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<u>ACRONYMS AND</u> **ABBREVIATIONS**

CBO Community-Based Organization

CCAM Centre Culturel Africain du Maroc CTA Cairo Transport Authority

DCW Delhi Commission for Women

FGD Focus Group Discussion

IPG Institute of Politics and Governance

GBV Gender-Based Violence

GCRTRA Greater Cairo Region Transport Regulatory Authority

KII Key informant interviews

LGBT Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender

METRAC Toronto Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children

METRO National Authority for Tunnels and Roads

MWCD Ministry of Women and Child Development

MWD Municipal Women's Directorate

MSB Meri Safe Bus

NGO Non-Government Organisation

NCDC National Capital District Commission

NUCA New Urban Communities Authority

NYC New York City

OSAM Open Street Audit Mapping

PNG Papua New Guinea

PWD Public Works Department

RTA Road Transport Authority

SH Sexual Harassment

SV Sexual Violence

SVAWG Sexual Violence against Women and Girls

SDG Sustainable Development Goal

TOT Train of Trainers

UN United Nations

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme

UTTIPEC Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure Planning Center

VAWG Violence against Women and Girls

WSA Women Safety Audit

INTRODUCTION

Each city that participates in UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Initiative commits to create safe and empowering public spaces for women and girls free from sexual harassment (SH) and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls (SVAWG). Through a comprehensive human rights and evidence-based approach, cities develop practical solutions in four main action areas. These include: ensuring that locally relevant and owned solutions are identified, strengthening laws and policies, investing in the safety and economic viability of public spaces, and fostering transformative social norms that promote women and girls' rights to use public spaces free from SH and other forms of sexual violence (SV).

This International Compendium addresses local authorities, policy makers, women's rights organizations, researchers and other practitioners committed to creating safe and sustainable cities and public spaces for women and girls across the world.

The compendium illustrates in a practical way some practices, strategies, and tools from women's safety partnerships in cities, including those that have developed safe city and safe public spaces programmes that form part of the Global Initiative.

For the most part, promising practices have been selected among those which have led to positive outcomes, involve collaborative partnerships, innovative action, and address women's safety in public spaces with an intersectional approach.

These women-led solutions range from: addressing gaps in data, establishing strong versatile partnerships

with different sectors to develop and strengthen laws and policies to prevent and respond to sexual harassment, to ensuring urban and transport plans inclusive of women's and men's needs and developing initiatives to change social norms.

It is important to note that while some city initiatives in the International Compendium illustrate action in one outcome area (e.g. building partnerships, or developing and implementing a law or policy), other city initiatives described may have advanced their journey across several outcome areas in the pathway to change. All cities are committed to advancing action in all areas of the Flagship Initiative, and local interventions should be seen as part of the comprehensive approach that the city is implementing. As this is an evolving area of research and practice, it is also important to recognize that what works well in one context may not always be easily transferable to another.



In UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Flagship Initiative, each city adapts a Global Framework and accompanying package of tools to their local context. As a first step, cities conduct a scoping study, which provides specific data to ensure a deep understanding of the nature of SH and other forms of sexual violence against women and girls (SVAWG). It also reviews available data on the extent of the issue and identifies key partners who may be working to prevent and respond to this form of violence, or other related areas to draw on their experience and create synergies. Following the results of the scoping study, a participatory programme design session is held with key stakeholders (government authorities, women's rights groups and NGOs, schools, the police, local businesses) to discuss and validate the findings of the study and enable partners to develop a holistic safe city and safe public spaces with women and girls' initiative. This includes a process to ensure that gender responsive locally relevant and owned interventions are identified and includes a set of results with indicators that help to ensure shared accountability among programme partners.

1.1 Montevideo, Uruguay: Addressing the gap of sex disaggregated data

Summary

In Montevideo, Uruguay the city partnered with the Faculty of Social science of the Republic University of Montevideo (Universidad de la Republica) with technical support of UN Women, and financial support of the Government of Canada, and the UK National Committee for UN Women to conduct the Scoping Study to inform the development of the city's safe city free of violence against women and

Scoping Studies capture information on what groups of women are more likely to experience and fear this form of violence, and where and when SH happens in public spaces. Data collected and/or reviewed at the local level and disaggregated by sex, age, ability, race etc. allows for a deep understanding of the issue.

The study further identifies gaps and opportunities

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