



# TEN POINT GUIDE TO CREATING GENDER INCLUSIVE CITIES

Based on what we have learned over the past two and a half years of the Gender Inclusive Cities Programme, these are the top ten actions that have influenced our successes:

1. **Recognizing** that different forms of GBV are a barrier to women's right to the city, including women's ability to freely access and enjoy public spaces and participate in decision-making processes, is a key first step.
2. **Partnering** among stakeholders including women, local government, women's organisations and others is an effective mechanism to bring about positive changes in public spaces to make it inclusive and safe for all.
3. **Engaging** with a wide range of stakeholders provides an opportunity to deepen understanding and commitment to the creation of safe and inclusive cities.
4. **Exploring** the everyday experiences of a diversity of women and girls and the community through street surveys, focus group discussions and women's safety audits is an effective way to obtain comprehensive and reliable, context-specific data on gender inclusion and exclusion in relation to GBV.
5. **Analyzing** this data, and data from reviewing existing policies and programmes in each context, has given us the basis to develop effective interventions using a **Right to the City** approach – asserting that everyone has an equal right to public space and to decision-making around public space.
6. **Planning** interventions so that the **problems** are addressed through **activities** with clear outputs and **outcomes**, leading to desired **impacts**, has made our work stronger.
7. **Empowering** women, girls and other stakeholders through increasing public awareness of the issues of violence in public space, engaging women at the neighbourhood level to take leadership, advocating for policy changes to budgets and to public spaces and using media has created a strong support base for our organisations and for local politics.
8. **Mutual support** between community-based women's organizations globally through the internet and face-to-face meetings encourages learning and reflection has helped to develop an international community of practice that will make our own work, and the work of others, more powerful.
9. **Communicating** our work locally, nationally, and globally, through media coverage, public meetings, murals, websites, social networking sites, art exhibits, radio shows, music, and all conventional, new, and alternate media needs to be done on a regular basis.
10. **Sustaining** achievements, including practical actions, networks and contacts, knowledge-sharing and changed attitudes, is essential to ensure that the effort to create safe and inclusive cities is continued.