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# A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



2020! A year that will doubtless be remembered and analyzed from many angles for years to come. Humanity has been confronted with its harshest and most dangerous pandemic since the early 20th century. We've been shaken by a powerful reminder that we are interrelated and that nature is part of us and vice versa. Many have lost loved ones. The prostituted persons we support, especially women and girls all over the world, have seen their lives, health and survival put in jeopardy.

This year also showed us, more than ever, that prostitution is at the intersection of patriarchy, racism, classism and imperialism. Globally, women's rights have suffered a blow that will take commitment and determination to regain and reinforce. Growing poverty is a reality for too many women and since we know it's also a very big factor driving women and girls into prostitution, we have to keep up the fight and make sure that we do not lose any ground. It is definitely time for abolition!

CAP International has embarked on many very promising new programs this year. Safe Abolitionist Spaces, Abolitionists Talks, Time for Abolition are all pushing us forward and strengthening our members and thus, our movement. We have also documented the realities of prostitution for the most marginalized women and girls. The Last Girl First, that started as a clear call to aim for deep social transformation in India, has painted a global picture of who is the most affected and targeted by this gendered and patriarchal practice. We proudly launched this campaign at the international level since these voices need to be heard.

We've also taken a big step towards fighting for women's human rights by creating a mission in Geneva. This will put us in a better position to pressure the UN system to be more accountable to women and our right to a life free of patriarchal violence and exploitation.

In this unusual context, we must be proud of our accomplishments and our members who have offered hope and support to thousands of prostituted and trafficked individuals. Our deepest thanks goes to them and to our International Secretariat without whom we would not be able to keep this important network of groups and people who bring us closer to a world without prostitution.



**Diane Matte**  
**Chair of CAP International**





## WHY WE STAND UP AGAINST PROSTITUTION

CAP International and its members act in support of all prostituted persons (women, men and children), in opposition to the prostitution system that exploits their precariousness and vulnerability.

### PROSTITUTION IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE

The vast majority of prostituted persons have suffered from violence, often sexual, before entering prostitution. Most of them are victims of many forms of violence while in prostitution (physical, verbal, sexual, psychological).

The repetition of sexual acts without physical desire, but instead experienced as the consequence of financial need, inequality or as an exploitation of vulnerability, constitutes sexual violence in and of itself.

### PROSTITUTION IS AN EXPLOITATION OF INEQUALITIES

Prostitution is a part of a long patriarchal tradition of making women's bodies available for men's benefit (droit du seigneur, rape, sexual harassment, "conjugal duties", etc.).

It exploits multiple forms of inequality: men's domination over women, rich over poor, North over South, majority groups over minorities. Minority, discriminated and migrant groups are over-represented in prostitution all over the world.

## PROSTITUTION IS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY

By placing the human body and sex into the realm of the marketplace, the system of prostitution reinforces the objectification of all women and their bodies. It is a direct violation of the physical and moral integrity of prostituted persons.

Prostitution reinforces the domination of men over women, and particularly the patriarchal attitude of male entitlement to women's bodies, which is present in other forms of violence against women such as rape, sexual harassment and intimate-partner violence.

The system of prostitution fuels and perpetuates trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation. Prostitution is a societal obstacle to establishing truly free, respectful and egalitarian sexuality. It is also a direct violation of the physical and moral integrity of prostituted persons.

## PROSTITUTION IS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The United Nations Convention of 2 December 1949 adopted by the General Assembly states in its preamble that "Prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person."

The 1979 UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ask States Parties to "take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women".

Further, prostitution is incompatible with articles 3 and 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which state that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person" and that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".







# 40-42 MILLION

VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION  
AROUND THE WORLD

# 96%

OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING  
FOR PURPOSES OF SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION ARE  
WOMEN AND GIRLS

# 75%

OF VICTIMS OF  
PROSTITUTION AGED  
BETWEEN 13 AND 25

# 99

# BILLION \$

PER YEAR GENERATED BY  
"COMMERCIAL SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION"



# WHO WE ARE



**CAP INTERNATIONAL IS A COALITION OF GRASSROOTS AND SURVIVORS-LED ORGANISATIONS UNITED AROUND A COMMON OBJECTIVE: THE ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION.**

## OUR MISSION

The Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution - CAP International is a movement made of grassroots and survivors-led organisations united around a common objective: the abolition of the systems of prostitution and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation. As of today, our growing Coalition includes 35 organisations in 27 countries.

The members of CAP International provide direct assistance to victims of prostitution and trafficking in Human being for the purpose of sexual exploitation and/or advocate for the adoption of abolitionist legislation all over the world. Our members are founded by, or work with, survivors of prostitution.

CAP International empowers its members in their capacity to support victims of the systems of prostitution and THB, and advocates for the adoption of domestic legislation and international standards that aim to :

- eliminate sexual exploitation of women and girls
- deliver effective protection, support and exit options to prostituted persons and victims of trafficking
- empower frontline services and survivors of prostitution.

Our General Assembly and Board are composed only with elected representatives of our member organisations. CAP International is thus an international abolitionist organisation effectively driven by Its domestic NGO members.

## OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES

- Decriminalisation of prostituted persons;
- Access to protection, support and exit options for all prostituted persons;
- End to impunity for traffickers, pimps, sex buyers, procurers, facilitators and brothel owners;
- Criminalisation of sex purchase;
- Training for professionals, prevention measures and youth sensitization.
- Empowerment of grassroot / survivors movements.

## FOLLOW US

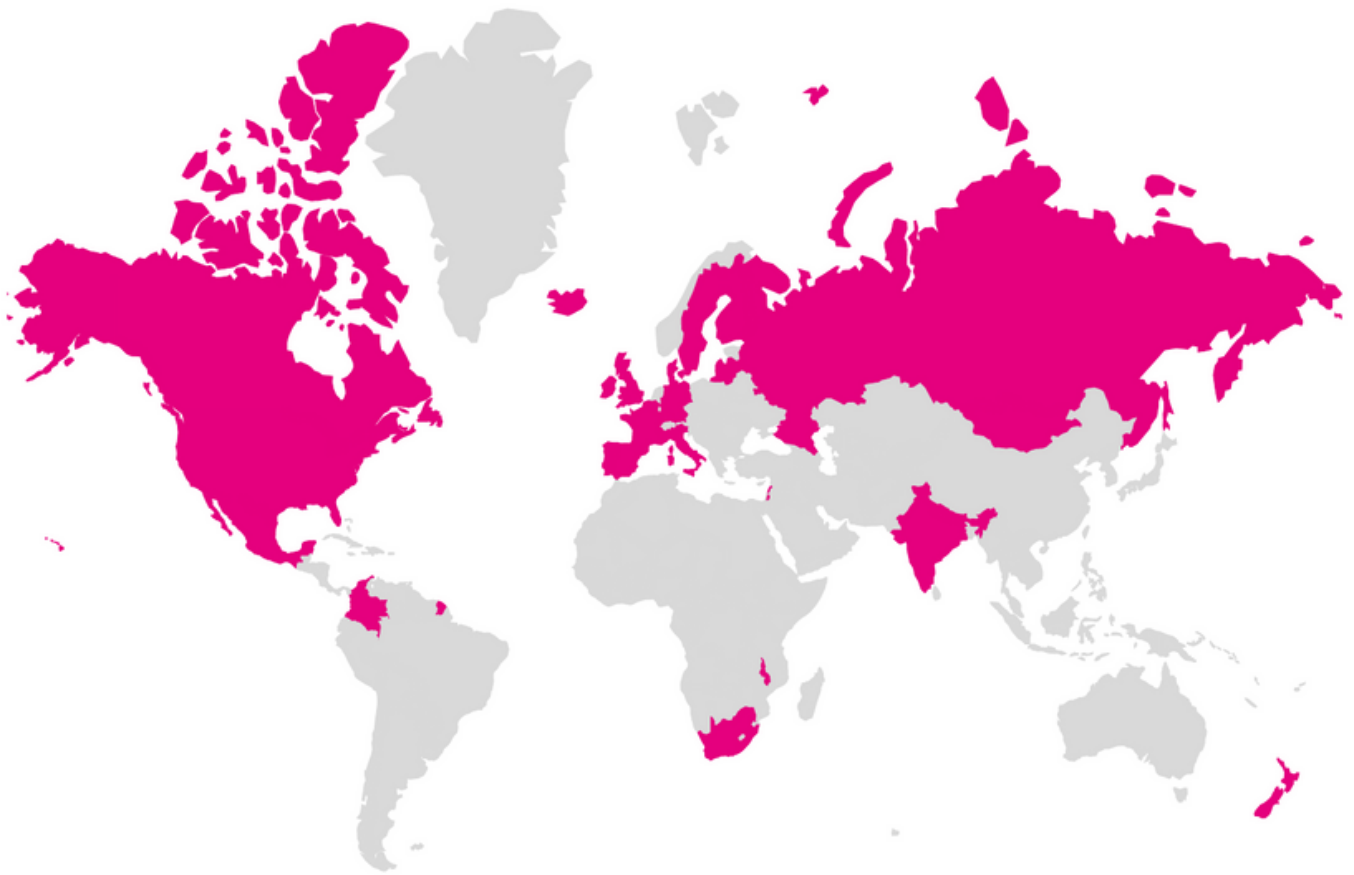
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## A UNIQUE COALITION OF 35 GRASSROOTS AND SURVIVORS-LED ORGANISATIONS IN 27 COUNTRIES

The 35 members of CAP International work with, or are founded by, survivors of prostitution. They provide direct assistance to victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation and/or advocate for the adoption of abolitionist legislation in their countries.

Our members work in the following countries:

**Belgium** (isala), **Canada** (CLES ; Vancouver Rape Relief), **Colombia** (Iniciativa Pro-Equidad), **Germany** (Solwodi ; Sisters), **Denmark** (KFUKS), **Finland** (Exit), **France** (Mouvement du Nid ; Fondation Scelles), **United Kingdom** (Women at the Well), **India** (Apne Aap, South Kolkata Hamari Muskan), **Ireland** (Ruhama), **Iceland** (Stigamot), **Italy** (Iroko), **Lebanon** (kafa), **Latvia** (Marta Center), **Lithuania** (Klaipeda), **Mexico** (Comision Unidos Vs Trata ; Mujeres Libres A.C.), **Mongolia** (Talita Mongolia), **Malawi** (People Serving Girls at Risk), **Nepal** (Maiti), **New Zealand** (Wahine Toa Raising), **Palestine** (Sawa), **Portugal** (O ninho), **Russia** (Crisis Center for Women), **South Africa** (Embrace Dignity), **Spain** (Feminicidio ; Comision para la Investigacion de los Malostratos a Mujeres), **Sweden** (Talita, 1000 Mojligheter), **USA** (Eva Center ; Breaking Free).



# 16.424

Victims of prostitution supported by CAP members

## 35

Grassroots  
organisations

## 27

Countries of  
intervention

## 518

Employees  
working for the  
Abolition of  
prostitution

## 99

Shelters and  
Drop-in centers

## 46

Publications on  
the issue of  
prostitution and  
sexual  
exploitation

## +9.000.000

People sensitized to the realities of  
prostitution in the world

## 1232

Volunteer  
activists

**CAP**<sup>INTL</sup>  
Coalition | Abolition | Prostitution





## OUR TEAM IN 2020

### INTERNATIONAL BOARD

**Diane Matte / Chair**  
CLES, Canada

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**Claire Quidet / Secretary General**  
Mouvement du Nid, France

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Comision Unidos Vs Trata, Mexico

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Women @ the Well, UK

**Philippe Scelles / Board Member**  
Fondation Scelles, France

**Caleb Ng'Ombo / Board Member**  
People Serving Girls at Risk, Malawi

**Esohe Agathise / Board Member**  
Iroko, Italy

**Iluta Lace / Board Member**  
Marta Center, Latvia

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Service civique**

**Marina Vassalo / Chargée de  
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**Marta Torres Herrero / Latin America**

**Johan Chermette-Wagner / EU Advocacy**

**Elisabeth Gandy / Webmaster**

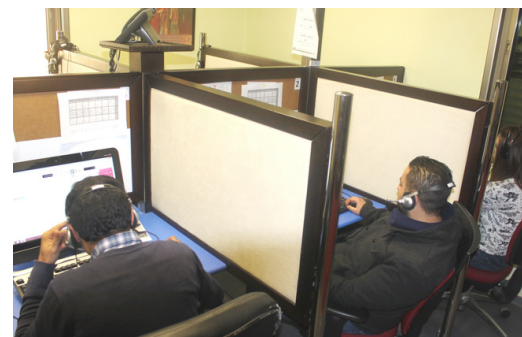
### THEY SUPPORT US

- NoVo Foundation
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
- Scelles family
- Donor Direct Action

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- CATW
- European Women's Lobby (EWL)
- Equality Now
- SPACE international
- Swedish Women's Lobby
- Unizon







# 4 STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNS TO END PROSTITUTION IN THE WORLD



**#1**

**LAST GIRL FIRST**



**#2**

**HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED  
APPROACH**



**#3**

**ACCESS TO  
DECENT WORK**



**#4**

**PARLEMENTARIANS FOR  
THE ABOLITION**

# THE LAST GIRL FIRST CAMPAIGN

All over the world and throughout history, the most discriminated and marginalized communities are over-represented in prostitution and sexual exploitation. Prostitution is a gendered and patriarchal system that disproportionately affects the poorest women and children.

Whether they are Dalit women and girls in India, indigenous communities in Canada, African-American women in the United States, rural areas in Mongolia, refugees or migrants, victims of sexual violence or belonging to an ethnic minority: they are all the first victims of economic sexual exploitation by pimps, traffickers and sex buyers.

The concept of "Last Girl First" was initially developed by our member association Apne Aap, in India, in reference to Gandhi's philosophy which recommended to always think of "the last person" when making a public decision. The "Last Girls" are all those forgotten women and girls, exploited by the prostitution system and victims of all the disparities it perpetuates. They are the ones who are at the intersection of all systems of domination and forms of discrimination such as racism, sexism, class, capitalism and imperialism. These inequalities reinforce their marginalization and restrict their access to the most basic rights including the right to dignity, food, water, housing, health, education.

By working closely with those concerned and with our members on the ground, the "The Last Girl First" campaign aims to identify, bring together and mobilise these women and girls from the most vulnerable groups over-represented in prostitution through research reports and public events in order to raise their voices in the fight against the prostitution system.





## HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

International human rights law is abolitionist and defines prostitution as a violation of human dignity:

Article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) states: "States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women."

One year after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1949, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of Prostitution, a binding instrument that criminalizes prostitution and human trafficking as "incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person".

The prostitution system is a violation of human rights and a fundamental obstacle to gender equality. While international law recognises prostitution as such and prohibits its exploitation, it is incumbent on States to respect their international obligations and in this sense to adopt and implement abolitionist policies.

Our coalition advocates for the universal elimination of the exploitation of the prostitution of others by making States accountable for their obligations under Article 6 of the CEDAW Convention, the UN Convention of 2 December 1949 for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others and the Palermo Protocol (2000).



# We Can Do It!

#3



## ACCESS TO DECENT WORK

*The primary goal of the ILO today is to promote opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity.*

**Juan Somavia, former ILO Director General**

The concept of "decent work" as defined by the International Labour Organization is strictly incompatible with prostitution. People from the most vulnerable and discriminated groups are over-represented in prostitution and violence is an immutable parameter intrinsically linked to the prostitution system.

Prostitution is therefore formally contrary to the dignity and value of the human person and cannot be defined as "sex work": it is neither sex nor work, but a lucrative system of sexual and economic exploitation that threatens social justice and efforts for gender equality.

Our "Access to Decent Work" campaign aims to mobilize trade unions, those organizations at the heart of the struggle against inequality and various forms of exploitation, to campaign for access to decent work: a work that respects and promotes dignity, health, safety and well-being.

To date, our coalition has successfully mobilized dozens of unions around the world representing more than 10 million workers in solidarity with our efforts to abolish the exploitative system of prostitution.



## PARLEMENTARIANS FOR THE ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION

The fundamental objective of CAP International is the adoption and implementation of abolitionist legislation and standards around the world, which have proven their effectiveness through the Nordic abolitionist model led by Sweden, a pioneer in gender equality, Norway and Iceland.

This model is based primarily on the decriminalization of people in prostitution by abolishing all repressive measures against them and the implementation of holistic support, protection measures and the creation of pathways out of prostitution. It also calls for the effective criminalization of pimps and buyers of sexual acts.

At the national level, achieving these progressive legal reforms on prostitution and trafficking requires identifying and mobilizing parliamentary champions. Experience shows that multiparty alliances of MPs, even in limited numbers, are a key factor in the success of abolitionist legislation.

Our "Parliamentarians for Abolition" campaign aims, in this context, to mobilize hundreds of parliamentarians from different countries to exchange best practices on the adoption and implementation of abolitionist policies in their respective countries.

Our coalition thus acts by strengthening international cooperation in the adoption of comprehensive and coherent public policies to more effectively combat human trafficking and the exploitation of prostitution of women and girls around the world.





2020 / CAP ABOLITIONIST YEAR

# What do sugar, rice and food cans have to do with Abolitionism?

Prostituted persons have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. During this period, Abolitionist activists and volunteers were out on the streets, in drop-in centres and shelters, providing them with the basic necessities to survive this unprecedented crisis. Distributing rice, sugar, food cans, hygienic material, masks, food vouchers, organising collections and distributions, seeking accommodation and care solutions.

Many of these activists and volunteers have also advocated to get support for prostituted persons from their governments. Trying to obtain emergency aid, housing, access to health care, residence permits, support to exit prostitution. Each in their own position, they fought for the rights, dignity and emancipation of victims of the prostitution system.

This picture is a tribute to the hundreds of Abolitionist activists and volunteers from CAP member organisations, who have been on the front line of the Covid-19 pandemic all along 2020. Standing with victims of prostitution, despite their own personal challenges. Many continue to face situations of extreme emergency today.

In the face of this crisis, our Abolitionist community remains united.  
We are in this together.





## JANUARY – DECEMBER

### SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE LAST GIRL FIRST REPORT

The Last Girl First Report aims at assessing the situation of women and girls in prostitution throughout the world and shed light on their voices often unheard. It seeks to highlight the over-representation women and girls from the most discriminated groups in prostitution, and to expose the patterns of domination and constraint that foster the system of prostitution.

Significant progress have been made on the conception of the report in 2020. The Last Girl First Report is almost complete and ready to be released. It is a major piece of research, 100 pages long, including almost 300 references, 20 testimonies, and covering the situation of women and girls in prostitution in 60 countries.

## FEBRUARY

### POSITIVE IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THE CEDAW COMMITTEE IN GENEVA



In February 2020, CAP International obtained a **formal hearing before the CEDAW Committee** in Geneva, (attended by 2/3 of members of the Committee) on the **General Recommendation No.38** on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration. This meeting, along with the submission of 2 written contributions to the CEDAW, had a significant impact on the content of the General Recommendation, notably on the promotion of the 1949 Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of Others.

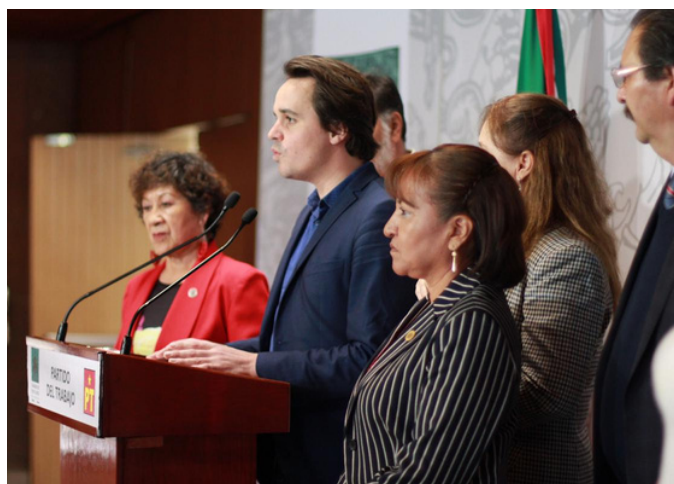
During this advocacy tour, CAP International also held a meeting with **UNAIDS**, addressing the situation of the specifically vulnerable communities impacted by the systems of prostitution and sexual exploitation.

## MARCH

### ADVOCACY TOUR IN MEXICO AT THE INVITATION OF THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

In Mexico, CAP International was formally invited by the **Parliament of Mexico** for a conference on sexual exploitation and trafficking in Mexico, including a 4-days series of meetings with all political groups in Parliament.

CAP International met with more than 20 members of parliament, and **70 who accepted to join CAP International's global call of parliamentarians** committed to combating sexual and sexist violence.



## MARCH

### MEETING STRATEGIC PARTNERS IN NEW YORK

In New York in March, CAP International's team adapted to the closure of the CSW by participating in a series of **strategic meetings with its allied and partner organisations**, in particular with the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, A3firm and Sanctuary For Families, in order to explore options of cooperation. These meetings led notably in the participation of CAP International into a webinar on law enforcement reform and its role in the movement to end sex trafficking and prostitution in the USA.

## MARCH

### WELCOMING OUR FIRST CIVIC SERVICE VOLUNTEER



CAP International obtained its civic service accreditation in early 2020. This approval allows it to receive volunteers between the ages of 18 and 25, for an average period of 7 months. Volunteers are paid by the French government. This is an important reinforcement for the International Secretariat in Paris.

In March, CAP International welcomed its first volunteer in Civic Service, Zoé Pellegrino, for a mission that involved project management and animation of the CAP network. 7 months later, CAP International welcomed 2 new volunteers, Marina Vassalo (who took over from Zoé Pellegrino), and Marie Vilar, who carried out an awareness-raising mission on the realities of prostitution. Zoé, Marie and Marina have been a great support to the International Secretariat throughout 2020.

## APRIL-JUNE

### SUPPORTING COVID-RELATED CROWDFUNDING OPERATIONS IMPLEMENTED BY CAP MEMBERS

In order to adapt to the pandemic situation, we decided to highlight the actions of our members, at the frontline of the health and economic crisis to sustain the basic needs of prostituted persons who have been rendered even more vulnerable during the pandemic. We notably highlighted the emergency being carried out in Belgium, Canada, France, Iceland, India, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Palestine, Spain, South Africa, and the USA.

## MAY

### CO-FOUNDING FACT-S : AN INTER-NGO OBSERVATORY TO MONITOR THE IMPACT OF THE ABOLITIONIST LAW IN FRANCE

CAP International co-initiated FACT-S, the "Federation of grassroots organisations and survivors of prostitution alongside prostituted persons" in France. FACT-S brings together the main grassroots organisations and survivors' collectives. By monitoring the implementation and impact of the French Abolitionist law, it aims at encouraging the public authorities to fully implement the law but also at debunking fake news propagated about the law.





## FOCUS 2020

### CAP MEMBERS AT THE FRONTLINE OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

A non-exhaustive list of the actions led by our members to assist women & girls in prostitution during the pandemic :

**In the USA** our member Breaking Free provides hot meals & basic necessities for women & girls in prostitution and their families. Their shelters serve 55 families during the crisis.

**In Spain** Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a Mujeres provided psychological and legal support by phone to the most vulnerable women & girls in several languages. They continued their outreach activities and meetings with victims of sexual exploitation.

**In Belgium** Isala asbl launched a fundraising campaign to assist vulnerable women and girls. Isala has been assisting more than 50 women by phone during the lockdown & the money from the solidarity fund has been distributed to several families in the form of food stamps.

**In Lebanon** KAFA (enough) Violence & Exploitation socio-legal supported women in prostitution through their helpline. Kafa also provided financial assistance, emergency shelter, and medical support to have access to Covid tests.

**In Malawi** People Serving Girls at Risk is providing psychological assistance by phone to victims of sexual exploitation & prostitution.

**In Canada** CLES - Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle assists victims of prostitution by phone to assess their specific needs during these times. They also organised virtual support groups online.

**In France** Mouvement du Nid France continued its ground work and provided phone assistance to women and girls in prostitution. It further advocated for 3 rights & dignity guarantees at the national level : regular stay, resources & accommodation to leave no one below the poverty line.

#### OUTREACH DONATIONS NEEDED



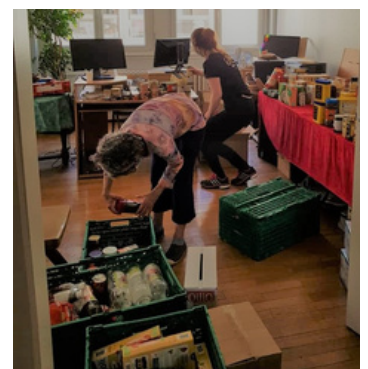
Breaking Free, USA



Isala, Belgium



Kafa, Lebanon



Mouvement du Nid, France

## FOCUS 2020

### CAP MEMBERS AT THE FRONTLINE OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS

**In Palestine** Sawa Organization's free helpline operated through health professionals, counselors and lawyers to provide support for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and others for women & girls has received thousands of phone calls during the pandemic.



**In Latvia** MARTA's social workers are operating by phone and messages to bring support to victims of sexual exploitation during the sanitary crisis. They have published a video with useful resources for women victims of violence in their country



Marta Center, Latvia

**In Iceland** Stigamót is supporting women and girls in prostitution and victims of violence by phone during the lockdown. They have been able to financially support women in need for them to be able to manage their rent, have access to food and medicine.

**In Ireland** Ruhama has distributed dozens of emergency packs (with vouchers, food, hygiene products and sexual health and safety supplies) for women & girls in vulnerable situations.



Ruhama, Ireland

**In India** our member Apne Aap has started the distribution of cooked meals for 2500 families in the red-light areas of Kolkata, Delhi & Bihar during lockdown. The organisation latter launched the "1 Million Meals" operation, to continue supporting the most marginalised communities during the pandemic.



Apne Aap, India



# 2020/ABOLITIONIST YEAR

## JUNE

### PARTICIPATING TO CATW'S WEBINAR ON POLICE REFORM AND PROSTITUTION

In the wake of George Floyd's murder, CAP International participated in a webinar organised by CATW on the issue of police behaviour towards prostitution, possibilities to combat sexist and racist behaviour within the police and ways to better protect prostituted persons.



## JUNE - DECEMBER

### INITIATING THE SAFE ABOLITIONIST SPACES PROGRAMME



In 2020, CAP International started to enlarge and diversify the panel of support provided to its member organisations. In addition to the reinforcement on advocacy, CAP International supported its member organisations in terms of project development and drafting; fundraising (50 funding opportunities identified); monitoring and evaluation; transmission of skills through the sharing of existing knowledge within the coalition; relational support in order to facilitate members' access to public and private potential partners.

Through online counselling sessions notably reinforced the field-intervention capacities of our member organisations in Palestine, India, Malawi, New Zealand and South Africa. This support is expected to increase in 2021.

## SEPTEMBER

### CONTRIBUTION AND MOBILIZATION ON THE "EQUALLY SAFE" CONSULTATION IN SCOTLAND

CAP International sent a written contribution to the "Equally Safe" consultation, on challenging men's demand for prostitution, working to reduce the harms associated with prostitution and helping women to exit. We also mobilised CAP members to make abolitionist voices heard in the Scottish Government.



## SEPTEMBER

### INTERVENTION DURING AN ABOLITIONIST WEBINAR IN SPAIN

CAP International, represented by Marta Torres, participated in a webinar called "Steps towards the abolition of prostitution: Are we going to continue to tolerate this form of slavery?".

This Webinar was launched on the International Day against Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Women and Children.

#### PASOS HACIA LA ABOLICIÓN DE LA PROSTITUCIÓN

¿VAMOS A SEGUIR TOLERANDO ESTA ESCLAVITUD?



PILAR DE LARA  
Jefa de Instrucción



INGEBORG KRAUS  
Doctora experta en la psicoterapia del trauma de la trata y la prostitución



SANDRA NORAK  
Superviviente de trata y prostitución en Alemania y activista experta en el tema



AMELIA TIGANUS  
Superviviente de trata y prostitución en España y activista experta en el tema



MARTA TORRES  
Representante de CAP Intl (Coalición para la Abolición de la Prostitución) en España y Latinoamérica

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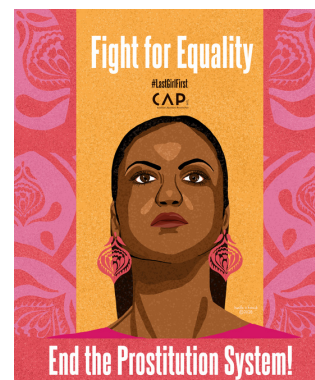


## SEPTEMBER

### LAUNCHING THE @LASTGIRLFIRST ONLINE CAMPAIGN

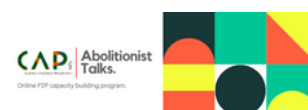
In September, an Instagram account was created to highlight the Last Girl First campaign on social networks. The aim of this account is to be more vocal online on the patriarchal, colonial, racist, imperialist, capitalist, militarised & class-based patterns that shape the system of prostitution.

In just a few months, @lastgirlfirst has managed to develop its own community, now counting 1200 followers, with over 100 new ones every month.



## OCTOBER

### LAUNCHING THE CAP ABOLITIONIST TALKS



CAP created the CAP Abolitionist Talks, to facilitate the sharing of the massive expertise and knowledge that exist within the Coalition. These P2P capacity-building workshops were first implemented during CAP Abolitionist Week in Paris at the end of 2019. The Talks also provided a chance for CAP members to continue to learn from each other, and to stay connected during the pandemic.

In 2020, our Abolitionist Talks have addressed issues such as survivors' empowerment, socioeconomic reintegration of survivors and sensitization workshops for sex-buyers. So far, Member organisations from Lebanon, France, Sweden, India, South Africa, USA, Ireland and Canada have shared their knowledge and good practices within the CAP community.



## NOVEMBER

### RELAUNCHING CAP INTERNATIONAL'S NEWSLETTERS

Thanks to the contribution of our Service Civique volunteers, the International Secretariat relaunched CAP newsletters. The Internal Newsletter helps CAP members to stay informed about the actions of other members and the latest news from the "Abolitionist world", and identifies opportunities for mobilisation and funding.

The External Newsletter is directed at CAP followers, friends and allies, highlighting the latest news from the coalition.





## DECEMBER LAUNCHING THE TIME FOR ABOLITION PROGRAMME

TIME FOR  
ABOLITION!

In December 2020, CAP International launched the Time for Abolition programme, intended at reinforcing the advocacy capacities of its member organisations by recruiting a local advocacy specialist for a few months in order to coordinate, intensify and reinforce the action of the Abolitionist movements in the selected countries for a limited amount of time (around 8 months).

In order to select the countries of intervention, we developed an application process including the conception of an application form, the creation of a specific steering committee in charge of the monitoring and evaluation of the programme, and the development of clear criteria for the review of the applications, based on the context of the country and the capacity of the applicant organisation to implement the programme.

As a result of the application process, CAP International decided to support the advocacy work of its members in South Africa, Latvia and in Massachusetts-USA. CAP International also provides enhanced technical support to the three organisations benefiting from the programme, through regular online training sessions on advocacy. Launched during the last weeks of 2020, the Time for Abolition programme will be further developed in 2021.

## DECEMBER OPENING A REPRESENTATION MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA



CAP advocates for the universal elimination of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, holding states accountable to their obligations under article 6 of the CEDAW Convention, the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, and the Palermo protocol.

In order to intensify our efforts to ensure that international law, which is Abolitionist, is better understood and applied within UN agencies, we decided to open a Representation Mission to the UN in Geneva, led by an advocacy specialist.

The role of the Representation Mission is to monitor and contribute to the work on prostitution within UN agencies, in particular CEDAW and OHCHR, to facilitate access to grassroots abolitionist organisations to UN mechanisms and to mobilise Permanent Representations of Member States in the struggle against the systems of prostitution and sexual exploitation. The Mission was officially launched on the 28th of December 2020.

## OPERATING REVENUES

During the financial year ended December 31, 2020, our revenues amounted to **419.220€** compared to 349.101 € for the previous financial year.

These revenues came mainly from donations of 101.194€ from the NoVo - Tides Foundation, 291.033€ from the Swedish Government, and 2.443€ from individual donations. Other income and expense transfers amounted to 24.550€.

## OPERATING EXPENSES

Our annual charges amounted to **333.589€** compared to 298.091€ for the year 2019, an increase of 35.498€ (11,9%).

Part of this increase is due to an increase in staff costs of 61 350 € due to the impact, in a full year, of the recruitments initiated during 2019 to be able to support the development of our organisation. Indeed, Jonathan Machler joined our team in March 2019 and Héma Sibi joined us on 26 November 2019.

While the travel expenses decreased due to the successive periods of lockdown in 2020 linked to the Covid 19 pandemic, core administrative costs are still part of CAP main costs.

The success in raising new funds allowed CAP to develop new programmes : the programme "Time For Abolition" (South Africa, USA, Latvia), amounting to 47 901 € in 2020 ; 49 800 € were dedicated to the set up of CAP Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva in the framework of the "Human-Rights based campaign".

A final surplus for 2020: CAP International's 2020 financial report concludes with a surplus of 86 006 €, which go to the associative fund of the organisation, bringing this reserve fund to 170 053 € to cover for potential unexpected situations or support CAP projects.

## METHOD

The annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 have been prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of the accounting rules in force in France.

They have been externally audited by a Statutory Auditor. The accounting policies have been applied fairly and in accordance with the principle of prudence, in accordance with the following assumptions :

- continuity of operations,
- consistency of accounting methods from one financial year to the next,
- independence of financial years.

The basic method used to value items recorded in the accounts is the historical cost method.



## UNITED FOR A WORLD FREE FROM PROSTITUTION !

CAP International is an international movement that fights for the abolition of prostitution worldwide through the dedication of its member organizations and its team of employees and volunteers.

Our movement welcomes support from all individuals sharing our values and willing to dedicate their time and energy themselves to the abolitionist cause. If you want to volunteer with us, participate in our actions or share your initiatives, do not hesitate to contact us at:

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