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About Women in Cities International

Women in Cities International (WICI) is a non-profit organization and worldwide network that focuses on gender equality and the participation of women and girls in urban development. It is based in Montréal, Canada. WICI is dedicated to the identification, study, and dissemination of good practices, tools and intervention models. With its partners, WICI facilitates knowledge and experience sharing on the improvement of women’s and girls’ safety and status in cities and communities. WICI specializes in the organization of networking events, the administration of training events, the advancement of technical expertise, and the production of research in order to achieve its goals.

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Cover page photo
Source: Fanie St-Michel. Project participants reclaiming a playground overtaken by cars.

Graphics: Valna
This annual report covers activities between April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 – a busy period for Women in Cities International. The follow-up from the very successful Third International Conference on Women’s Safety in Delhi in November 2010 reminded those of us who were lucky enough to have been at the First International Conference on Women’s Safety in Montréal 2002 of what a wonderful worldwide movement this is – and of how it is growing – in terms of numbers of countries, organizations, and individual women and men of all ages, languages, backgrounds – working together to build cities and communities that are safe and inclusive for the full diversity of women and girls. WICI is a central part of this movement and our major projects this year illustrate that very well. On the international level, the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme, working in four cities (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Petrozavodsk, Russia; Rosario, Argentina and Delhi, India) produced many publications (which can be found on our website) and our Action Research Project on Women’s Rights and Access to Water and Sanitation in Asian Cities continued to examine and analyze, in partnership with Jagori, water and sanitation issues in low-income neighbourhoods in Delhi. Within Canada, we completed our four-city (Regina, Peel, Gatineau and Montréal) action research project with marginalized communities of women building partnerships for safer communities. One of my personal highlights this year was a presentation by two of the four groups involved in this project; the Centre des aînés de Gatineau and Action des femmes handicapées (Montréal) July at Women’s Worlds 2011. The presentations were terrific and the learning across the communities was so strong; it really was an important illustration of our worldwide movement building safe and inclusive cities and communities by bridging sectors, generations, languages, faiths, and jurisdictions.

As always, my thanks to the WICI staff and interns who do such wonderful work under the continual challenges of operating within a small project-funded organization. I would also like to thank all our partners – Jagori, Red Muyer y Habitat, the Huairou Commission, Plan International, UN Women, UN-Habitat and so many others; working with you all is a continual reminder of the power of partnerships. This is certainly also true of our Advisory Committee and the wealth of useful guidance we gain from these partners. And, finally, my thanks to the members of the WICI Board of Directors for their individual and collective contributions to WICI.
Generating knowledge and action to create safe and inclusive cities

Gender-based violence is an endemic global phenomenon in both public and private spaces, and is highly prevalent in cities and public urban spaces. With the world’s population now over 50% urban, cities are increasingly viewed as the loci of important social change, and there are numerous efforts to create urban spaces that are safer and more inclusive for women. Against this backdrop, *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme (GICP)*, funded by the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, was conceived as a way to take the work in the safe cities for women field forward through the creation of a cross-regional research initiative with a focus on developing interventions that are both evidence-based and context-specific. The *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme* was implemented by community partners in four cities internationally: International Centre for Network and Information on Crime (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania), Jagori (Delhi, India), Information Centre of the Independent Women’s Forum (Petrozavodsk, Russia) and Centro de Intercambio y Servicios Cono Sur Argentina (Rosario, Argentina).

Source: ICNIC-T. Women in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, conducting a women’s safety audit.
**Some key outcomes of the GICP:**

- Generated data on women’s safety and inclusion in all four cities through research collected by implementing partners. This data served to:
  - Provide a baseline of quantitative and qualitative information in each participating city
  - Raise awareness about women’s safety and inclusion among the public
  - Engage key stakeholders (such as governments and police) and provide evidence to advocate for change and interventions
  - Incorporate the experiences of different groups of women, including marginalized populations such as transgendered persons, street hawkers, etc.

- Formed significant partnerships between implementing partners and key stakeholders, including, in some cases, the women themselves. These partnerships played an important role in engaging the public and government officials in discussions about women’s safety.

- Implemented practical interventions and oversaw concrete changes in policies, programmes, infrastructure and services, which subsequently led to the generation of knowledge on future intervention feasibility and delivery.

- Produced three major publications which significantly add to the global knowledge base on creating safe and inclusive cities: *Learning from Women to Create Gender Inclusive Cities: Baseline Findings from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme (2010)*, *Tools for Gathering Information about Women’s Safety and Inclusion in Cities: Experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme (2011)*, and *Tackling Gender Exclusion: Experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme (2012)*. GICP partners also developed the *Ten Point Guide to Creating Gender Inclusive Cities (2011)*. All publications can be downloaded free of charge from the WICI website.

**Exposing gendered consequences of inadequate access to essential services**

*Deepali, a 45-year-old woman living in Bhalswa, explained that water and sanitation have always been a problem for the community and believed that half of the problems they faced would be solved if only they were provided with these two services. According to her, a person can still bear all the problems of living in poverty if these two basic necessities are provided to them. (Names have been changed, translated from a Hindi quote)*

Many cities have been unable to keep up with rapid urbanization and have not been able to provide adequate services to all those within their boundaries. Furthermore, some cities have relocated the poor to the periphery, favoring more profitable development in the urban core. Service provision in these re-location sites is often scarce, increasing the vulnerability of women and girls. This creates the problem of a gender gap in service provision.

Poor urban women and women working in the city have a right to safe, affordable and accessible potable water and toilets as well as bathing and clothes-washing facilities. Women and girls’ human rights include the right to live with dignity, safety and security, and without fear. It is within this context that the International Development and Research Centre of Canada (IDRC) generously supported WICI in leading a joint initiative with Jagori and Action India to complete the action research project *Women’s Rights and Access to Water and Sanitation in Asian Cities* from 2009 to 2011. Project work was focused on two re-location settlements within Delhi, India where local women were engaged to document the gender gaps in service provision. The main themes this project touched upon were governance and the involvement of poor women in decisions affecting water and sanitation in slum areas.
Through research completed during its first year, this project was able to identify various ways in which the impacts of inadequate services on low-income, urban-dwelling communities can be highly gendered. Specifically, this action research project discovered problems with access to water and sanitation (WATSAN) services - services not being accommodative. Flaws were also discovered within infrastructure and design which render many essential services inadequate. Within Women’s Rights and Access to Water and Sanitation in Asian Cities, the use of the women’s safety audit (WSA) was unique, as it aimed to identify the factors that increased or decreased the sense of safety experienced by women and girls in public spaces related to WATSAN services. Although project focus group discussions drew attention to the spaces where women felt harassed or threatened, the WSA walks uncovered the subtler forms of harassment that women and girls felt when they accessed WATSAN services. The WSAs also brought to attention previously overlooked issues, emphasising the role of poor infrastructure and design in the creation of unsafe environments.

This important action research project came to an end in 2011. Research findings and analysis were shared in the publication Gender and Essential Services in Low-income Communities: Report on the Findings of the Action Research Project Women’s Rights and Access to Water and Sanitation in Asian Cities (2011), available on the WICI website. This report features data generated from a mix of primary research methods (community consultations, expert consultations, rapid situational analysis, focus group discussions, in-depth interviews with community women and local stakeholders, and women’s safety audit walks) and secondary research methods (research based on available literature and relevant documents). It is our hope that the innovative work produced as part of this project and shared within the report will serve to inspire other groups around the world to use the WSA to begin to document and address gender gaps in essential services in their own communities. To this end, A Handbook on Women’s Safety Audits in Low-income Urban Neighbourhoods: A Focus on Essential Services was produced in 2010 (available on the WICI website).

Source: Women in Cities International. Women pointing at pictures showing various activities that were part of Women’s Rights and Access to Water and Sanitation in Asian Cities during a community event in Bawana, one of the two communities where action research was carried out.
Working with young women and girls through media to build safer, more inclusive cities

Within the safer cities for women movement, engaging adolescent girls has become a growing priority area. In April 2011, in partnership with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and Plan International, WICI organized a Fast-talk consultation on adolescent girls’ safety. The idea behind this action was that young women and girls are experts on their own needs and therefore, are best positioned to identify the issues and priorities that are critical in their present day and future lives.

At the same time, WICI received funding from Status of Women Canada to conduct a new Blueprint project on the theme “Preventing violence against women and girls and improving their security in Canadian cities through innovative, youth-led projects”. To ensure the project would be engaging for young women, WICI decided to incorporate art and media into a new girl-centered initiative, in which participants use tools such as photography, collage, blogging and video-making to raise awareness on issues that they have identified as important within their community in Montréal.

Within the My City, My Safety! project, participants engage in workshops to learn how to conduct women’s safety audits. They also participate in focus group discussions around different topics such as using urban design or street art to reclaim public space. From lack of proper lighting to issues of inaccessibility or the absence of youth-friendly spaces, adolescent girls learned about how urban development can impede, or, alternatively, enhance their security and feelings of inclusion in cities.

At the end of the first year of this two-year project, participants also took part in animation training workshops and the creation of a media product. The result was the Nomad Box, a human sized installation decorated with various photomontages and drawings made by the participants, illustrating how they experience urban public space and how they would improve it. The girls’ idea was to allow the viewer to live the city through their eyes.

Source: Fanie St-Michel. A group of participants taking part in a girls' safety audit walk in Montréal.
This youth-led project represents a big step towards engaging adolescent girls in the safe cities for women and girls movement. For WICI, this has been an occasion to apply its extensive international experience in building safer and more inclusive cities to Montréal, Canada, the city where it is based. By participating, girls are taking part in an exciting global movement, which aims to ensure that everybody’s voice, including that of members of society who are typically excluded from decision-making, is heard and taken into account in the development of cities.

**WICI introduces Safe Cities Curriculum to UN Women and partners**

WICI coordinated the production of a general curriculum on safer cities for women and girls for UN Women’s *Global Programme Safe Cities Free of Violence Against Women Girls*. Curriculum modules were produced by WICI and key partners: Huairou Commission, Red Mujer y Habitat and the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). These materials are being used as a starting point for action in five cities where the *Global Programme* will be carried out: Cairo, Egypt; New Delhi, India; Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea; Quito, Ecuador; and Kigali, Rwanda.

WICI introduced the 12-module curriculum at the UN Women *Global Programme on Safe Cities Free of Violence Against Women Girls* Stakeholders Planning Meeting “Designing Safe Cities with Women and Girls: Planning for Success” in Cairo, July 5-9, 2011. The meeting provided an opportunity for key stakeholders from *Global Programme* pilot cities Cairo, New Delhi, Port Moresby, Quito, and Kigali, along with global experts, to exchange on issues related to building safe cities for women and girls. The curriculum also provided a learning platform to advance local project designs.

**Continuing research to build the capacity of feminist organizations**

Women in Cities International is one of two organizations that are the focus of *Learning Through Difference: Multiscalar Forms of Feminist Organizing*, a three-year programme of action research (2008–2011), funded by Canada’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The goal of this research programme is to draw generalized lessons (both theoretical and strategic) on how to engage minority women in urban-based community politics. In the final year of this project, the research team has focused on analysis of the findings and the preparation of manuscripts for publication, together with a book proposal. The articles being prepared are a mixture of case-study-specific papers and more generalized discussions of issues having to do with feminist community organizing and inclusion. The first published result of this research will be an article in *Urban Geography* in 2012 titled “Urban Contestation in a Feminist Register”.
Events

**Expert group meeting: Girls’ safety in cities: Towards strength and resiliency**

WICI, along with UN-Habitat and Plan International, co-organized and participated in an expert group meeting (EGM) held in Nairobi, Kenya from April 6 – 8, 2011 titled “Girls’ Safety in Cities: Towards Strength and Resiliency.” The objectives of the EGM were (1) to review and validate a background document prepared for the meeting, (2) identify gaps in terms of the work being done on the intersections between girls, cities and safety, and (3) to define the priority areas for a programmatic framework for inclusive and safe cities for girls.

The meeting was organized in a multi-sectoral, multi-level fashion to incorporate the contributions and inputs of a multitude of stakeholders. EGM participants included experts from non-governmental organizations, grassroots leaders and representatives from community-based organizations, fast-talk experts, representatives from different United Nations agencies and other international agencies, and most importantly, girls themselves.

Over the course of the meeting, an integrated programming framework for girls safety and well-being was developed, which identified the gaps as well as priority focus areas for coordinated action in five cities around the world. It also identified key areas for interventions intended to build girls’ capacities and opportunities for actively engaging with their communities to make them safer and more inclusive.

**WICI attends UN-Habitat Governing Council meetings for the first time**

On April 11 – 15, 2011, WICI attended the 23rd Governing Council of UN-Habitat held in Nairobi, Kenya. WICI and the Huairou Commission supported resolutions that were passed marking major milestones in action for women’s safety. The first resolution, “Draft Sustainable Urban Development: the Right and Access to the City Reflected in Quality Urban Public Spaces,” was monumental for being the first resolution ever passed by the Governing Council that makes specific reference to the use of public space. The resolution “Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in Sustainable Urban Development” called for the formation of an Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI). This group would be comprised of members of grassroots organizations, leaders of women’s groups, local government officials, associations of professionals, and members of the private sector to act as an independent advisory body to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat. The “Draft Resolution on Sustainable Urban Development through Policies for Safer Cities and Crime Prevention” integrates the Safer Cities approach for the first time for UN-Habitat as a key component of sustainable urban development.
WICI, in conjunction with the Huairou Commission, UN-Habitat, and UN Women, organized a side event for the Governing Council on April 14, 2011 called “Safer Public Spaces for Women and Girls.” This roundtable discussion positioned women’s safety around the idea of planning and management of public spaces and public transit. The session, organized in a talk show format, featured a diversity of panelists reflecting on the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships for successful safer cities strategies. The range of panelists included grassroots women leaders, local government officials, planners, and representatives from media networks that have been involved in making cities safer for women and girls. The participants spoke of successful interventions around creating safe spaces for women and by doing so, increasing the possibility of sustainable urbanization.

**Gender Inclusive Cities studio course at McGill University**

“The Gender Inclusive Cities Studio has been the most inspirational, educational and eye-opening studio that I have ever undertaken in my tertiary studies…I learnt so much about the factors that create gender inequality, the safety of women within cities and public open spaces, gender-based violence and the fear of violence, the importance of empowering women and minority groups to make changes within their communities, and the relationship of these issues with various urban environments and architecture in the local and international context.”

– Student, Gender Inclusive Cities Studio

In 2011, the *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme* included a studio course at McGill University in Montréal, Canada. Course work was based on *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme* concepts and was offered to University of Melbourne (Australia), Carleton University (Canada) and McGill University (Canada) architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning and urban design graduate and post-graduate students. Students in the studio:

- Analyzed environmental design and management from a gendered perspective
- Learned about the women’s safety audit methodology, and several pledged to incorporate it in their professional work
- Were exposed to cross-regional data analysis collected within the *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme*

The course was designed and co-implemented by instructors from the University of Melbourne and McGill University as well as WICI.

**Partnership between Women in Cities International and a Montréal hot spot to raise funds and create a safer experience for patrons**

In the summer of 2011, WICI announced an exciting and innovative partnership with les Terrasses Bonsecours in Montréal, Canada. Les Terrasses Bonsecours, a seasonal ice cream shop, bistro, bar, and nightclub, recognized that its physical location in Montréal’s Old Port on the quays required both staff and patrons to walk through dark and isolated streets in order to get to public transit and other services. This created situations which felt unsafe and stressful for women in particular. Event organizers, in a joint collaborative effort, took measures to improve the safety and security of female staff and patrons at the venue. Golf-carts were made available on-site to escort women to a nearby main street to ensure that they have safe access to public transit and taxis. Les Terrasses Bonsecours and WICI co-hosted a summer event which helped raise awareness about women’s safety and promoted women’s rights to participate in Montreal’s nightlife.
Also, in September 2011, Sommelier Rachel Kerswell and Women in Cities International (WICI) hosted a wine tasting event at Les Terrasses Bonsecours to support WICI’s ongoing work. The fundraiser helped shed light on gender equity and safety issues in the wine profession. In her welcome speech, Rachel Kerswell emphasized the fact that the wine industry has seen increasing numbers of women sommeliers, a position traditionally held by men. The fundraiser celebrated women’s advancement and increased visibility in the wine industry by showcasing a line-up of wines produced by female winemakers.

Proceeds from the events were donated to WICI to continue its important work of making cities around the world safer and more inclusive of women and girls.

**Introduction to Creating Safer Gender Inclusive Cities online seminar**

A two-week online seminar, *Introduction to Creating Safer Gender Inclusive Cities*, was organized by WICI in partnership with Red Mujer y Habitat de America Latina and CEUR-CONICET (Argentina) in November 2011 in order to share learning and experience from the *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme*. The seminar featured articles and video lectures from key actors in the safe cities for women field, as well as interactive discussion forums facilitated by WICI experts and *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme* implementing partners. The goal of the seminar was to share both *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme* concepts and learning accumulated by WICI and the programme’s implementing partners. Over 50 people participated in the seminar, drawn from NGOs, international and UN agencies, local governments, professional associations and academic institutions in 20 countries and 34 cities. The online seminar represented a new way of sharing information internationally within the safe cities for women field.

**Communication for Development (C4D) and its potential to empower adolescent girls**

From November 14 – 17, 2011 in New Delhi, India, WICI participated in the 12th UN Round Table on “Communication for Development (C4D): The Role of C4D in Empowering Adolescent Girls”.

The round table discussed the continued expansion of information and networking technologies that have increased citizen participation and empowerment, and have large potential for facilitating community empowerment and social change. Participants shared examples of how C4D principles and strategies can be applied to support the needs of adolescent girls and contribute to their safety, education, livelihood and overall empowerment.

Representatives from civil society organizations, various UN agencies, and adolescent girls themselves formed the nearly 100 participants of the roundtable. The meeting’s objectives were to show how C4D has the potential to improve initiatives for and with adolescent girls across various sectors and agencies. Participants also explored new avenues in collaboration among global, regional and national levels on C4D.
WICI led a panel discussion entitled “Right to be Informed and to Participate: Voices of Adolescent Girls.” This panel discussed the underlying challenges that young girls (particularly from marginalized and excluded groups) face in their daily lives while trying to strengthen their visibility and voice, and contributing to their families and communities. Panelists included adolescent girls, as well as Plan International and UN-Habitat representatives.

All participants in the roundtable brainstormed seven key recommendations for the United Nations to consider over the next two years regarding advocacy, capacity development, strengthening research and knowledge management.

**National Day of Action**

On Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2012, WICI project My City, My Safety! was selected to participate in the Girls’ Action Foundation National Day of Action in Montréal, Canada. Project participants contributed to a collective love letter addressed to girls across Canada to highlight their efforts in community engagement. Also, a short video clip was produced where participating girls took the opportunity to express why they are engaged in My City, My Safety!, from giving women, girls, and youth a voice, to preserving the environment and contributing to safer cities.

Videos can be viewed through the following links:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=O_7Ar_py5k4
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=VwLPqh6gZq4

As part of these activities, participants also engaged with members of the city’s homeless community in an attempt to demystify homelessness and create a dialogue on the issue. This activity was organized after project participants identified the presence of homeless people as a factor that increased their perceived insecurity during a women’s safety audit walk. The meeting was held at the offices of WICI’s partner, Action femmes handicapées (Montréal). Food was served by the Maison Benedict Labre, which accommodates homeless men and women in the Montreal neighborhood of Griffintown.

This session helped participants better understand the complexity of homelessness, and provided an opportunity for open discussion on different experiences of safety and inclusion in the city.

Source: Women in Cities International. My City, My Safety participants discussing with members of the city’s homeless community the issue of homelessness.
WICI participates in the development of an international Advisory Group on Gender Issues for UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat recognizes the need for a more focused look at women’s empowerment, gender equity, gender equality and gender mainstreaming as a cross-cutting set of concerns that should effect all levels of its programming. To this end, WICI participated in preparatory working group meetings in New York City on February 24 – 25, 2012 in order to develop Terms of Reference for an Advisory Group on Gender Issues (AGGI) and recommendations for a profile of members.

As a result of these meetings, the AGGI was conceptualized as an independent advisory body consisting of women’s group leaders, local authorities, policy makers, academic institutions, and members of the private sector. The AGGI’s goals are to work toward advancing the cause of women in sustainable urban development through taking note of gender at local, national, regional, and global levels and providing guidance and policy advice across various programmes. The AGGI is due to be formally launched at the World Urban Forum (WUF) in Naples, Italy in September 2012.

Because I am a Girl Urban Programme: Safe Cities for Adolescent Girls

The overarching goal of the Because I am a Girl Urban Programme (BIAGG UP) is to build safe, accountable, and inclusive cities with and for girls in all their diversity.

On March 5 – 6, 2012, WICI, Plan International, and UN-Habitat organized a first partners meeting for BIAGG UP in New York City. This occasion brought together representatives from Plan International offices in the five cities where the programme will be carried out: Cairo, Egypt; Delhi, India; Hanoi, Vietnam; Lima, Peru; and Kampala, Uganda. Collectively, the Plan International team, UN-Habitat and WICI developed a global strategy for this new international programme to build safe, accountable, and inclusive cities with and for girls in all their diversity. The team agreed on overarching programme goals and expected outcomes for the BIAAG UP, and on guiding principles and approaches to guide the work.

WICI Participates in first ever online Grassroots Academy

From March 12 – 23, 2012, WICI participated in the first ever online Grassroots Academy, a facilitated discussion forum, hosted by the Huairou Commission. This event was held as a precursor to UN-Habitat’s World Urban Forum VI (to be held in Italy in September 2012). It brought together various grassroots representatives, academics, and development professionals to discuss themes in the lives of women at the community level. In addition to participating in the academy, WICI encouraged past and present partners to sign up for the academy and shared lessons based on prior experience of conducting “webinars.” The online academy was organized around three theme-based forums on Community and Innovation; Policy and Partnership; and Grassroots Organizing and Leadership Development. The process familiarized a wide group of participants with the new Women and Human Settlements Portal (http://womenandhumansettlements.org/), which will act as a network between grassroots practitioners and other development actors. The website will be used to amalgamate a set of priorities in tackling issues such as social and economic inequality, the AIDS pandemic, and negative effects of urbanization. The Huairou Commission will put forth the priorities discussed at the Academy during the World Urban Forum.
Standing against street harassment

Women in Cities International was an official sponsor of *Anti-Street Harassment Week*, an international movement held during the third week of March, in which participants join forces to collectively raise awareness that street harassment is a global problem. As a part of *Anti-Street Harassment Week*, WICI held two key events in the week of March 18-24, 2012.

On March 20, 2012, WICI partnered with Radio CKUT and the 2110 Center for Gender Advocacy, two Montréal, Canada-based organizations, to organize an introductory women’s safety audit walk (WSA) in the downtown area. Both Radio CKUT and the 2110 Gender Advocacy Center have been collaborating with WICI to exchange information, advice and expertise on youth- and women-centered programming.

The WSA coincided with a major student demonstration taking place within the Montréal downtown area, which influenced how public space was being used and participant mobility/access. This event also led to an interesting discussion among young women participants on safety and the presence of police forces in public space in different contexts.

On March 21, 2012, WICI launched its publication *Tackling Gender Exclusion*. The publication is based on the findings and experiences of the *Gender Inclusive Cities Programme* which was funded by the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women. This publication was launched with the aim of disseminating the knowledge and experience gained by all project partners.

Tools for Gathering Information about Women’s Safety and Inclusion in Cities: Experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme

This report takes the form of a toolkit and provides guidance and tools for the collection of information on women’s safety and inclusion in cities, based on experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme. Tools for Gathering Information about Women’s Safety and Inclusion in Cities is based on the principle that the best way to understand how women and girls experience the city is to consult women and girls themselves, and make them an integral part of the urban decision-making process. It provides guidelines for street surveys, women’s safety audits, focus group discussions, and policy and programme review. Tools are also offered in Spanish, Russian, Hindi and Swahili.

Tackling Gender Inclusion: Experiences from the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme

Tackling Gender Inclusion is the final publication of the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme. The report is based on the key findings and experiences of the programme, which is the first cross-regional, multi-country programme in the safe cities for women field.

Tackling Gender Inclusion not only details the successes of the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme and the trends that emerged in the safe cities for women field across the four participating countries, but also highlights the challenges faced and lessons learned while implementing the project. Hence, the report aims to disseminate the knowledge and experience gained by all partners working over three years.

Gender and Essential Services in Low-income Communities:

This publication reports on the findings of the Action Research Project on Women’s Right and Access to Water and Sanitation in Asian Cities.

The report introduces the context of the project, provides information on Delhi and the communities where the project took place, and includes a detailed description of the project methodology and timeline, research findings, interventions, results and reflections.
Adolescent Girls Creating Safer Cities: Harnessing the Potential of Communication for Development (C4D)

This publication reports on using the Communication for Development (C4D) methodology as a strategy for creating safer cities for girls. C4D is based on the principle that girls are experts of their own safety in the city, and are best positioned to identify issues and priorities that affect them today and in the future. Focusing on dialogue, community participation and ownership, C4D leverages modern and established communication technologies to promote the rights of girls in the city, and to create a level playing field for everyone to access all of a country’s social benefits. The report offers more information on this process, including the challenges of using C4D within the context of creating safer cities for girls.

Ten Point Guide to Creating Gender Inclusive Cities

The Ten Point Guide to Creating Gender Inclusive Cities is based on the experiences of all the partners who worked on the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme. It highlights the top ten actions that influenced the successes of the programme in creating gender inclusive cities.
As part of the Women’s Access to Water, Sanitation and Essential Services, Jagori worked with the Women’s Feature Service (WFS) to produce a series of six articles that focus on different aspects of the project (Link to summary on WFS website of the whole series: http://www.wfsnews.org/wfs-jagri-inside-may-2011.html):

- ‘We will not be forgotten’: How to reclaim the neighbourhood” by Aditi Bishnoi, 22 June 2011, http://jagori.org/we-will-not-be-forgotten-how-to-reclaim-the-neighbourhood/


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Information Centre of the Independent Women’s Forum - Moscow, Russia
International Centre for the Prevention of Crime - Montréal, Canada
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