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A word from the President

The year 2022 witnessed a strong comeback for in-person activities at CAP International.

As we emerge from the COVID pandemic and its severe impact on women in the sex trade and the explosion of the porn industry as a consequence, CAP International, with its 35-member organisations from all four corners of the globe is determined more than ever to continue its fight for a world where no woman or girl is subjected to prostitution and sexual exploitation.

Showcasing the voices of survivors of prostitution and trafficking for sexual exploitation was the highlight of 2022. CAP International launched the “Last Girl First!” publication, a research report that provides an intersectional analysis of the system of prostitution and trafficking and their root causes, and profiles affected women and girls from over 50 countries. This report is a great educational resource and an advocacy tool that CAP International is pleased to put at the service of its member organisations and the public at large.

During 2022, CAP International scaled up its advocacy support to member organisations in their efforts to introduce Abolitionist laws and policies in their countries. Strategic meetings and events were organised in South Africa, Germany, Spain, Belgium, France, India, Lithuania, USA, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Sweden, and Italy.

On the regional level, CAP continued mobilising champions within the European Parliament, making sure to bring abolition and influence the making of resolution and reports pertaining to trafficking and prostitution.

At the international level, CAP International brought the voices of members organisations and survivors to the United Nations, calling its agencies to abide by the international human rights standards for preventing trafficking and the exploitation of prostitution, as well as protecting its victims. CAP International worked to mobilise a larger number of UN States Parties to become champions of the fight against sexual exploitation.

CAP International also launched EXIT – a program that aims at supporting the exit pathways of women and girls in prostitution through creating safe spaces and socio-economic opportunities. Initially rolled-out in four countries, EXIT will also help to capture good practices and highlight the positive impact of the grassroots abolitionist approach in supporting women and girls breaking the cycle of violence and exploitation.

The hard work of the international secretariat, the close engagement of member organisations, and the support of our partners and donors, have allowed CAP International to continue implementing pertinent mission. For this, CAP International is grateful, and we all look forward to more gains for a future world where men and women are equal and no women or girl is bought or sold.
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 also 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 the 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, oppressed 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 further emphasises 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.**

**Prostitution is a violation of Human Rights**

International human recognises prostitution as a violation of human rights and specifically prohibits exploitation of the prostitution of others, including pimping, procuring and the running of a brothel. States and United Nations agencies have a direct, binding obligation to oppose any trivialisation of prostitution and to work towards the elimination of its exploitation.

- **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.**

- **Article 1 of the aforementioned Convention** states asks State Parties to:

  - **Punish any person who, to gratify the passions of another:**
    - (1) Procures, entices or leads away, for purposes of prostitution, another person, even with the consent of that person;
    - (2) Exploits the prostitution of another person, even with the consent of that person.

- **The 1979 UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)** asks States Parties to:

  - **Take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.**

- Furthermore, 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.”**
PROMOTING THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON PROSTITUTION

The 1949 UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others states that prostitution and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person.

The 1979 CEDAW Convention requires States to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.

The 2000 UN Palermo Protocol urges States to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, that leads to trafficking.

The European Parliament resolution on sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality (2013/2103(INI)) – Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality points out that economic problems and poverty are major causes of prostitution among young women and under-age females, and that gender-specific prevention strategies, national and Europe-wide campaigns specially targeted at socially excluded communities and those in situations of increased vulnerability (...), measures to reduce poverty and to raise awareness among both the purchasers and suppliers of sex, and the sharing of best practices are all key to combating the sexual exploitation of women and under-age females, especially among migrants.

The Resolution, adopted during the 77th Plenary session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 15th of December 2022 clearly identifies the demand, and the profits it generates, as the cause of trafficking in women and girls: trafficking in persons is fuelled by high profits for traffickers and demand that fosters all forms of exploitation.

It should be emphasized that the definition of the demand does not refer to a demand for exploitation or to a demand for trafficking, but on the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation, including sexual exploitation. In other words, the demand for prostitution.
Priority SDGs

CAP International, by providing exit programs to victims of the prostitution system, empowering frontline services and survivors, and advocating for the implementation of abolitionist legislation and standards around the world, aim to meet the following SDGs:

01. **SDG 5.2.**
Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking, sexual violence and other types of exploitation.

02. **SDG 4.5.**
By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and children in vulnerable situations.

03. **SDG 1.3.**
Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.

04. **SDG 8.8.**
Protect labor rights and promote safe and secure working environments of all workers, including migrant workers, particularly women migrants, and those in precarious employment.
Who we are

CAP International is a coalition of grassroots and survivors-led organisations united around a common objective: the Abolition of prostitution.

01. 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 28 countries.

The members of CAP International provide direct assistance to victims of prostitution and trafficking in human beings (THB) 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
- Empower frontline services and survivors of prostitution
- Deliver effective protection, support and exit options to prostituted persons and victims of trafficking

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.
## 02. Our policy objectives

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A unique coalition of 35 grassroots and survivor-led organisations in 28 countries, united around one common goal: the Abolition of the prostitution system.

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 are located in the following countries:

**AMERICAS**

Canada
- Concertation des luttres contre l’exploitation sexuelle (CLES)
- Vancouver Rape Relief

USA
- Breaking Free
- Eva Center

Argentina
- Fundación Alica Kinan

Colombia
- Empodérame

Mexico
- Comisión Unidos Vs Trata

**ASIA–PACIFIC**

India
- Apne Aap
- South Kolkata Hamari Muskan (SKHM)

Nepal
- Maiti

Mongolia
- Talita Mongolia

New Zealand
- Wahine Toa Raising

**AFRICA AND MIDDLE–EAST**

Lebanon
- Kafa

Palestine
- Sawa

Malawi
- People Serving Girls at Risk (PSGR)

**EUROPE**

Belgium
- Isala

Denmark
- Reden & KFUks

Finland
- Exit

France
- Mouvement du Nid
- Fondation Scelles

Germany
- Solwodi
- Sisters

Iceland
- Stigamót

Ireland
- Ruhama

Italy
- Iroko

Latvia
- Marta Center

Lithuania
- Klaipėda Social and Psychological Support Center (KSPSC)

Malta
- Dar Hosea

Portugal
- O Ninho

Russia
- Crisis Center for Women

Spain
- Feminicidio.net
- Comisión para la Investigación de los Malos Tratos a Mujeres (CIMTM)

Sweden
- Talita
- 1000 Möjligheter

United Kingdom
- Women@theWell
Governance 2022

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Kafa, Lebanon

**Cherie Jimenez, Vice President**
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**Lynda Dearlove, Secretary General**
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**Claire Quidet, Executive Committee Member**
Mouvement du Nid, France

**Diane Matte, Board Member**
Concertation des Luttes contre l’Exploitation Sexuelle, Canada

**Paromita Chowdhury, Board Member**
South Kolkata Hamari Muskan, India

**Iluta Lāce, Board Member**
Marta Center, Latvia

**International Secretariat**

**Jonathan Machler, Executive Director**

**Héma Sibi, Advocacy Coordinator**

**Claire Guiraud, Representative to the UN in Geneva**

**Karima Abbari, Administrative and Finance Officer**

**Justine Pendu, Internal Development Officer**

**Mai-Linh Tran, Sensitisation Officer**

**Grégoire Théry, Co-founder & Advocacy Special Advisor**

**Pro bono advisors**

**Marta Torres Herrero, Special Advisor in Spain and Latin America**

**Per-Anders Sunessôn, Special Advisor**

**Zoé Pellegrino, Special Advisor**

**Nerea Novo Paleo, Communication Advisor**
GLOBAL IMPACT 2022

- 17,997 Victims of prostitution supported by CAP members
- 112 Shelters and drop-in centers
- 739 Employees working for the Abolition of prostitution
- 1,602 Volunteer activists
- 60 Publications on the issue of prostitution and sexual exploitation
- 1,864,751 Followers on social networks
4 Campaigns to end prostitution in the world

To achieve our SDGs priority, our actions come together on 4 campaigns, which aim to protect and empower victims of the prostitution system, provide exit programs, advocate for abolitionist laws.

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**#1**
LAST GIRL FIRST

**#2**
ACCESS TO DECENT WORK

**#3**
HUMAN RIGHTS–BASED APPROACH

**#4**
PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR ABOLITION
THE LAST GIRL FIRST
CAMPAIGN

In Canada, women and girls from Aboriginal, First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities are disproportionately affected by prostitution compared to white women and girls across the country. While they represent less than 4% of Canadian women, they are estimated to constitute 50-90% of prostituted women in Western Canadian cities.

In “Last Girl First! Prostitution at the intersection of race, sex & class-based oppressions”

All over the world and throughout history, the most discriminated against and marginalised 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, from rural areas in Mongolia, migrants, victims of sexual violence or belonging to an ethnic minority: they are the prime targets 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. The “Last Girls” are all the forgotten women and girls, exploited by the prostitution system and victims of all the disparities it perpetuates. They are the ones at the intersection of all systems of domination and forms of discrimination such as racism, sexism, class, capitalism and imperialism. These inequalities reinforce their marginalisation and restrict their access to the most basic rights including the right to dignity, food, water, housing, health and education.

By working closely with those concerned and with our members on the ground, “The Last Girl First” campaign aims to identify, bring together and mobilise the women and girls who are over-represented in prostitution through research reports and public events in order to raise their voices in the fight against the prostitution system.
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 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 mobilise trade unions, those organizations at the heart of the struggle against inequality and various forms of exploitation, to campaign for access to decent work: work that respects and promotes dignity, health, safety and well-being.

To date, our coalition has successfully mobilised dozens of unions around the world representing more than 10 million workers in solidarity with our efforts to abolish the exploitative system of prostitution.
The prostitution system is a violation of human rights and a fundamental obstacle to gender equality. International human rights law specifically prohibits exploitation of the prostitution of others, including pimping, procuring and the running of a brothel. States and United Nations agencies have a direct, binding obligation to oppose any trivialisation of prostitution and to work towards the elimination of its exploitation.

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 the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others and the Palermo Protocol.
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 decriminalisation 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 mobilising 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, to mobilise 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 exploitative prostitution of women and girls around the world.
CAP ABOLITIONIST YEAR 2022
France: Abolition 2022, a manifesto for a society free of prostitution

In France, CAP International, the Fondation Scelles, Mouvement du Nid and Amicale du Nid have released a joint manifesto signed by 38 civil society organisations, and launched a campaign aimed at mobilising candidates to the legislative and presidential elections in order to support an ambitious implementation of the Equality Model during their upcoming mandate.

This campaign included in Abolitionist index, assessing the level of commitment of candidates and their programs to the abolition of prostitution.

MARCH

8 March: Coordinated Abolitionist mobilisation for the International Day of Women’s Rights

On the 8th of March, CAP International invited its members to participate to an online Abolitionist mobilisation which consisted of in spreading common Abolitionist visuals translated into several languages.
On the 18th of March, CAPIntl organised the UNCSW66 online side event "Neither sex, nor work: abolishing prostitution to promote decent work", sponsored by France, Sweden and OSCE/ODIHR. A panel of survivors, grassroots organisations, trade unions and Member State representatives shared their views on best practices in the fight for decent work and access to dignified livelihoods. All participants stressed the total incompatibility of the concept of “sex work” with the concept of decent work as defined by the International Labour Organisation.

CAP International sponsored several of CAP members events during the CSW66:

- The event of Women@theWell (UK) “Women’s economic empowerment requires access to decent work”
- The Thematic Conversation Circle of Klaipeda Social and Psychological Support Center (KSPSC – Lithuania) intitulated “The shadow war: impacts of Russian aggression on sexual exploitation of Ukrainian women”
- The side event “Prostitución como destino” with our members Fundación Aíka Kínan (Argentina) and Empodérame (Colombia).
CAP International and its members pushing for the abolition of prostitution in Spain

In March, CAP International co-organised with the International Abolitionist School and the Socialist Parliamentarian Group the conference “Neither Sex Nor Work: Abolition of Prostitution to protect the rights of all women workers!” at the Congress, with representatives of the socialist party introducing activist and survivor Amelia Tiganus, unionist Sabine Reynosa, activist and survivor Rachel Moran and Dr. in Psychology Ingeborg Kraus. At the request of the PSOE (left), this event aimed to highlight the profound incompatibility between the concept of “sex work” and the concept of decent work as defined by the International Labour Organisation.

Following this event, part of the delegation of CAP International spoke on the Spanish national radio RTVE, the country’s main radio station.

CAP International at the Spanish Equality Commission in the National Assembly

CAP International’s Executive Director was invited by the Partido Popular to speak at the official expert hearings of the Equality Commission in the National Assembly (“comparecencias”), in order to express his views on the draft law of integral guarantee on sexual freedom.
In June, CAP International gathered international survivors, Spanish parliamentarians from PSOE (left) and Partido Popular (right) and anti-trafficking Ambassadors from Sweden, France and OSCE for a historical International Conference for the Abolition of prostitution in Spain. This event took place in the continuity of the increased advocacy efforts made by CAP International, its Spanish members of the Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a Mujeres and Feminicidio.net during the last 12 months in order to obtain the adoption of an abolitionist legislation in the country.

After a panel featuring an international group of survivors of prostitution, two of the Spanish parliamentarians who support the proposed law spoke together in approval of the bill.

The French and Swedish Ambassadors-at-large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Jean-Claude Brunet and Anna Ekstedt explained the success of the Abolitionist model in their respective countries while Valiant Richey, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, stressed the importance of penalising all forms of demand for sexual acts, decriminalizing prostituted persons, and implementing measures of protection and support for the victims.
LAST GIRL FIRST! REPORT AND PROMOTION TOUR IN MARCH & JUNE

On March 22nd, CAP International released its research report “Last Girl First! Prostitution at the intersection of sex, race & class-based oppressions”. “The Last Girl” is a concept originally developed by Ruchira Gupta, a professor, journalist, president and founder of the Indian NGO Apne Aap.

The research explores the overrepresentation of women and girls from the most discriminated communities in prostitution. Everywhere in the world, Indigenous women and girls (First Nations, Maori, Adivasi), those from the lowest castes (Dalits, Badi), those from ethnic/racial minorities (African American, Roma), migrant, displaced, and poor women are disproportionately targeted by the prostitution system.

The research goes beyond a simple analysis of the prostitution & trafficking systems in terms of sanitary risks as usually done and provides an intersectional approach to the systems of prostitution & trafficking for sexual exploitation. By tracing the roots of these systems, this study highlights the realities of prostitution & trafficking and the insidious way in which broad patterns of domination such as patriarchy, racism, colonialism, imperialism, classism, capitalism, war and militarisation shape them and lead to the sexual exploitation of one part of the population. This part of the population is the women’s political class and particularly women of colour and/or disadvantaged women. They are the ones who have been designated by society as “prostitutable”, having to satisfy the male demand for the exploitation of their bodies.

This research gives a platform to the voices of the “Last Girls”, the ones who suffer from systemic discriminations, who are primarily targeted by prostitution, the forgotten ones of national and international policies. It is a call to action for a more equal and just society.
An intense advocacy and promotion tour in the USA


CAP then co-organised events in 2 other cities namely: Portland (USA) and Tijuana (Mexico) in order to promote the conclusions of the report and to support the local initiatives in favour of the Equality Model.

In all of these cities, CAP was warmly welcomed by its members, partners and allies. The events gathered several hundreds of participants and thousands online.
**MAY**

Event in Brussels "Legislating for a Europe free from sexual exploitation"

In the framework of the French Presidency of the European Union and of their joint initiative to combat Human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, France and Sweden co-sponsored an event in Brussels named "Legislating for a Europe free from sexual exploitation", in the presence of the Swedish and French Ambassadors-at-large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Members of European Parliament from several parties, frontline NGOs and survivors.

The event aimed at identifying the challenges and best practices related to trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, both in terms of legislations and their implementation.

**CAP Abolitionist Talks** were created to facilitate the sharing of the massive expertise and knowledge that exist within the Coalition. The Talks also provided a chance for CAP members to continue to learn from each other, and to stay connected during the pandemic.

On the 19th of May, 2022, we addressed prevention and protection, Exit programs for minors exposed to prostitution with our members 1000 Möjligheter and Maiti Nepal.
30 CAP members from 25 countries gathered in June 2022 for the 2nd International Abolitionist Week in Spain, at the facilities of La Ciba, a resource centre for women and space for innovation and feminist economy in the city of Santa Coloma de Gramenet, near Barcelona.

The meeting was intended at exchanging experiences and good practices, but also at supporting the Abolitionist momentum in the country.
During the Week, the Coalition also held its annual General Assembly, which accounted for the activities carried out by the International Secretariat and the adoption of the narrative and financial reports for the year 2021.

To close the International Abolitionist Week, the Coalition and la Ciba organised the event "#AboliciónProstituciónYa, from the local sphere to the global world", with the local abolitionist movement in Catalunya, which was attended by the mayor, Núria Parlón, socialist deputy of Barcelona Lidia Guinart, Executive Director of CAP International Jonathan Machler and survivor leader Alika Kinan.

The conversation was followed by a political action in solidarity with the local Abolitionist movement, in front of the municipality hall, one day before the International Conference for the Abolition of Prostitution in Spain, which took place the following day in Madrid.
Participation to a conference at the Italian Senate in Rome

CAP International participated to a conference at the Italian Senate in Rome entitled “Is Italy ready for the Nordic Model?” with its member Iroko. The conference organised by an Italian Senator aimed at pushing for an abolitionist legislation in Italy and raising awareness on the importance of such a model towards political leaders. On this occasion, CAP International presented the French abolitionist law and called for a harmonisation of Italy’s law with its French neighbour.

JULY

CAP International intervention at the OSCE Human Dimension Conference in Vienna

Represented by Iluta Lāce from the Marta Center, CAP International intervened at the Conference Protecting the Rights of Trafficked Persons: Supplementary Human Dimension organised by The Polish OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). CAP promoted the Abolitionist approach as the most efficient tool to protect the Rights of victims of trafficking and called for its implementation in the OSCE countries.

SEPTEMBER

3 new members in the coalition!

CAP International welcomed 3 new members in the coalition: Dar Hosea (Malta), The Aliko Kinan Foundation (Argentina), and The Empodérame Foundation (Colombia). We are thrilled to welcome these 3 organisations in the CAP community. Following this integration, our coalition now includes 35 organisations in 28 countries.
The EXIT Programme and the specific impact of a Grassroots Abolitionist Approach

CAP International partnered with the Fondation Pierre Belon in support of the EXIT Program. This programme aims at providing sustainable reintegration alternatives to 1,000 women and girls, aged 13 to 25 years, victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation in 4 countries (Mongolia, Nepal, India, Malawi) over 3 years. It also allows CAP Intl to facilitate the exchange of good practices and to build knowledge on the specific impact of the Abolitionist approach implemented by all its member organisations.

Highlighting the specific impact of the Abolitionist Grassroots Approach

The Abolitionist approach as implemented through the direct services provided by grassroots and survivors-led organisations seeks to break the cycle of exploitation that women and girls in prostitution can be entrapped in by supporting their efforts to exit prostitution in a sustainable way.

By building equal relationships based on trust and non-judgement, providing safe spaces and concrete alternatives to access socioeconomic independance, the ambition of the services provided by Abolitionist organisations is not limited to "risk reduction", understanding that the violence inherent to prostitution cannot be "softened". The objective is therefore to match the needs expressed by women and girls in prostitution for alternatives to exit, by working together in order to create the conditions of a sustainable emancipation.

Follow-up tour and peer-to-peer reinforcement

In July, the first peer-to-peer training workshop took place in the South Kolkata Hamari Muskan's centre (India). For 3 days, the members of the project shared good practices on exit services and laid the groundwork for the building of the first thematic handbook on the Abolitionist Grassroots Approach to be published in 2023, which will be the result of a participatory work opened to all CAP members. Afterwards, a follow-up tour of the other member organisations, Talita (Mongolia), Maiti (Nepal) and PSGR (Malawi) has been organised.
CAP International interventions at the OSCE Human Dimension Conference in Warsaw

CAP Int'l's Executive Director advocated for the adoption of the Abolitionist Model at the *plenary session of the OSCE Conference in Warsaw*. CAP Int'l's Advocacy Coordinator later participated in an online *event on the overrepresentation of ethnic, racial, and religious minorities among victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation*. CAP International representatives emphasised the urgency - reinforced by the Ukraine crisis - for OSCE countries to adopt the Abolitionist Model.

Advocating for the adoption of the Abolitionist model in South Africa

In South Africa, CAP International participated in an event co-organised by the Swedish, French and Irish Embassies on the fight against human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

The event, which took place within the framework of the 16 Days Against Gender Violence, included a presentation by South African survivor Mickey Meji, South African grassroots organisations, and anti-trafficking ambassadors from France and Sweden.

This tour notably led to the launch of a coalition of Abolitionist organisations in South Africa named Sale!Sa, that currently includes grassroots and survivors-led organisations.
CAP International increasing its advocacy efforts at the EU level

CAP International has been actively involved in advocacy in favour of the Abolitionist model within the scope of the Directive on violence against women, and on the report : Regulation of prostitution in the EU: its cross-border implications and impact on gender equality and women’s rights.

CAP International’s Advocacy Coordinator, Héma Sibi, notably participated to an event at the EU Parliament on “regulating prostitution in the EU, impact on gender equality and cross-border”. The event gathered 60 MEPs and parliamentary assistants from different parties.

CAP International highlighted that migrant women and girls and those from minorities were the prime targets of prostitution in the EU and the necessity for the EU to harmonise legislation on prostitution.

Launched in 2021, CAP International pursued its program Time For Abolition which aims to bring a “decisive boost” in countries/States where there is potential for a short-term legislative switch towards the Equality Model. Thus, in 2022, Solwodi/Sisters (Germany), Iroko (Italy) and Klaipeda Social and Psychological Support Center (Lithuania) received financial and technical support for their advocacy operations in 2022.

Complimentarily, the Defend Abolition programme is the “defensive counterpart” of Time For Abolition. It aims at supporting CAP International member organisations in Abolitionist countries in their struggle to protect their abolitionist laws when they are threatened. As a result of the evaluation process, the application submitted by Fondation Scelles/Mouvement du Nid (France) was accepted.
Actions in the framework of the Swedish–French joint diplomatic initiative

Since 2019, Sweden and France have developed a joint diplomatic initiative to fight against trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation, allowing constant dialogue, high level of cooperation between French and Swedish diplomacies, including the organisation of multiple of events with the civil society in support of frontline organisations and survivors.

This year, with the support of the Swedish and French Ambassadors at–large against trafficking, CAP International has been active in the framework of the initiative, notably through:

- The UNCSW66 online side event entitled “Neither sex, nor work: abolishing prostitution to promote decent work”, sponsored by France, Sweden and OSCE/ODIHR.

- The US Tour of the Last Girl First! report. Sweden and France co–sponsored and participated in public events in New York City, Boston, Washington DC, Seattle, Minneapolis and Houston.

- The event in Brussels named “Legislating for a Europe free from sexual exploitation”, in the presence of of the Swedish and French Ambassadors–at–large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, European MPs from several parties, frontline NGOs and survivors.

- The International Conference for the Abolition of Prostitution in Spain, in presence the Swedish and French Ambassadors at–large against trafficking.

- The advocacy tour In South Africa: CAP International participated in an event co–organised by the Swedish, French and Irish Embassies on the fight against human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

CAP International welcomes the international commitment of these two champion states in the fight against prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation, and encourages other countries to participate in this effort.
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During the financial year which ended December 31st 2022, our revenues amounted to 659,190€ compared to 462,042€ for the previous financial year.

We are proud of the renewed confidence of our donors who continue to support our mission. We are also delighted to have been joined by new partners to launch new projects.

These revenues came mainly from donations:
- the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: 274,709€
- the NoVo - Tides Foundation: 186,202€
- the Fondation Pierre Bellon: 120,000€
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Our annual charges amounted to 530,461€ compared to 346,991€ in 2021.

2022 was a busy year for the organisation of international events, including the 2nd International Abolitionist Week in Barcelona, the International Conference in Madrid and another in Brussels. Through our “Time For Abolition” and “Defend Abolition” programmes, but also constant counselling and strategic meetings with our members, we have reinforced our members’ advocacy efforts.

In 2023, we hope to allocate resources to develop our activities, particularly in terms of communication (creation of a position of communication officer) and by further developing our advocacy efforts.

The annual financial statements ended on December 31st and 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 and independence of financial years.

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By donating to CAP International, you will contribute to our daily activities supporting the actions and campaigns of our unique coalition of frontline NGOs providing direct assistance to victims of prostitution, sexual exploitation and trafficking in Europe, North America, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Pacific.

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