

**World Health Organization Western Pacific Region
Healthy Cities Recognition 2014**

Creating gender-responsive cities

Background

Analysis increasingly reveals differentials between men and women, arising from sex and gender, across health conditions. Women's and men's health in cities is not only influenced by the biological differences but also determined by gender characteristics. Unlike biological differences, these gender characteristics are dynamic, socially constructed, and varying across cultures and generations. Because of gender norms, roles and relations, significant gender-based differentials exist between men's and women's health in cities. This may include differences in exposures to urban health risks or in access to and use of health services in cities. Given the influence of gender on health, efforts to improve health in cities need to give due attention to gender.

This call for applications is looking for innovative examples of creating gender-responsive cities. WHO defined gender-responsive as a process where gender norms, roles and inequalities have been considered and where measures have been taken to actively address them. Good practice examples may focus on the following topics:

- Mainstreaming gender into an urban health campaign, policy or programme
- Capacity-building on gender for urban health workers
- Addressing violence against women in cities
- Fostering the greater economic and political involvement of women
- Gender-responsive budgeting in cities

Submission will be reviewed in line with WHO's Gender Responsive Assessment Scale (GRAS), which identifies 5 levels of action (with only three levels being desirable).

Please see: http://www.who.int/gender/documents/health_managers_guide/en/

Recognition of Best Practice

Recognition is given for innovative examples and outstanding practices of creating gender-responsive cities.

Application submission guide

When completing the application template, please ensure that the key points highlighted in this section are fully addressed:

Item # 6: Methodology

Equity - Did the programme focus more on the poor, the marginalized and/or the vulnerable groups, etc.



Process - Please specify what approaches/activities have been implemented during the project. Specifically:

- Why and how the example can be considered a good practice for creating a gender-responsive city, including how it has analyzed and addressed the active participation of women and of the community.
- How gender issues have been addressed at various stages in the process of developing and implementing the example.
- How the consultation and participation of women as well as men has been ensured.

Item # 7: Monitoring the process and evaluating the outcome - Evaluation methodology, specifically to show:

- Have process and outcome indicators been included in monitoring and evaluation frameworks and activities?
- Is data disaggregated at a minimum by sex and age?
- What measure of participation or empowerment has been chosen, and why?
- Do the sources of information for monitoring and evaluation include information on social, cultural and economic influences on urban health?
- Have women and men participated equally in the monitoring and evaluation stages – both as beneficiaries and as programme staff members?

(Please also see the WHO Gender and health planning and programming checklist for comparison.)

Materials to be submitted

In addition to the filled out application template, please provide any relevant background materials in support of your publication, including for example: relevant policies/strategies on gender-responsive cities, summaries of the project or intervention, media releases, and other information materials (e.g. flyers, booklets, photos etc.).

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