

SAFETIPIN NEWSLETTER

Building a world where everyone can move around without fear especially women and other excluded groups.

Projects

Creating safe public spaces and public transport in Durban, South Africa

On September 1, 2022, our partners, E Thekweni municipality in South Africa hosted a day long event to launch the report of Safety Audits in Durban. The report is a consolidated document of a data collected using a variety of Safetipin tools. The Mayor of Durban, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, launched the report, and emphasised the importance of the project. The event was attended by representatives of the local government, civil society organisations, police, taxi associations and community based organisations. Nomusa Shembe, Senior Manager Safer Cities has anchored the entire program and has integrated the data into the City Safety strategy. The collaboration with the municipality has also led to Safetipin data being integrated into the city dashboard led by Dr. Sandile Mbatha, Senior Manager Research and Policy Advocacy of the city. The event was co hosted by Safetipin, Soul City Institute and South African Cities Network (SACN) and supported by the Womanity Foundation.

An innovative aspect of the project was the partnership with the Taxi Association to map insecurities and issues faced by women while using public transport in the city. A detailed assessment was done using the Safetipin Site tool which has been analysed and presented in the report.

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This event is the culmination of a three-year project on building safer cities and safe mobility for women in Durban. In addition to a city-wide mapping using Safetipin Nite, the project also did a deep dive into two neighbourhoods in partnership with the Masiphephe network - that works towards reducing vulnerability to Gender Based Violence (GBV) through advocacy, providing services, and managing a community response in South Africa.

Creative communication was a cornerstone of the project led by Soul City Institute (SCI). SCI is a well-known feminist organisation in South Africa that has a social change model that combines prime time popular mass media and social media with social mobilization and policy advocacy to create an enabling environment for individual and collective approaches to realizing constitutionally guaranteed rights. To get a wider engagement on the issue, they developed a social media campaign from the experiences of women as narrated by them through the data collection and community engagement processes.



Sharing Safety and Accessibility Mapping of Socially Vulnerable Neighborhoods in Buenos Aires

Safetipin in collaboration with CAF-Development Bank of Latin America conducted a study on women's safety, accessibility, and mobility in and around 8 neighbourhoods with some of the most socially vulnerable communities of Buenos Aires. The prime objective of the study was to spatially map the neighbourhoods to identify key safety, accessibility, and connectivity concerns, particularly for girls and women.



The study uses both quantitative as well as qualitative tools to collect information on physical infrastructure as well as social usage of public spaces within the selected neighbourhoods. In addition to Safetipin applications, participatory workshops were conducted with women from the neighborhoods to better understand their mobility related concerns.

The datasets collected were analyzed to identify key gaps in the city infrastructure that restricts girls and women from using public spaces especially at night. The findings of this study reinforce the importance of lighting, availability of reliable and safe public transport and police presence in shaping women's perception of safety.

We are compiling the study findings and key action points for improving women's mobility and their overall perception of safety within the project area. The report will soon be published on our website.



'Cities for You(th)' -YAARA Advocates program

Safetipin along with its partners The YP Foundation, Saarth, School of Planning and Architecture Delhi and Start Up! are implementing the 'Cities for You(th)' project supported by Fondation Botnar, in four cities in Rajasthan to understand and improve the wellbeing of urban youth with a focus on young women. As part of this, the YAARA (Youth Advocacy for Accountability on Rights and Action) Advocates' Program was launched on the 10th of August, 2022 in Jaipur and Udaipur. A cohort of 16 young advocates have been undergoing training on the subject of understanding gender and socialization, violence in cities, and urban policy framework in the state of Rajasthan. These training have been conducted by The YP Foundation along with the on-ground team of Saarth. The advocates are assigned various assignments to develop further understanding of the subject, including visits to nearby police stations, Mahila thana, and developing familiarity with SHO, beat officers, and women patrolling officers there. Going ahead, Safetipin team will be conducting training on safe access to public spaces, data collection with My Safetipin App, and building their capacity to use data and technology for youth urban well-being.



Safetipin at World Vision International Webinar

The World Vision International (a global organization working towards the well-being of children particularly those from the vulnerable communities) organized a webinar for members of its urban community of practice on Aug 18, 2022. Ankita from our team introduced Safetipin and shared our methodology and work to the participants. The interactive session focused on the use of the app, data and technology to improve safety, accessibility and mobility of users with a specific focus on the needs of children.

Product and Media

My Safetipin app

Cities are designed for men, by men. How do we make them more inclusive for women and excluded groups?

The My Safetipin app gives you a platform to share your concerns and have YOUR voice heard. How? It's simple- do safety audits on the app whenever you are out in a public space. Whenever we are working in your city, we will take your view to the local authorities with recommendations for actionable change on-ground.

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