Gwangju City, Republic of Korea

Name of the Community: Gwangju City
Country: Republic of Korea
Number of inhabitants in the community: 361,154 (as of February 28, 2018)
Safe Community Programme started year: 2014
International Safe Communities Network Membership: Designation year: 2018

Name of the Safe Community Support Centre: Center for Community Safety Promotion, Ajou University Medical Center, (Director: Joonpil Cho, jpcho6007@gmail.com)

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The programme covers the following safety promotion activities:

**Process on development of Evidence-based strategies**
The public health approach for injury prevention and the Haddon’s matrix are used as a tool and framework for understanding the mechanism and risk factors of injury and for identifying multiple countermeasures to tackle on injury. Haddon’s Matrix is a brainstorming tool that combines the epidemiology triangle (host, agent, environment) and levels of prevention. This combination gives a way to look at planning for injury interventions and prevention strategies by phases in time of the event. Interventions that addressed multiple strategies (Education, Environment and engineering modification and Enforcement etc) and combine with different boxes of the Haddon’s matrix are most effective for injury prevention.

**Assurance for sustainability using Project Management Card**
In order to cope with changes in the external environment, such as change of the person in charge, change of programs, and to keep on sustainability, Project management cards are developed for each program, and monitoring and maintenance of the entire project is underway.

*Photo: Typical safety feature*

**Traffic Safety**
Visiting safety education for schools (1)
Bicycle safety education (2)
Traffic safety education for drivers of large cargo trucks and drivers of shuttles for children (3)
Safe speed 7050 (4)
Maintenance and increase of traffic safety facilities (5)
Improvement of school zones, silver zones and zones for the disabled (6)
Fast maintenance of road and traffic safety facilities (7)
Organization and operation of the team dedicated to improvement of TSM (8) etc.

Suicide Prevention

Visiting mental health education for elderly (1)
Education and training to respect life and prevention suicide (2)
Promotion of organizations prevention suicide (3)
Campaign to promote the life-respecting culture (4)
Control of methods of suicide (5)
Selection and management of high-risk elderly (6) etc.

Crime & Violence Prevention

Education to prevent violence for schools in Gwangju City (1)
Promotion to prevent school violence (2)
Prevention of domestic violence and child abuse (3)
Installation of safe booths using CCTVs for crime prevention (4)
Building of safe school zones (5)
Cheonjiyin patrol (6)
3355 patrol (7)
Activities of committees of the local community for crime prevention (Local Security Committee of Gwangju City, Crime Prevention Committee, Local Security Committee) (8) etc.

Disaster Prevention

Visiting safety education for schools (1)
Firefighter experience class (2)
Building of fire-free villages (3)
Distribution of basic firefighting facilities (4)
Operation of the citizens’ safety service request program (5)
Improvement of areas with high risks of natural disasters (6)
Promotion on poisonous plants and poisonous insects (7)
Safety education for disaster-related groups (8) etc.

Fall Prevention

Guidance and inspection of daycare centers and kindergartens (1)
Education to prevent falls of children and adolescent (2)
Prevention of falls at emergency exits (3)
Education to prevent falls of elderly (4)
IOT system establishment for seniors who living alone in Gwangju City (5) : IOT system is a system with motion detection on living alone elderly home. We can easily check the status of elderly with application.
Visiting health management (6)
Improvement of environments of urban parks (7) etc.

Programs aiming at “High risk-groups”:
Low-income group
Life safety experience program of Dream start
Operating emergency silver bell for elderly
Distribution of basic firefighting facilities (fire extinguishers and the single-station smoke alarms)
Building of the human safety net for high-risk groups, ‘Happy Mentoring’ etc.

Minority groups including workplace
Safety education for farmers
Operating ‘119’ SOS system for companies
Operating healing counselling program for civil affairs official etc.

People with intention injury including victims of crime or suicide/self-harm
Program to prevent suicide of peer groups
Education to foster life supporters
Reinforcement of promotion of the arrest office
‘Installation of safe mirrors for women’ as zones safe from crimes
Building of the social safety net through promotion of mental health
Prevention of mental diseases and promotion of mental health for diverse target groups etc.

Abused women, children and men
Education to prevent violence for schools
The shelter for safety of women
The shelter for safety of immigrant women who are victims of domestic violence
Taking care of abused child program etc.

Disabled people
‘Outreach sexual violence prevention education’ by visiting residences of the handicapped
Repair support of the wheelchairs for the disabled
Improvement of safety zone for children, elderly, the handicapped
Supporting the operation of the facilities for the disabled and elderly
Safety check of the social welfare facilities (for the disabled and elderly) etc.
**Dangerous sports and recreation**
Basic life-saving swimming training
Bicycle safety education
Patrolling to water parks and swimming pools
Establishment of emergency relief countermeasures against drowning in summer season etc.

**People exposed to high-risk environment**
Safety check for agricultural pesticides sale, safety education for agricultural pesticides sellers
Universal design pilot project: Safe school zone way for children
Installation of fire hydrant in disaster-vulnerable areas
Improvement of fire extinguisher location in multiple gathering places
Securing citizens’ safety at apartment construction sites, through a thorough management and inspection etc.

**Discriminated people**
Safety education for alien workers
Operating ‘Hope Welfare Support Group’
Supporting shelters for migrant women injured by domestic violence

**Surveillance of injuries:** Gwangju City collaboration with center for Community Health and safety, Hyupsung University
Numbers per year: every year since 2014
Population base: 309,701
Started year: 2014

![Graph showing injury death rate](chart.png)

*Source: National Statistical Office 「Cause of Death Statistics」
2006~2015 Age Standardized Injury Death Rate in Entire Nation, Gyeonggi Province and Gwangju-city*
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2006~2015 Injury Death Rate by Injury Mechanism, Gwangju-city

Publications:
- Annual report of injury statistics in 2015
- Disaster Management Manual in 2015-2017
- Project Management Card (Journal) in 2016-2018

Produced Information material: Leaflets, Posters, Websites

Staff

Number: 12
Professions: Division of Security Affairs
Full-time: 12
Permanent: 12  
Temporary: none  
Organization  
- Specific cross-sectoral leadership group for safety promotion:  
  Gwangju City Safe Community Committee  
  Gwangju City Safe Community Steering Committee  
  Gwangju City Suicide Prevention Committee  
  Gwangju City Traffic Safety Committee  
  Gwangju City Fall Prevention Committee  
  Gwangju City Industrial Safety Committee  
  Gwangju City Crime & Violence Prevention Committee  
  Gwangju City Disaster Safety Committee  
  Gwangju City General public health/health promotion group:  
    Gwangju Community Health Center  
International commitments:  
Organised Study visits for the following visiting communities:  
- Pre-on-site evaluation for international safe community designation, Nov 2016, Koriyama, Japan  
- Pre-on-site evaluation for international safe community designation, Mar 2017, Gumi-city, Korea  
- Pre-on-site evaluation for international safe community designation, Jun 2017, Asan-city, Korea  
- Pre-on-site evaluation for international safe community designation, Jul 2017, Sejong-city, Korea  
- On-site evaluation for international safe community designation, Nov 2017, Asan-city, Korea  
- On site evaluation for international safe community designation, Nov 2017, Kameoka, Japan  
Participation in Safe Community conferences:  
- The 1st Korean network of ISC, Jan 2016, Ajou University, Korea  
- The 2nd Korean network of ISC, Apr 2016, Ajou University  
- International Safe Community Symposium, Apr 2016, Gwangju Metropolitan City, Korea  
- The 3rd Korean network of ISC, Aug 2016, Ajou University  
- International Safe Community Symposium, Sep 2017, Jeju, Korea  
- Excellent cases Seminar of Korean network of ISC, Sep 2017, Ajou University, Korea  
- The 23rd International Safe Community Annual Conference, Oct 2017, Novi Sad, Serbia  
- Korea-Japan Joint International Safe Community seminar, Nov 2017, Kameoka, Japan  
Hosting Safe Community Conferences: No  
Hosting "Traveling Seminars": No  
Other:
- International Safe Community Designation Ceremony, Apr 2016, Gwangju Metropolitan City, Korea
- International Safe Community Designation Ceremony, Sep 2017, Jeju, Korea