Safety Audit

Findings:

Risks in the Safety of Women

If a space is made safe for women, it will be safe for everyone.

Safety Audit seeks to identify key concerns of women’s safety and sexual violence against women and girls.

The audit assessed the situation on the safety of women at selected areas in Jakarta through information gathering and data collection using different tools and methods.

The research aims to help key stakeholders design programs and interventions to make cities safer for women and girls.

The Findings

Forms of Harrasment in Public Spaces

Verbal Harassment
- Passing comments, cat calling.

Non Verbal Harassment
- Touching, sexual assault, leering, flashing – indecent exposure, stalking and rape.

Causes of Sexual Harrasment and Sexual Violence

Poor Public Infrastructure and Transportation
- Poor or non-existent lighting in alleys and roads, badly maintained pedestrian, inadequate CCTVs in strategic locations, unsafe public transportation.

Attitudes and Social Norms
- Cultural acceptance of violence, social tolerance of violent behavior, lack of response from bystanders.

Experiences of Violence
- Witnessing violence or having been a victim of violence in their childhood or in the past.

Victim Blaming
- Women and girls being blamed for the way they dressed.

Groups of Women at Risk of Sexual Harrasment and Sexual Violence

- Young women
- Physically and mentally challenged women
- Sexual minorities
- Sex workers
- Ethnic minorities

Impact of Sexual Harassment to Women

- Reduces women’s and girls’ ability to participate in school, work settings and public life.
- Scared to use public transport, especially at night.
- Limits women’s freedom to move about, especially after dark.
Safety Walk

Safety Walk is a method of exploring elements of public spaces that contribute toward creating a sense of safety and vulnerability. It is a simple process of walking through a space and assessing the factors that lead to unsafety/safety.

9 parameters assessed during safety walk are: lighting, openness, visibility, crowd, security, walk path, availability of public transport, gender diversity and feeling.

The Safety Score for Jakarta is rated 2.5 out of 5.

Recommendations

- Safety improvements in public transportation and public infrastructure.
- Generating and boosting awareness on attitudes, behaviors and social norms toward violence against women.
- Full community participation toward the promotion on active bystandership.
- Increasing the responses from service providers and law enforcement agencies when handling violence against women.

Safety Audit Results

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent
- Jakarta