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Focus Group Response Comparison Grid

NOTE: The following grid contains the responses from the first five focus groups for the Healthy Women, Healthy Communities Project. The questions and responses have been edited to and the order of the responses modified to make comparison easier. I also included my observation notes from the February 16 and 17 focus groups. For the original text refer to the individual focus group reports.

What do you like about Constanta?

Cookie Factory 16-Feb-99	High School Students 17-Feb-99	Young Women 5-Mar-99	Unemployed 3-Mar-99	Older Women 2-Mar-99	Minorities 6-Mar-99
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Sea coast • geographic location • Danube Delta • historical town • native town • tourist center • resorts • jobs (company they work for) • wine growing • nuclear plant in Cernavoda • university • cultural richness (opera, libraries, theatre) • religious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Sea coast • air • central city in the county • historic site • optimistic people • new buildings (architecture) • downtown area • cultural life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Sea coast • people (men) • new buildings • new shopping facilities • entertainment facilities • opportunities to graduate college • can travel abroad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Sea coast • good climate • beautiful city for children • can rent rooms to tourists in the summer • lots of opportunities to work in the summer • commercial center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not as cold as rest of Romania • very old city • native city • quiet areas (near sea coast) for recreation • summer entertainment places • churches for each religion • no inter-ethnic conflicts • possible to travel (if you have enough money) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geographic location • Turkish union to address their needs • tourist center • new buildings • many private medical offices • more shopping areas • job oportunities • good educational opportunities • no ethnic/religious descrimination • facilities to travel abroad (to Turkey)

What are the strengths of women in Constanta?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commerce • construction/ship yard • tourism • school system • culture • management (company they work for) • women doctors • nuturing <p>Women are responsible for many of the things we have</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This group didn't understand the question so we added:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • beauty • courageous • ambitious • independence • access health information • need to know • initiative • social • good communicators • wish to get a good position • intelligence • modesty • sentimental • romantic • nucleus of the family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modern • romantic • physically attractive • good fighters • love their home and children • good workers and professionals • take care of themselves • well informed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bold • tenacious • fighter • adapts to what's new • able to generate income easier than women from other counties • ability to communicate • works more than men • able to do traditionally male jobs (construction, harbor, ship yard) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bold • tenacious • works a lot to keep her family; even if she is older • adapts to new situations • well informed thanks to media development • willing to try different jobs • can deal with change • most women over 56 can continue to work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power to work • good mothers and wives • intelligent • ambitious • have initiative • good communicators • modest

What are the characteristics of these women?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • industrious (strong work ethic) • strong willed • ambition • intelligence • positive attitude to life • adaptability (shift work) • enterprising attitude • thrifty (good household management) • perform multiple roles • sacrifice for their children • alternate head of family • beautiful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perseverance • survival spirit • bold • realist • suspicious • trustful • modernist • sensible • healthier than women in other parts of Romania • stable (physical and psychological) • adapt to work environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clever • practical • informed on contraception • can support themselves in crisis situations • characterised by fidelity • tenacious 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • survival spirit • adapts to changing work environments • professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personality • work as hard as men • good communicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adaptability • practical • independent • perseverance
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What is needed to improve the quality of health?

Cookie Factory 16-Feb-99	High School Students 17-Feb-99	Young Women 5-Mar-99	Unemployed 3-Mar-99	Older Women 2-Mar-99	Minorities 6-Mar-99
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good life conditions • good work conditions • healthy nutrition • medication • safe work places • houses • relaxation opportunities • easy access to state medical assistance • social protection (especially for children) • improvement of life conditions • decent salaries • health education • efficiencies (cooking, cleaning) • time for themselves; holidays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • time • education • family, society, school support • good material conditions • council for young married couples • need psuchologists • better advertising of programs and campaigns • good organisation of time • need for couciling • routine medical control • exercise • nutrition experts • hygine • information about in vitro fertilization (?) • change of mentality • training for pregnant women • learn to be a wise health consumer • prostitution problem (and legality of it) • protection against violence & harrassment • STD protection • compensated medicine • sexual education (specific to age) • programs to educate parents and teachers • domestic violence programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more time • money • more family support • medical information • more mass media information • social support • more job facilities • medical assistance • clean environment <p style="text-align: center;">H.S. STUDENTS CONTINUED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better quality of medical assistance • education of men • social protection programs (for single women with children) • education of society concerning unmarried women with children • acceptance of the idea that women are good professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • time for self • safe and certain job • information about diseases from specialist • better incomes • easy access to periodic medical check ups • access to health education • good connection between medical doctors and mass media to better inform the population • safe and wholesome dwellings • good education for men so they can help mothers, wives, sisters • improve quality of medical assistance programs to decrease risk factors for diseases • more social help • need facilities to assist unemployed women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more time • more money • more information about diseases • access to services for older people • organize meetings (support groups) for older people with similar needs • organize special centers for people with degenerative mental diseases • organize meetings with medical doctors to answer their questions • periodic check ups for different diseases specific to their age • more facilities for handicapped persons • encourage jogging (thru mass media) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better living conditions • better medical services • more information on health problems in mass media (TV, newspapers) • health education classes in schools

What health programs do you know about?

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<p>Do not know much about existing programs in Constanta; perceptions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost alot to provide them • begin but do not continue • hampered by old equipment <p>WOULD LIKE PROGRAMS FOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family planning (begin early with teens) • cancer prevention (cercial & breast) • AIDS prevention • disease prevention • allergies & asthma • occupational safety • environmental polltion prevention 	<p>very well informed; named the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family planning centers • "Group for Health Education" in their school • camps organized by Health Promotion Schools • TV programs on health • "Healthy Communities" • Soros campaign against AIDS • campaigns against drugs, smoking, alcohol • LADO-program concerning domestic violence • NGO programs <p>Also programs on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health for teens • vaccination • AIDS and fund raising for AIDS children • natural food preparation • fitness centers and gyms • cosmetic surgery • reducing abortion • contraception (rhythm method) • environment <p>WOULD LIKE PROGRAMS FOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • senior women (post menopausal) • newly weds • pregnancy planning and prenatal • fertility treatment • young mothers (men too) • domestic violence • child support issues for single parent families 	<p>Do not know much about existing health programs in Constanta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know about contraception but not which programs are available • AIDS campaigns • partnership between Constanta and Louisville (from MTC) 	<p>Know about some of the health programs in Constanta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family planning • preventing HIV infection • drugs, tbacco, alcohol • preventing STDs 	<p>Know about some of the health programs in Constanta but feel there are no specific programs for older women</p> <p>Some programs that they knew about include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preventing HIV infection • programs against drugs, tobacco, alcohol • Preventing STDs 	<p>Do not know much about existing health pograms in Constanta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knew about the partnership and TV show from Bedi • Not overly concerned about their lack of knowledge