

# Safety Audit Assessment Honduras





# Project Overview

## An Overview

**Aim:** Identify the key factors which make girls and women feel unsafe while using public spaces within the mapped neighbourhoods

### Objectives



Conduct audits to gather evidence-based data on safety audit parameters in the selected areas.



Analyze the data and assimilate key concerns.



Provide action points to improve safety in the selected areas.

### Scope of Work

#### UNICEF

Mobilize volunteers for data collection

Carry out safety audits on-ground

#### Safetipin

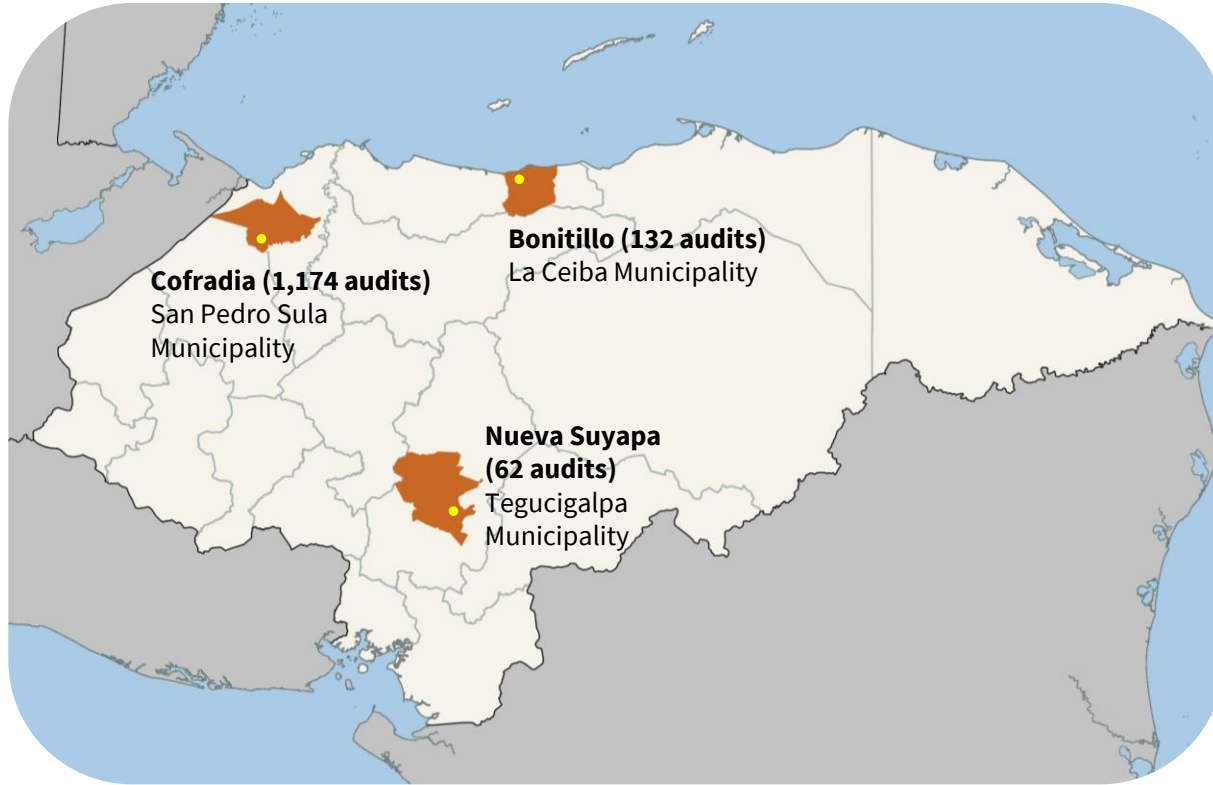
Train auditors mobilized by UNICEF

Analyze audit data

Suggest action points

# Methodology

A total of 1,368 safety audits were conducted in the three selected areas using MySafetipin app



## Safety audit parameters on MySafetipin app

Collect crowdsourced data on physical infrastructure and social environment to assess safety in public space.



Light



Walk path



Openness



Visibility



Transport



Security



People



Gender usage



Feeling

# Activities & Timeline



\*MySafetipin audits were carried out during the day as suggested by UNICEF, owing to unsafe conditions in the audit areas.



# Findings & Insights

**Cofradia**



WALKPATH



VISIBILITY



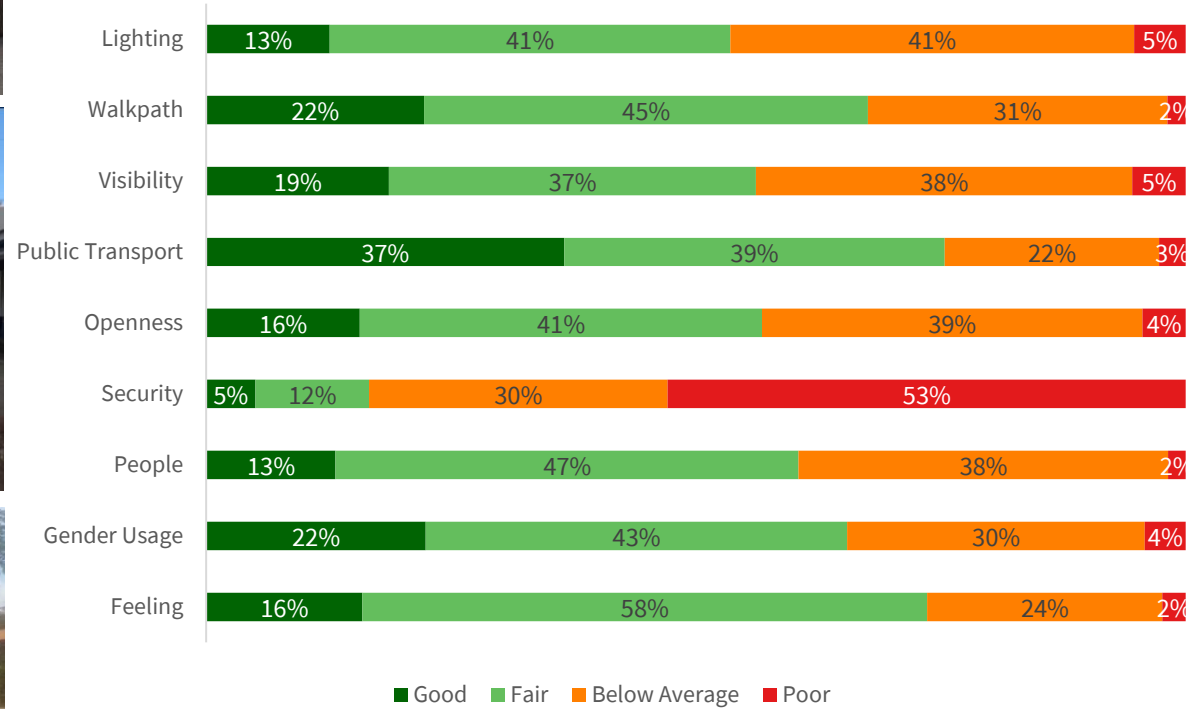
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# Cofradia

1,174 audit points

## Safety Parameters

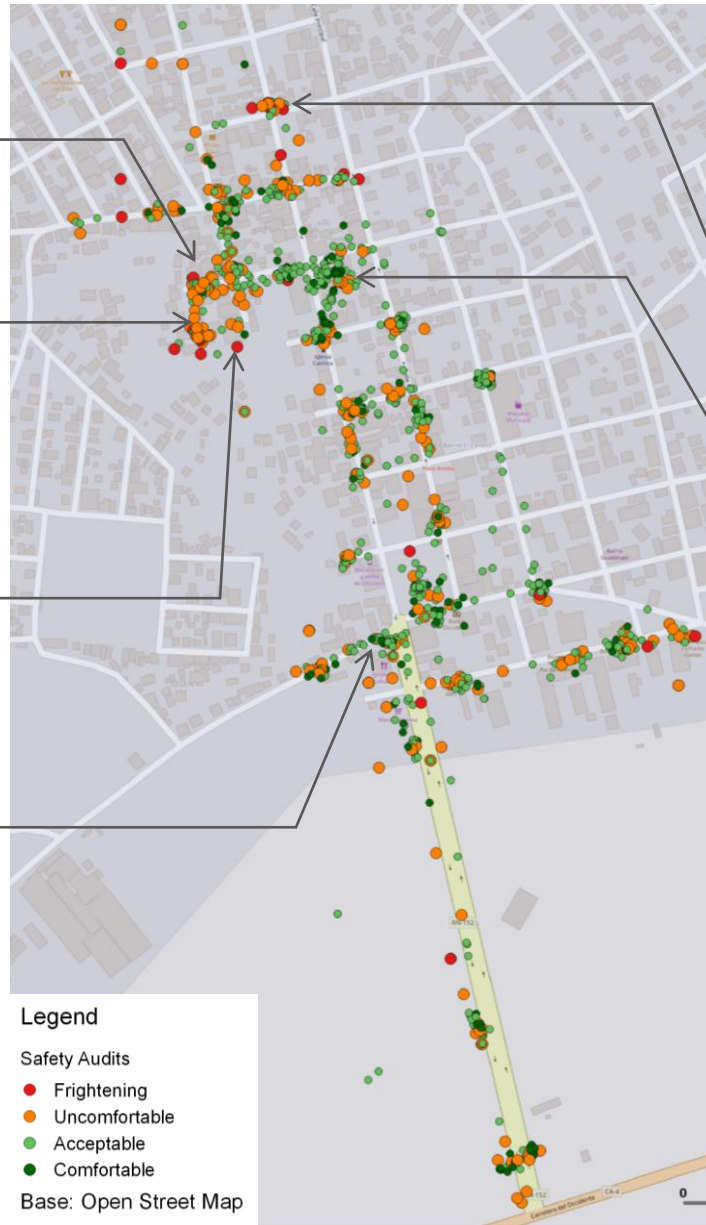


*"It is somewhat dark and there are few people in the area. I do not feel safe here."*  
(around auto parts shop)

*"It's an uncomfortable place, not enough lighting and no police around."*  
(near auto parts shop)

*"I feel terrified in this place. You can be assaulted."*  
(near auto parts shop)

*"I feel safe in this area because transport services are close by. There are many people around of diverse gender group."*  
(around Donaldo Sabillón Park)



*Auditors felt comfortable in areas frequented by people, while uncomfortable in dark or poorly lit areas*

*"I feel unsafe here as a woman with little lighting and lack of security. I sense danger."* (near paint store)

*"There are many shops and people around. I feel comfortable here."* (around shopping centres)



Image of a poorly lit street in Cofradia

## Perception of safety has a strong linkage to commercial activities and presence of people on the street



Image showing people and shops on a busy street.

Auditors felt safe at **74%** of the audited points.

Of which, **66%** audit points were rated high on 'Visibility' parameter

&

**72%** audit points were rated high on 'People' parameter.



*"I feel comfortable here. There are many people around and also the streets have good lighting."*

- Woman, 18



*"There are many shops and people around. I feel comfortable here."*

- Woman, 16

## Women feel uncomfortable in public spaces which are used by few people

**Women auditors reported feeling unsafe at 26% of the audit points.**

At **73%** of these audit points, 'People' parameter was also rated low.



Images showing deserted streets.



*"It is a scary place with very few people around. Also, there is no presence of police here."*

- Woman, 20



*"It is an unsafe place because there are very few people and businesses, and little space for vehicles to pass by."*

- Woman, 47

## Narrow and obstructed walkpath were rated poorly



**33%** of the audit points were rated low on the 'Walkpath' parameter.

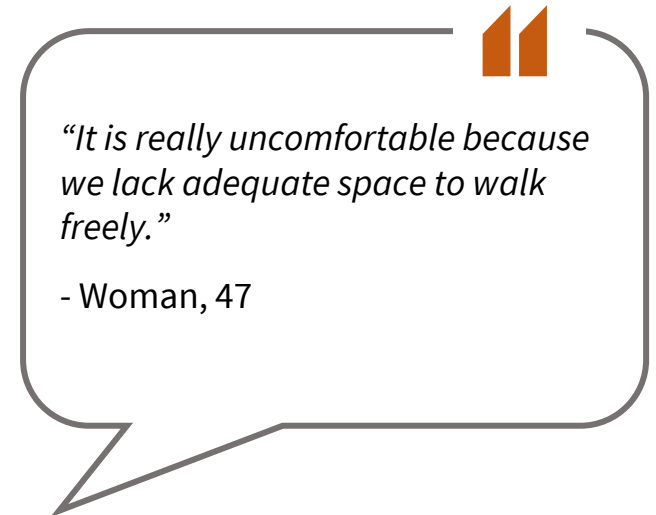
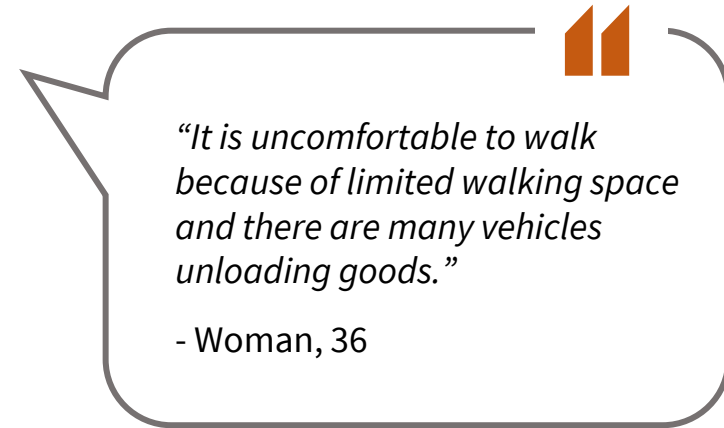


Image (left): A walkpath obstructed by vehicular parking; (right): A narrow, unkept walkpath hindering pedestrian experience.

## Transit areas were rated high on safety



Images showing people around para transit stops.

Auditors reported feeling safe at **74%** audit points

Of which, **83%** points were rated high on 'Public Transport' parameter.

*"It is a safe area as public transport is very close by. I feel comfortable here."*

- Woman, 19

*"The transport service is very close by. There are many people around and there is enough visibility. I feel safe here."*

- Man, 14

## Both men and women fear violence and harassment around liquor stores

“In this place, alcohol is sold throughout the night. I sense danger walking in this place.”

- Man, 40

“This is a very dangerous place because they sell alcoholic beverages here. It is terrifying at night.”

- Woman, 41

Images near places selling liquors . These were rated low on ‘Feeling’ parameter.

“I feel terrified in this place, here you can be assaulted.”

- Woman, 40



## Key Action Points



- Ensure **walkpath is clear of all obstructions** including vehicular parking, loading and unloading of goods to improve pedestrian access.
- **Encourage varied commercial activities** in and around the places selling/ serving liquors to improve women's perception of safety.
- **Support street vending/ small businesses especially by women** to promote natural surveillance of the street.
- **Ensure that the transit areas are well-lit, and provide seatings and shelter** to provide comfort and safety
- **Improve streetlighting and ensure periodic maintenance** to enhance women's perception of safety at night.



# Findings & Insights

**Bonitillo**



WALKPATH



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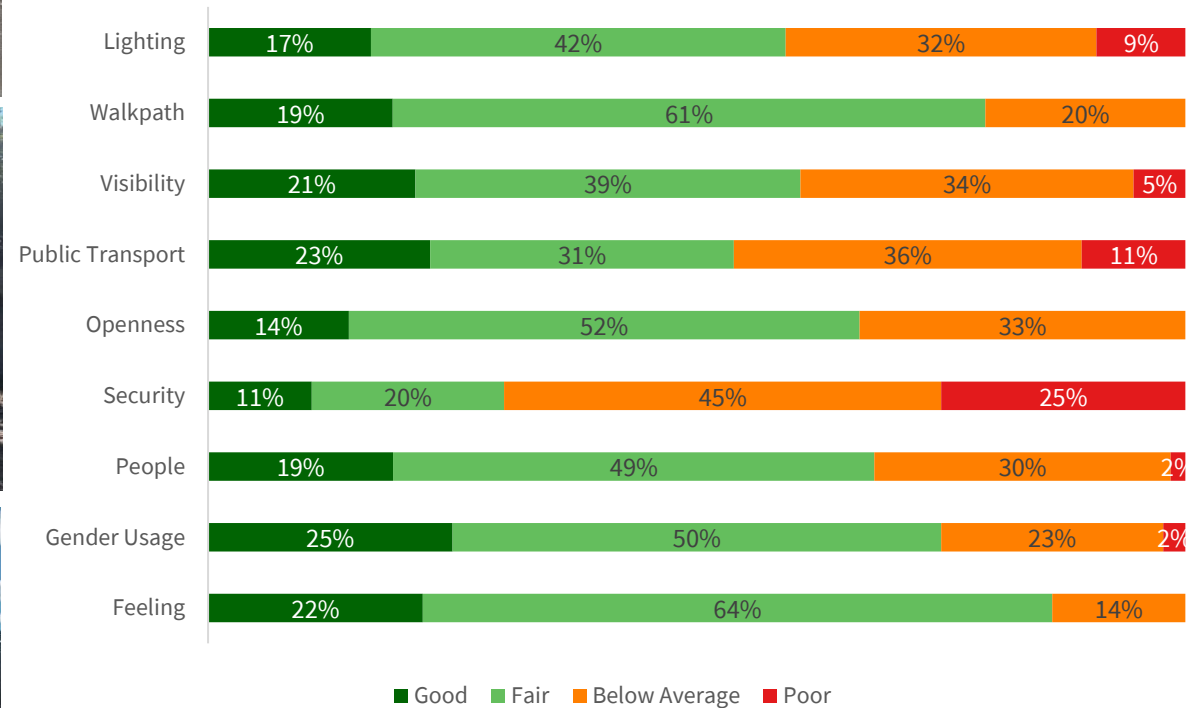
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# Bonitillo

132 audit points

## Safety Parameters



Legend

Safety Audits

- Frightening
- Uncomfortable
- Acceptable
- Comfortable

Base: Open Street Map



## Auditors felt safe around places frequented by people and unsafe in poorly lit areas

“I feel slight uncomfortable at night. It is a bit dark and lonely. But during the day, there is a lot of movement, children playing, there are grocery stores nearby and public transportation passes by just a block away.” (around school area)

“I feel unsafe here. It is a place that does not have any security and there is almost no lighting. I remember young people in this block running into danger.” (near car service station)

“It is a central area with a diverse group of people around. I feel very comfortable and safe due to the presence of many houses and businesses around.” (near Evangelical church)

“There is a small play field and a church. I see diverse set of people around this place. Also, this area has decent street lighting and I feel safe here.”

“It is a comfortable place to be in. There are soccer field and grocery stores with presence of many people around.” (around Vida Mejor Park)



Image of a neighborhood park where the auditors felt safe

## Activities on the street influence women's perception of safety



*"It is an accessible place with grocery store, clothing store, bus station, taxi station and diverse people passing by. It is a vibrant place."*

- Woman, 39

Women auditors reported feeling safe at **87%** audit points.

Of which, **65%** of the locations were rated high on 'Visibility' parameter.



*"It is an area with very few people in the street, and that does not have good street lighting. Also, there are no grocery stores nearby."*

- Woman, 32

## Women feel confident to use public spaces in the presence of people on the street

Women auditors reported feeling safe at **87%** audit points.

Of which, **75%** audit points were rated high on 'People' parameter.



Images showing people – both men and women on the streets.

*“This is a very comfortable area to move around with a lot of diverse set of people in the street.”*

- Woman, 31

*“This area has diverse people. There are variety of grocery stores, but with little street lighting.”*

- Woman, 18

## Key Action Points



- **Provide streetlighting of appropriate lux level** to encourage women to use public spaces after dark without hesitation or fear.
- **Provide dedicated and evenly-paved walkpath** to improve pedestrian environment.
- **Provide street furniture such as benches** around parks, fields and religious places to facilitate women to socialize in public spaces.
- **Promote informal shopping/vending activities** – to increase women’s participation in public spaces and improving overall perception of safety.



# Findings & Insights

**Nueva Suyapa**



WALKPATH



VISIBILITY



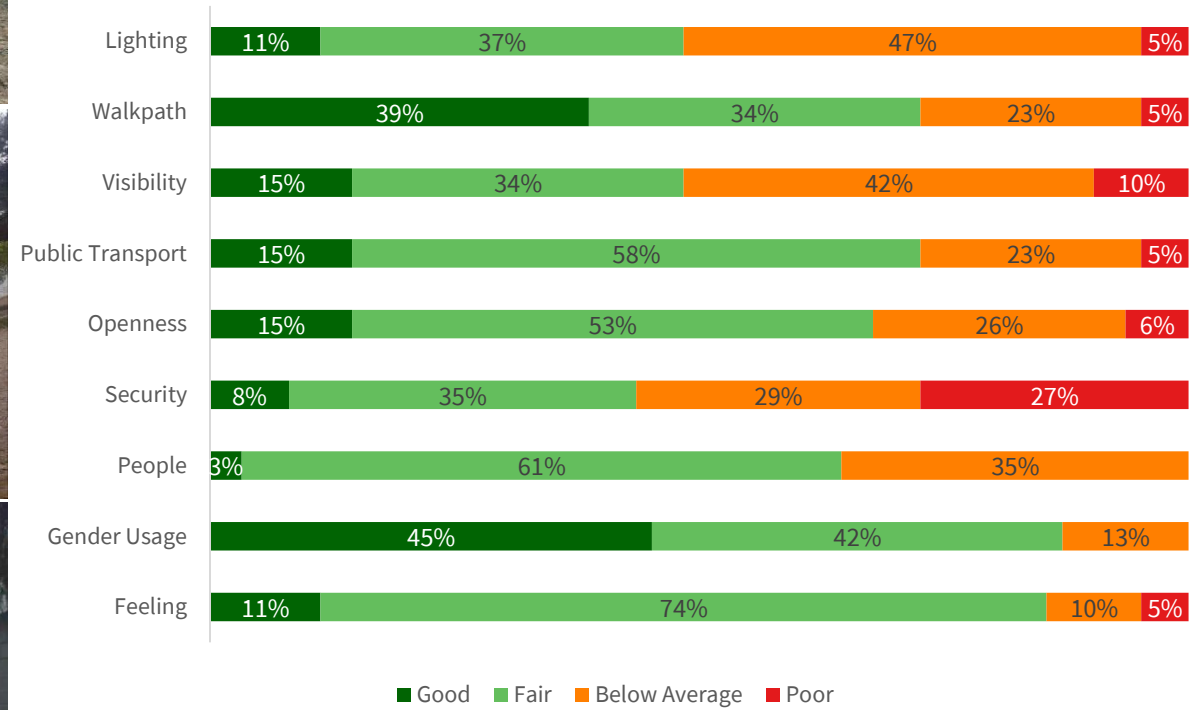
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# Neuva Suyapa

62 audit points

## Safety Parameters



# Auditors felt unsafe in the areas with low visibility and poor security

*"I feel unsafe here since the streets have high boundary wall and there are very few people around."*  
(around school area)



*"I feel unsafe because there is violence here."*  
(near a school)

*"Need better lighting and more security in this area as it is not safe for children and young people who pass by it."*  
(near a school)



*"It is a safe area, mainly during the day. But lacks security at night."* (near a clothing store)

## Streets with high boundary walls and no/few people around make women uncomfortable in public spaces



Image showing streets with high boundary walls and very few people around.

Women auditors reported feeling unsafe at **15%** audit points.

Of which, **71%** the locations were rated low on both 'Visibility' and 'People' parameters.

*"I feel unsafe here since the streets have high boundary walls and I see very few people around."*

- Woman, 20

*"I feel very insecure as there are not many people around and also because of poor security in the area."*

- Woman, 22

## Key Action Points



- **Reduce the height of solid boundary walls** or provide grills, wherever applicable, to improve visibility of the street.
- **Encourage curb-side businesses** (vendors/ shops) that increase footfall and thereby improve women's perception of safety in public spaces.
- **Ensure police patrolling around vulnerable areas** such as schools, parks, etc. to ensure safe access to school for children.

## Overall Recommendations



Provide **wide walkpath with universally accessible elements** to improve accessibility of elderly, children and disabled individuals.



Provide **pedestrian street lights** such that it benefits pedestrians on the walkpath for improved visibility and safety at night.



Support **women-led small businesses** to uplift their economic and social status.  
Organize night events such as night markets to encourage girls and women to use public spaces



Provide **public toilets in high footfall transit areas** to support women on menstrual hygiene.

## Overall Recommendations



Provide **police booths or ensure patrolling around schools, recreational and transit areas** to increase vigilance and support on public grievances.



Organize **community campaigns** to engage with the community to improve women's safety and prevent sexual harassment in public spaces.



Conduct **gender sensitization training with** students, police, public transport department officials to educate them on women and girls' right in the city and to assist them in distress.

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