



ICIWF First Year Activity on GIC Project Petrozavodsk City

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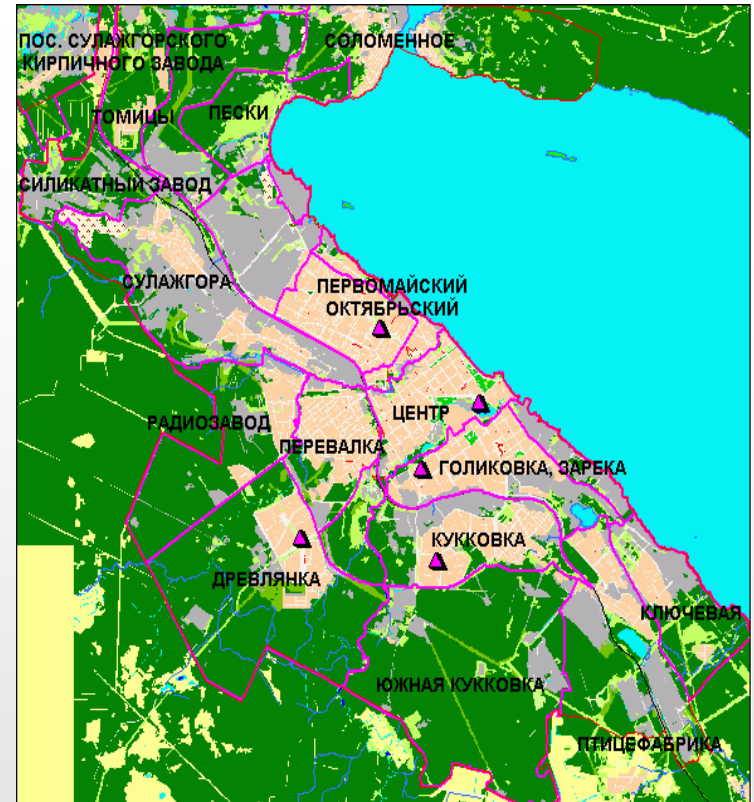
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Petrozavodsk-city

- 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 monetary 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 categories poor.
- Petrozavodsk Deputy Council consists of 60 deputies, among them 15 women.



- There are Research Centers of the Russian Academy of Science, 4 scientific and methodical resource centers, 6 Institutions of higher education, 65 municipal schools.

Introduction



Preparation for the project implementation began with the seminar «the Safe city -new approaches» on 19-21 December 2008.

- Training for the administrative board of Directorates and Departments of Ministry of Home affairs;
- role of public organizations and local groups of inhabitants in the GIC project;
- meeting with female leaders of neighborhood and territorial communities.



Deputy Head of Petrozavodsk city Administration, chair of City Committee 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 seminar. Later Advisory Board members.

Partnership with City Militia

- February, 17, 2009 meeting with Dmitry Burakov, the Head of Internal Affairs Directorate, Vladimir Garmashov, chief of Public Safety Militia of the Internal Affairs Directorate and Olga Filippenkova, chief of district militia officers and affairs of minors branch, later AB members.
- Discussion cooperation of city police and the Karelian regional women's organization «Citizens and House» on increasing women's safety at the public spaces. «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.
- First meeting with stakeholders have been held on 27 May 2009, 10 militia officers, 3 men and 7 women were the participants of this meeting.



•Discussion the Statistics of Crimes Against Women in Petrozavodsk.



Advisory Board

- The Advisory Board were included 9 members basically the employees of the Republic Kareliya Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Internal Affairs Directorate of Petrozavodsk, the city administration and others .
 - First meeting of AB was held on 9 of April.
 - AB meeting were spent regularly at the office of deputy Head of Petrozavodsk city Administration, Nadezhda Kurbatova and all members of AB knew about all planned work on the project
 - 4 meetings of Advisory Board have been held.
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- Constant meetings and coordination were spent with Vladimir Garmashov, AB member, chief of Public Safety Militia of the Internal Affairs Directorate Petrozavodsk city.



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.

All participants of FGD knew project approaches and strategies and were involved in the problems on nowday bases

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



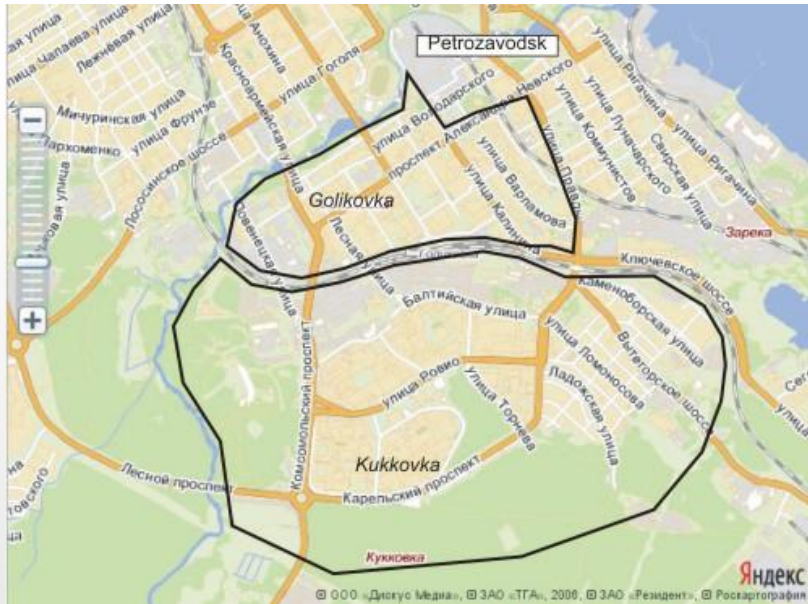
Main Unsafety Places in Petrozavodsk City based on FGD



Participants of the 5 FGD named the most unsafety areas of the Petrozavodsk city and residing places: Perevalka Area, the Large forest between Children's republican hospital, street Frunze, Park street. Transition under a Railway near at the Gogol centre. Absence of pedestrian crossings through streets with a transport stream near schools: street Chapaeva, street of Kalinin and others.

- The center of the city named “Yamka”, square on the bank of the Neglinki river there are some “flashing” man, especially during the spring.
- Onega lake quay in the evening.
- City underground transition from street Gorkiy str. on street Frunze under the railway: a dirt, weak illumination.
- House entrances in which they are living.
- Trolleybuses, taxi, shuttle buses, the lifts in the buildings.
- The children's playgrounds sometimes are not safe.
- Garages areas, especially in the beginning of Sovietskay street.
- The stray dogs on the street, unaccomplishment areas, many dark streets,
- traffic and a parking of cars in court yard.

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.

Kukkovka

- City suburb, in a wood environment.
- People of different incomes are living in this area. 28649 residents are living in own apartment, 2870 persons -in social.
- Can 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.
- 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.

Gollikovka

- 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

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 Data

Kukkovka

Interview site code	Respondents	
	No.	%
Market «Dobrunia»	37	7 %
Store «Lotos»	11	2 %
Bus stop «Str. Skiing»	20	4 %
Bus stop «Kurgan» (both sides)	12	2 %
Str. Sortavala and Rovio, crossroadr	33	7 %
Bus stop «Str. Frolova»	27	5 %
Slavic university	49	10 %
Polyclinic for children	29	6 %
School №13, near	9	2 %
School №2, near	24	5 %

Street Survey Data

Gollikovka

Interview site code	Respondents	
	No.	%
Market «Gollikovsky»	43	9 %
Culture Colledge	48	10 %
Str. La Roshel (Lososinka river quay, School №37)	17	3 %
Store on str. Kalinina	10	2 %
Cinema theatre "Sampo"	17	3 %
Av. Aleksandra Nevskogo, bus stop «Store "Spare parts"»	23	5 %
Av. Komsomolsky (near bank and post office)	15	3 %
Str. Meretskova (bus stop on the both sides)	33	7 %
Str. Kalinina (near foot bridge, green space)	43	9 %

Petrozavodsk Time of Interview

Interview Timing	Respondents	
	No.	%
Before dark	387	77 %
After dark	113	23 %
Base	500	100 %

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) but mostly they don't consider it being attitude of that kind.
- Women either take it indulgently or accept it as sort of men's attention.
- Usually women do not consider some men's conduct to implement sexual harassment,
- Most of respondents didn't 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.

Site Gollikovka



Route 1: Kalinin str. including "Aymka-Hole" and the Gollikovsky market;
Time and day of audit: on 10 December 2009, from 00.30 p.m. till 02.30 p.m,
Weather: -7 C,
evening 06.30 - 8.00 p.m. Weather: -10 C.
Route 2: River Lososinki quay - from Kalinin str. to Meretskova str
Time and day of audit: on 12 December 2009, from 00.00 p.m. till 01.30 p.m.
Weather: -11 C.



The river Lososinka quay

Participants: 3 students, 1 woman, employee of city administration and 1 woman from Wood Ministry, 1 woman from petrozavodsk team



Site Kukkovka



Route 1: Rovo str. - from Parfyonov's str. to the Komsomol Avenue, including trolleybus stops
Time and day of audit: on 11 December 2009, from 11.00 a.m. till 00.30 p.m. Weather: -5 C evening 05.30 till 7.00p.m. Weather: -7 C, strong wind.

Route 2: Residential area - the block between Lyzhnaya str., Baltic, Rovo and Parfyonov.
Time and day of audit: on 11 December 2009, from 9.30 a.m. till 11.00 p.m. Weather: -5 C, snow, wind.

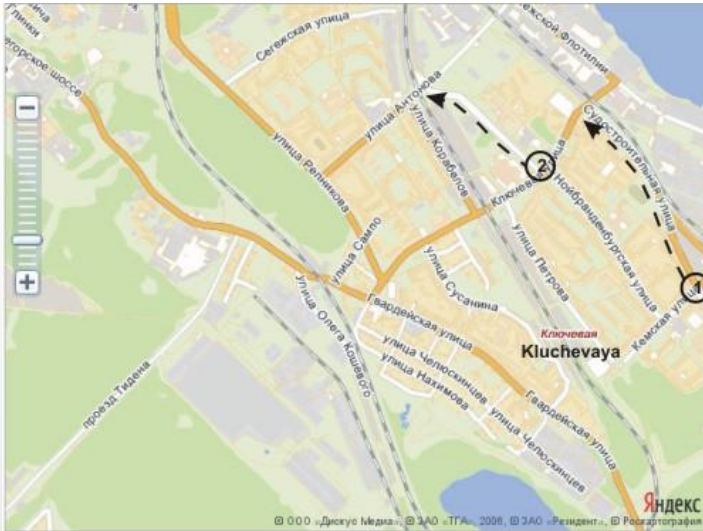
Participants: 3 students, 2 local women, 1 women from petrozavodsk team.



The dangerous communicating courtyard



Site Kluchevaya



Route 1: Sudostroitelnaya str., including trolleybus stops.

Time and day of audit: on 10 December 2009, from 1.00 p.m. till 02.30 p.m. Weather: -4 C, snowstorm.

Evening time: 05.30 till 7.00 p.m.

Weather: -7 C, cold wind.

Route 2: the market in the Nojbrandenburgsky str. from Kluchevaya str. to Antonova str.

Time and day of audit: on 10 December 2009, from 2.30p.m. till 4.00 p.m. Weather: -4 C, snowstorm.

Participants: 4 students, 1 local woman, 1 member of "Citizen and house".



The buildings without inhabitants



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.