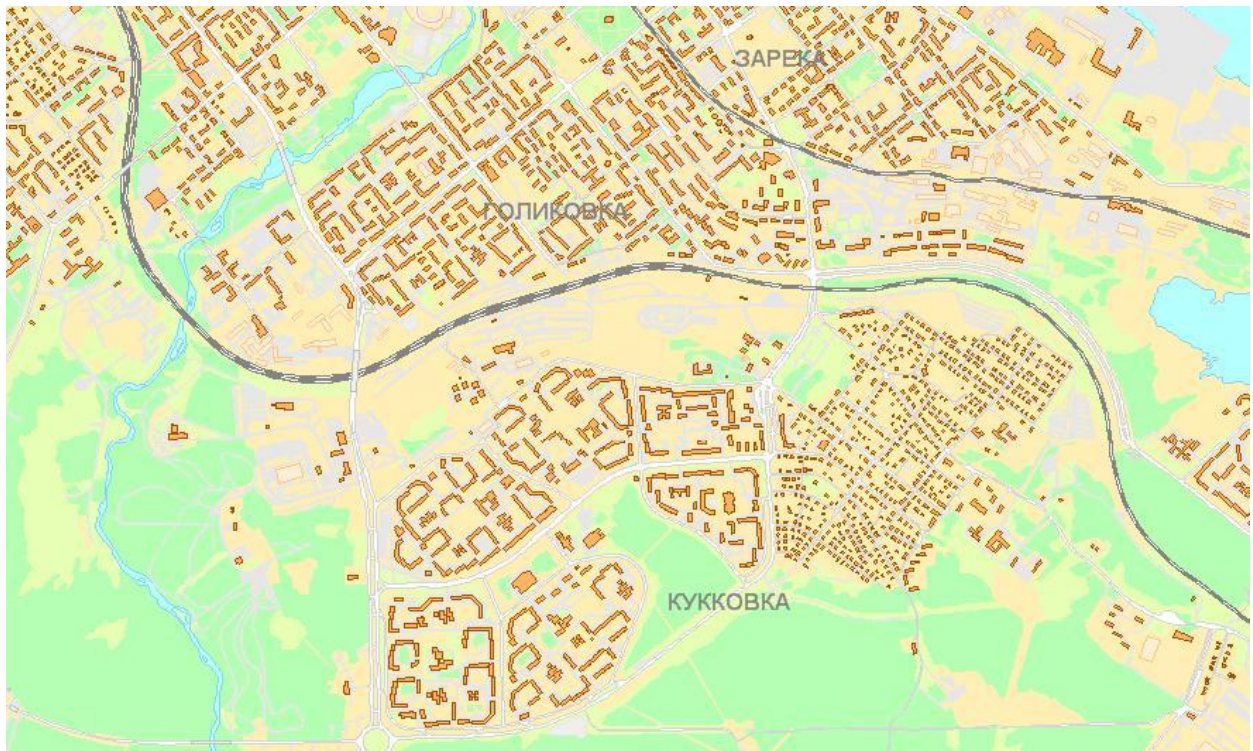
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The participants of the fifth focus group were 15 young women, students Education Center of the Ministry of Home Affairs Karelia Republic, 30 June 2009.

The recommendation and map were prepared on the FGD based.
Sites description chosen for street survey



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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.

Areas are of the interest for studying of various aspects of safety. Works on safety audit in the sites were not spent.

The site «Kukkovka» is on city suburb, in a wood environment, it is possible to reach city centre by two trolleybus routes. It is new area, about 30 years, there are an old private houses, as a rule very poor, remained from the former times. This part poorly благоустроена. There are active groups of inhabitants and businessmen in sphere of service of habitation. The office of the local groups association "Citizens and House» is placed in this area. Association has an experience of interaction with inhabitants.

Inhabitants come to the office to solve their current questions very often. There are 2 schools, the ware market, 1 university, some kindergartens, polyclinic for children, a lot of shops in this site. People of different incomes are living in this area. 28649 residents are living in own apartment, 2870 persons - in social.

The site «Gollikovka» is old area of the city, there are living people with an average income, there are two schools, two children's shelters, a few kindergartens and shops, a cinema, a few hostels, 2 colleges, the ware market. 12645 residents are living in own apartment and 1265 inhabitants - in social.

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.

List of places in Gollikovka and Kukkovka sites for street survey
Petrozavodsk – 3, Gollikovka – 1, Kukkovka – 2

Code city	Code site	Code place	Name of place
3	1	1	Market «Gollikovsky»
		2	Culture Colledge
		3	Str. La Roshel (Lososinka river quay, School №37)
		4	Store on str. Kalinina
		5	Cinema theatre “Sampo”
		6	Av. Aleksandra Nevskogo, bus stop «Store “Spare parts” Av. Komsomolsky (near bank and post office)



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		7 8 9	Str. Meretskova (bus stop on the both sides) Str. Kalinina (near foot bridge, green space)
	2	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Market «Dobrunia» Store «Lotos» Bus stop «Str. Skiing» Bus stop «Kurgan» (both sides) Str. Sortavala and Rovio, crossroadr Bus stop «Str. Frolova» Slavic university Polyclinic for children School №13, near School №2, near

The safety audit walk has been conducted in Petrozavodsk on December, 10, 11th and 12 2009. Taking into account the results of focus groups discussions and street survey, the following places in the Petrozavodsk city were marked as dangerous for women and children:

- a) Green zone in city centre, so-called "hole", and a coastal zone of the river Lososinka in site Gollikovka where there are "flashing" men, especially during the spring;
- b) Final stop of public transport in Sudostroitel'naya str. in site Kluchevaya;
- c) Insufficiently lighted residential areas.

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

In site Golikovka:

River Lososinki quay - from Kalinin str. to Meretskova str. and Kalinin str. including "Hole" and the Gollikovsky market;

In site Kukkovka:

Rovio str. - from Parfyonov's str. to the Komsomol Avenue, including trolley bus stops and residential area - the block between Lyzhnaya str., Baltic, Rovio and Parfyonov.

In site Kluchevaya:



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Sudostroitelnaya str., including trolley bus stops and the market in the Nojbrandenburgsky str. from Kluchevaya str. to Antonova str.

The participants of safety audit walk groups were the following women:

The member Advisory council Nadezhda Kurbatova, the employee of city administration, the members of public organizations «My house», «Townsppeople and the House» and others, the assistant of the city councilor, the members of local communities, students of political and social sciences faculty of the Petrozavodsk state university.

On December, 8th 2009 training «Safety audit walk» for all future participants of the safety audit walk was held. Participants of audit have received the information on the project and Checklist of the audit walk. 3 groups have been formed, heads of groups are appointed. The points to the Checklist and the Guidelines were discussed.

On 10, 11 and 12 of December, all 3 groups have passed on the planned routes in the afternoon and during dark time and participants have managed to designate the conditions, capable to provoke a crime against women.

Safety audit work on each route was conducted with city map, Checklist. The responsibilities of each member of the groups have been distributed: one fixed seen, others kept record in notebooks or in Checklists, the third photographed, the fourth conducted questioning of passers-by according to the Checklist.

On December, 22nd following the results of the Safety audit walk of the finishing seminar-discussion was held. Heads of groups have made reports on the results of Safety audit walk, the slide presentation about audit has been shown, participants of the audit have exchanged opinions, have made proposals for development of recommendations for city authority and militia of public safety. Everybody, especially students, marked non-standard and very important for women the project goals - a city, safe for women. The girl students never reflected before on it, and during audit have learnt to notice pluses and minuses of city area, to state the point of view and to offer ways of the decision of a problem.

Some examples of the general character on each route are:

1. As a whole, women of different age do not feel the big danger, walking on the Petrozavodsk city streets, visiting shops and markets. During audit all women went purposefully, quickly, carelessly, easy.

2. On the most part of streets informal supervision provide windows of houses apartment with balconies, shops and offices.

3. Groups of people because of which women feel it is unsafe, it was not observed in the afternoon, during dark time, maybe, because winter, coldly.

4. In an emergency situation it is possible to address for the help, basically, to passers-by. The Call box is only at a stop «Frolov's str.». There is a militia point - "glass" at the Golikovsky market, but the employee of militia is in it only in the evening. In court



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yard of houses №№ 9, 14 on Frolov's str. there are 2 strong points of militia, but there is no information in streets about where they settle down. The most women on the street have mobile phones, the interrogated women know, what numbers to call in case of danger, but recommended to make this information more accessible - on boards of social advertising for example instead of numerous graffiti.

5. Not well-groomed double-exit courtyards, garages, not well-groomed areas with the expanded bush, the thrown building sites with open access can provoke some crimes. Rack of stray dogs also may be dangerous.

6. Road crossings with traffic lights are safe, pedestrians and drivers observe rules of behavior and movement on them. And on the road crossings designated only by a sign, there happen traffic violation by drivers. There, where road crossings are not pointed in general, people run across before quickly rushing transport, endangering a life, for example, Kalinin str. Via the transitions are located widely spaced, about 200-400 m. the people are crossing the road at any place.

7. Foot paths different in width and quality of a road covering, not everywhere they are accessible to disable people and women with children's carriages.

8. The territory of the markets is lighted even in the afternoon, and in booths darkly at any time. The territory is fenced from different sides. There are gate for an input and an exit. There are a lot of sellers and the goods. The places, provoking crime in the Golikovsky market did not mentioned, all pavilions work. And in the Kljuchevsky market the big density of stalls, many of which are closed. Sidewalks and territories of the markets are not clean enough and well-groomed. Only in the Golikovsky market there is a public toilet.

9. There are following signage: publicity boards of firms and shops, directional markers of transportation, traffic signs «it is cautious, children!», a pedestrian crossing etc. Public transportation is well organized: all sites of the city are connected by trolleybus routes, shuttle buses and taxi. Trolley buses go till 24 o'clock in the working days, during week-end - till 23 o'clock. The taxi works round the clock.

10. All stopping complexes are lighted, basically, in a good condition, is transparent, pure, there are urns, benches. But there are also other examples. From four stops along the Rovio str. Only one stop "Frolov street" is forced by installations for drinks and occupies the stop territory, closing the view, electric wires sag. There is no full information about the schedule or intervals of transportation, maps, the number of trolley bus is specified only. As there is no also information on what shuttle buses are plying in this direction.

11. The street lighting in the city works on schedule. It is switched on 4 p.m. and turned off on 9 a.m. The windows of houses, show-windows of shops, illuminations of publicity boards, numerous stalls and stops give additional lighting. But at any place is very dark without all of these, for example, in the beginning and in the end of Kalinin str., in "hole", on quay Lososinki.



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12. On the routes of streets is good vision, and in residential area the vision is limited because of houses of old construction are very close to each other and appearing of new metal garages.

13. Basically, territories contain in a good condition. But on routes in green zones "Hole", river Lososinki coast, and to the market on Kluchevaya few urns are noted, the territory is not cleaned from sawed down old trees and branches.

14. The quay Lososinki, especially from Kalinin str. near the river, is adverse for rest because of bad maintenance of a green zone and unaccomplishment.

