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HAVE TO **NO**
CHOOSE
BETWEEN
POVERTY OR
VIOLENCE

Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution (CAP International)

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“A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

In a year that tested us financially, politically, and personally, CAP International responded with the determination, solidarity, and unwavering commitment that have always defined this coalition. **Like many feminist organisations, we faced a shrinking funding landscape alongside an intensifying backlash against women's rights, freedoms, and equality.** That we continued not only to sustain but also to advance our work speaks to the strength of our members and the movement we have built together.

In June, we lost our former Director, **Jonathan Machler**, whose vision and leadership helped shape CAP International for years. His loss continues to be felt across our coalition and the abolitionist movement.

Through these challenges, our Executive Director, **Héma Sibi**, led CAP with clarity, courage, and determination. She guided the coalition through grief, financial uncertainty, and growing political resistance, securing the stability and continuity of our work while keeping our mission firmly on course.

2025 also demonstrated why our movement is more necessary than ever. The Epstein revelations laid bare how systems of prostitution and sexual exploitation are protected and normalised by power and money. **The Pélicot case in France** highlighted the prevalence of rape culture and the dehumanisation and commodification of women it entails. They were a brutal reminder that protecting the powerful and exploiting the vulnerable are not exceptions within the prostitution system, but central to how it operates. **To be against the Epstein system is to be against the prostitution system.**

We continued to challenge that system through sustained political advocacy. In Germany, nicknamed the “brothel of Europe”, we advocated for a decisive shift towards the abolitionist model. Campaigns for legislative change continued in 8 other countries. **We will not let up.**

Our movement continued to grow. We welcomed two new members in Italy and Croatia, extending our reach and reaffirming the growing demand for an abolitionist alternative founded on equality, protection, and meaningful pathways out of prostitution.

At our General Assembly in October, I was deeply honoured to be elected President, succeeding Cherie Jimenez, whose leadership guided CAP Intl through a period of significant growth. It is a privilege to work alongside a committed Secretariat, Board, and coalition of frontline organisations.

Looking ahead to 2026, our priorities are clear: to build on the achievements and lessons of EXIT Phase 1 through a second phase; to mark the tenth anniversary of the French abolitionist law and defend the progress it represents; to advance the abolitionist model in Germany, Spain, and other jurisdictions that continue to legalise or decriminalise exploitation; and to deepen the collaboration that makes this coalition more than the sum of its parts.

None of this happens without our Secretariat, members, partners, donors, and volunteers. Together, you demonstrated once again the strength and resilience of this movement. **We are united by a shared conviction that a world free from the prostitution system is possible and our unwavering determination to build it.**



Meghan Donevan
Présidente de CAP International

WHO ARE WE ?

The Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution - CAP International is a movement comprising 37 grassroots organisations founded by survivors of prostitution across 29 countries and united around a common goal: the abolition of systems of prostitution and human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation.

CAP International empowers its members to support victims of prostitution effectively. We also advocate for the adoption of national legislation and international standards based on five core principles:

- ✦ Decriminalisation of all persons in prostitution
- ✦ Protection, support services, and exit programs for persons in prostitution
- ✦ Prohibition of the purchase of sexual acts
- ✦ Prohibition of all forms of pimping
- ✦ Prevention strategies against the non-commodification of women and girls and of the realities of the prostitution system

To achieve our mission of abolishing prostitution worldwide, CAP International focuses on four key areas:

01 • Advocacy

We support access to decision-making spaces for frontline and survivor-led organisations at both domestic and international levels.

02 • Movement Building

We connect and empower frontline organisations specialised in combating prostitution and sexual exploitation globally.

03 • Raising Awareness

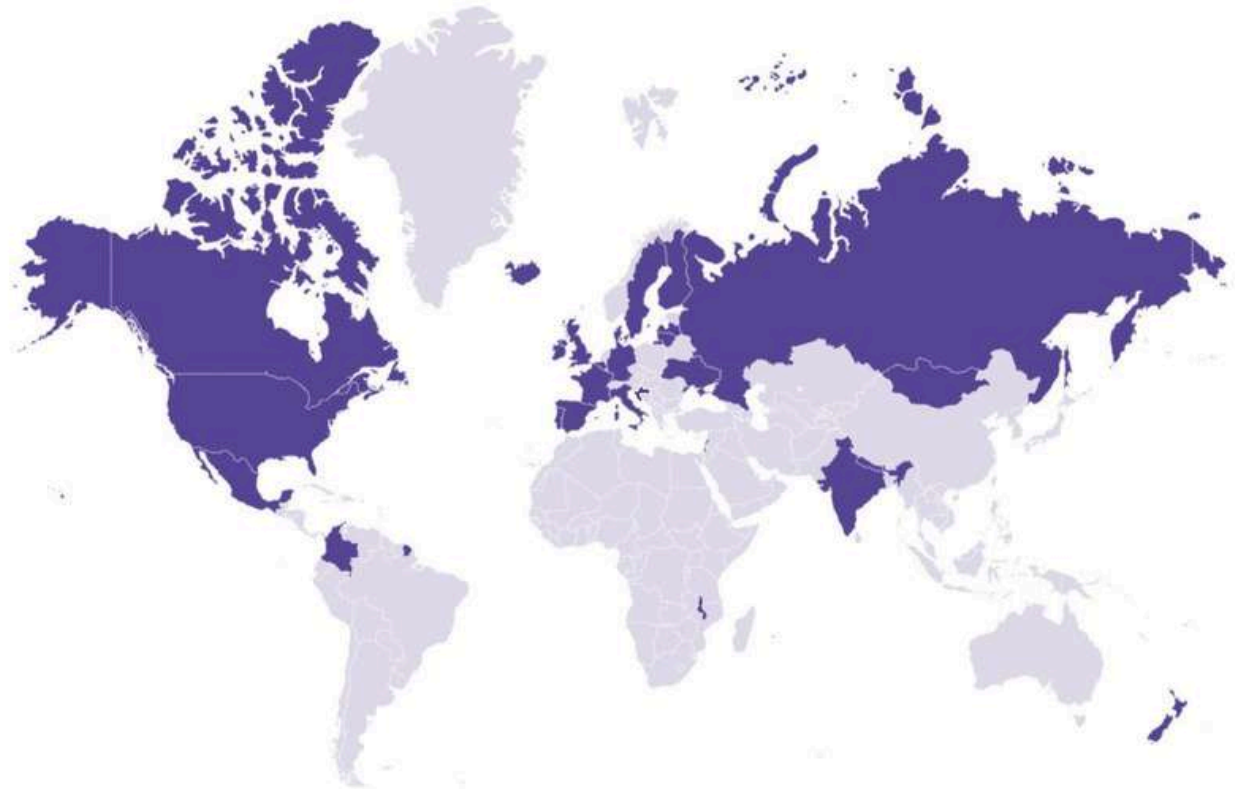
We work to dismantle the myths surrounding prostitution, raise awareness of the realities of the prostitution system, challenge and reverse the stigma from prostituted persons to the exploiters and sex buyers.

04 • The Grassroots Abolitionist Approach

Our members provide tailored support services to persons in prostitution based on the needs they express, to support their exit

OUR COALITION

The 37 members of CAP International are the driving force of our coalition, operating in 29 countries worldwide. Our members work with, or are founded by, survivors of prostitution. They provide direct support to victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation and/or advocate for the implementation of abolitionist legislation in their respective countries.



1000 Möjligheter (Sweden), **Acción Contra la Trata** (Spain), **Apne Aap Women Worldwide** (India), **Breaking Free** (USA), **Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a Mujeres** (Spain), **Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle** (Canada), **Comisión Unidos Vs Trata** (Mexico), **Dar Hosea** (Malta), **Democracy Development Center** (Ukraine), **Eva Center** (USA), **Exit prostitution** (Finland), **Fondation Scelles** (France), **Fundación Empoderame** (Colombia), **INGI Crisis Center for Women** (Russia), **IROKO** (Italy), **isala asbl** (Belgium), **Kafa (enough) Violence & Exploitation** (Lebanon), **KSPSC (Klaipeda Social and Psychological Support Center)** (Lithuania), **Maiti Nepal** (Nepal), **Marta Centre** (Latvia), **Mouvement du Nid** (France), **O Ninho** (Portugal), **People Serving Girls at Risk** (Malawi), **Reden/KFUKS Sociale Arbejde** (Denmark), **Ruhama** (Ireland), **Sawa** (Palestine), **SISTERS e.V.** (Germany), **Solwodi** (Germany), **South Kolkata Hamari Muskan** (India), **Stígamót** (Iceland), **Talita** (Sweden), **Talita Asia** (Mongolia), **Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter** (Canada), **Wahine Toa Raising** (New Zealand), **Women@theWell** (United Kingdom).

GOUVERNANCE 2025

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OUR COMMITMENTS

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

WHY DOES CAP INTERNATIONAL STAND UP AGAINST THE PROSTITUTION SYSTEM?

PROSTITUTION IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE

The vast majority of person in prostitution 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, Global North over Global South, majority groups over minorities.

PROSTITUTION IS A SYSTEM AT THE INTERSECTION OF VARIOUS OPPRESSIONS

Everywhere in the world, this system disproportionately impacts women and girls from marginalised communities: poor, Indigenous, migrant women and girls, those from oppressed castes or minorities. Prostitution is at the crossroads of multiple oppressions: patriarchy, racism, colonialism, imperialism, capitalism, class domination, war & militarisation.

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. 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 rights 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 existence.

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 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: to modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women; (article 5)

take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women. (article 6).

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 (Honeyball) on sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality 2014** recognises that prostitution, forced prostitution and sexual exploitation are highly gendered issues and violations of human dignity, contrary to human rights principles, among which gender equality, and therefore contrary to the principles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, including the goal and the principle of gender equality.

The **Resolution of the 77/194 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.

The **European Parliament resolution (Noichl) of 14 September 2023 on the regulation of prostitution in the EU**: its cross-border implications and impact on gender equality and women's rights calls on Member States to criminalise the purchase of sexual acts, provide exit pathways to persons in prostitution and criminalise all forms of pimping.

The **report on Prostitution and violence against women and girls Report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences**, Reem Alsalem from 18th of June 2024 recognises that prostitution is a violation of human rights and calls on States to adopt the abolitionist model.

The **European Court of Human Rights in its judgment M.A v France from 25th July 2024** highlights that combining the decriminalisation of persons in prostitution with the criminalisation of the purchase of sexual acts contributes to “reversing the balance of power with the client for prostituted persons, by positioning them as victims and enabling them to report the client in the event of violence, since it is now the client who is held accountable”. It underlines the positive effects of the abolitionist model in terms of protection for persons in 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, aims to meet the following SDGs:



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.



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.



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.



SDG 8.8

Protect labor rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, particularly women migrants, and those in precarious employment.

GLOBAL IMPACT IN 2025

2 214

EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEER
WORKING FOR THE ABOLITION
OF PROSTITUTION

81

SHELTERS AND DROP-IN CENTERS

22 462

VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION SUPPORTED
BY CAP INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

INCLUDING

2 658

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
UNDER THE AGE OF 18

3 115

CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT
INDIRECTLY

1 627M

FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

146

PUBLICATIONS ON THE ISSUE
OF PROSTITUTION AND SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION

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INTERNATIONAL ABOLITIONIST YEAR 2025



OVER THE YEAR

JANUARY

Discussing the French Abolitionist Model in Serbia

On 22 January, CAP International was invited to a round table organised by the **Serbian NGO Atina**, with the support of the **Permanent Mission of the Republic of France to the UN and other international organisations in Vienna**.

Aimed at **40 prosecutors**, judiciary representatives from all over the country, the **roundtable focused the prevention of sexual exploitation, human trafficking and prostitution in Serbia**.

CAP International presented the French law on the abolition of prostitution, and its relevance in the Serbian context to protect victims and end the impunity of traffickers and buyers of sexual acts.



FEBRUARY

Highlighting prostitution as gender-based cyberviolence in an international symposium in Strasbourg, France

On 14 February, CAP Intl intervened in an international conference on **"Online Sexual Exploitation: European Issues and Responses"** organised by the French associations **Osez le Féminisme** and the **Coordination Française pour le Lobby Européen des Femmes**. To a public of 120 civil society, government and parliament representatives, CAP Intl provided a comparative analysis on prostitution legislations across Europe and new solutions in the face of the digitalisation of this system.



MARCH

8th of March -

Taking the streets on International Women's Day

For International Women's Day on 8 March, CAP Intl members took part in marches to promote the abolitionist message: ***"No woman should have to choose between poverty and violence."***

In Paris, CAP Intl joined one of its member organisations, le Mouvement du Nid and allies.

In New York, survivors and activists demonstrated in front of the UN headquarters on the margins of the CSW69 events.



CAP Intl, jury of the « Prix de la Fondation Scelles » in Paris



On 21st March, for the **10th Fondation Scelles Awards Ceremony**, member organization and co-founder of CAP Intl, the best pleadings delivered by student judges were recognised, based on **a fictitious case relating to trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation**.

CAP International was a **member of the competition's jury**. The ceremony also featured a round-table discussion highlighting the significant rise in prostitution observed during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, as well as the need to strengthen legislation in response to the growth of online prostitution.

APRIL

Addressing the French abolitionist model in Austria at the French Permanent Representation to the UNODC



CAP Intl intervened in an evening debate organised at the **French Ambassador's Residency in Vienna with Swedish, British and French partners** to highlight best practices in the fight against the prostitution system to an audience of 70 individuals including Ambassadors and their advisors.

This discussion was the occasion to highlight France and Sweden's pioneer role in the protection of victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation.

Advocating for best practices to end prostitution and sexual exploitation in Spain

On 16th of April, CAP International's pro bono advisor in Spain, **Nerea Novo Paleo** participated in an event by the Spanish organisation **APRAMP** on best practices to end trafficking and exploitation attended by over 100 participants. She raised awareness on the necessity to end demand for prostitution as central to the fight against trafficking and **for Spain to adopt the abolitionist model** to put an end to the current harmful system preying on the most vulnerable.



LUCHA CONTRA LA EXPLOTACIÓN Y TRATA DE PERSONAS. UNA MIRADA INTERNACIONAL, HABLAN LAS SUPERVIVIENTES

"Combating Demand that Fuels Human Trafficking for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation" in Ukraine

On 29 April 2025, CAP International participated in a round-table organised by its Ukrainian member, the **Democracy Development Center**, on combating the demand for prostitution, bringing together 400 participants, including Ukrainian officials. CAP Intl emphasised the surge of trafficking of Ukrainian women and girls for sexual exploitation in Europe since the beginning of the war, the increased demand and the necessity for abolitionist policies targeting buyers, traffickers and protecting victims.

JUNE

« Mardi de la CLEF » discussing the *Last Girl First* findings

On 3 June, Héma Sibi took part in a **round-table** organised by the **Coordination Française pour le Lobby Européen des Femmes (La CLEF)** entitled “Fighting the Normalisation of Gender-Based Violence: For an Abolitionist Response to the Commodification of Women’s Bodies”. Alongside other speakers, she presented the conclusions of the FACT-S research report, highlighting the strong results of the French law, nine years after its adoption.



Intervening in the World’s Women March in Marseille



CAP International spoke during the **World Women’s March** on June 15th gathering 250 activists in Marseille, France. On this occasion, CAP highlighted the direct impact of war and armed conflict on the prostitution of women. Drawing attention to the prostitution systems involving UN peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the enslavement and sexual exploitation of Yazidi women as a tool of conquest, and the prostitution of refugee and displaced women at Europe’s borders, CAP Intl called for the universal abolition of the prostitution system.

JULY

Sponsoring an event on ending the demand that fosters trafficking

On 30 July, CAP International co-sponsored the event “**Eradicating Demand to Eliminate Human Trafficking**” alongside **Apne Aap** and the **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)**. The event featured a keynote address by actress and UN Goodwill Ambassador **Mira Sorvino**, opening remarks by **Ruchira Gupta**, founder of Apne Aap, as well as a **panel discussion** with leading voices in the fight against human trafficking and a book reading by students, underscoring the role of education and awareness-raising.

SEPTEMBER

Highlighting the French abolitionist Model to the German Alliance for the Nordic Model

CAP Intl facilitated a **capacity-building seminar** together with one of its French member organisation the Mouvement du Nid dedicated to 40 members of the German Alliance for the Nordic Model. On this occasion, CAP Intl presented comparative data from France and Sweden in the fight against trafficking for sexual exploitation and the collective strategies to adopt the abolitionist model legislation.

OCTOBER

CAP Intl and Apne Aap in Paris for a Book Event on prostitution



On the 1st of October, CAP International welcomed **Ruchira Gupta**, founder of its indian member **Apne Aap** in Paris to discuss caste-based prostitution, break the cycle of intergenerational prostitution in India through her novel *"I Kick and Fly"*. The event took place at the Chantelivre book store in Paris, and was an opportunity to **highlight caste-based prostitution in India**, the necessary international fight for the abolition of the prostitution system and the the importance to *"transform red-light districts into green districts"*.

CAP Intl addresses the failures of legalisation of prostitution in a webinar of La CLES

On the occasion of **the International Day of No Prostitution**, la CLES organised the conference *"The Failure of the Legalisation of Prostitution in Europe and Beyond"*, bringing together speakers from Isala (Belgium) and CAP International, including Héma Sibi. The discussion highlighted the socio-economic pressures, the invisibility of violence, the impunity of buyers, and the incompatibility of prostitution with human dignity and gender equality.



CAP International at FiLiA: Panels on Andrea Dworkin's Work and best practices to end the sex trade

CAP International chaired two roundtables during the **FiLiA feminist Conference in the UK**. CAP Intl next to Roberta Pfyzel, Julie Bindel and Freya Mac Kenzie, highlighted the impact of Andrea Dworkin's analysis on the work of CAP Intl to abolish the prostitution system.

Targeting 500 feminists activists, CAP Intl also discussed the best practices to end the sex trade together with Melissa Farley, Huschke Mau, Maria Dmitryeva and Ruth Breslin in a panel *"Women Defying the Sex Trade against all Odds"*.



CAP International at the Lithuanian Parliament to promote best practices to end the prostitution of women and girls



CAP International participated in an event organised in the Lithuanian Parliament by its member **Veda Vidus** on the fight to end sexual exploitation. CAP Intl highlighted that the French Model, through exit pathways funded partly by the assets frozen from pimps arrested, and prohibiting the purchase of sexual acts constitutes a best practice to tackle the prostitution system while protecting victims.

Coordinating a workshop on "The Commodification of Women and Colonialism" at Feminist Camp Osez le Féminisme!"

CAP Intl coordinated a workshop for 50 feminist activists during **Osez le Féminisme's Feminist Camp in Paris** on the commodification of women and girls, racism, colonialism and the need for a decolonial feminist approach on prostitution: one that tackles the intersectional oppressions fostering it.



CAP INTERNATIONAL'S ELECTED ITS NEW BOARD

On 28 October, during its General Assembly, CAP Intl's members elected a new Board of Directors composed of nine people, all representatives of our member associations who work in the field with women and girls in prostitution: Meghan Donevan, Claire Quidet, Cherie Jimenez, Frédéric Boisard, Srabani Sarkar Neogi, Ruchira Gupta, Ohaila Shomar, Oleksandra Nazarova and Maria Borg Pellicano.

NOVEMBER

CAP Intl in Berlin: advocating for the Nordic Model!

In early November, CAP Intl went to Berlin with **Bundesverband Nordisches Modell** to promote the abolitionist model in the country. CAP Intl met with German policymakers in the Bundestag to advocate for better protection of women and girls in prostitution.



CAP Intl also visited sexboxen "**street prostitution cabins**" in Kurfürstenstraße, highlighting severe violations of human dignity. CAP Intl also took part in a **conference** organised by the Bundesverband Nordisches Modell in support of the Abolitionist Model for Germany and recorded a **podcast on the impact of the French law and the findings of our FACT-S report**.

Launch of the Mondétour Space to Fight against Sexist and Sexual Violence in Paris

CAP Intl participated to the launch of this space created by its French member Fondation Scelles in Paris. On this occasion, CAP Intl provided a presentation on the evolutions of the Swedish model on prostitution and its results in shifting mentalities, reducing demand and creating a strong coherent field work between law enforcement and grassroots NGOs.



CAP Intl published its 3rd Handbook on Safe Abolitionist Spaces!

As part of its **EXIT** programme, CAP Intl has published its **third handbook on abolitionist 'safe spaces'**. This guide highlights the vital role played by support centres and shelters in creating safe environments where women exploited in prostitution can find protection and the resources they need to leave the sex trade.

Drawing on the experiences of grassroots and survivor-led organisations, it offers practical insights into how abolitionist safe spaces can empower women and support sustainable pathways out of prostitution.



Participating in Osez le Féminisme's FeministTalk in Paris on the prostitution of children

CAP Intl participated to **Osez le Féminisme's FeministTalk** on Minors in prostitution in Paris alongside its French member organisation Mouvement du Nid. CAP Intl highlighted the necessity to recognise the continuum of the prostitution system between minors and adults, the lack of resources of the foster care system creating a fertile ground for the prostitution of minors and the role of perpetrators: pedocriminals as sex buyers and pimps in the commodification of girls.

Promoting abolitionist messages for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



On 25 November, several CAP Intl members, alongside survivors of prostitution, participated in global marches for the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**. They reaffirmed that prostitution is a form a violence against women and called for stronger action to fight this system, carrying messages such as ***"sex is neither a right nor a duty."***

DECEMBER

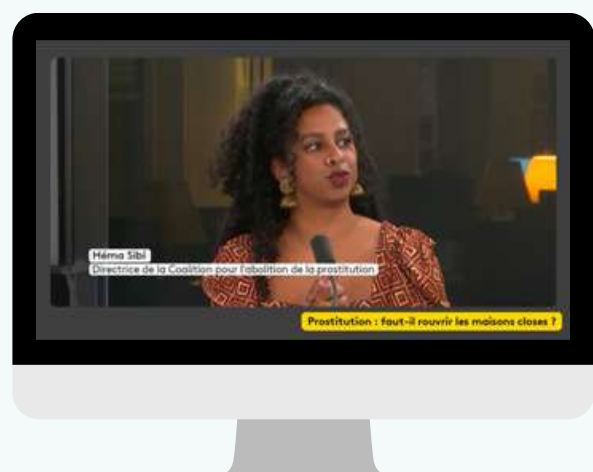
CAP Intl at the Accountancy Europe Event in Brussels: addressing the human costs of prostitution, trafficking, and pimping

CAP Intl's director participated in a **conference in Brussels** organised by **Accountancy Europe** to provide data and information about the human costs of the prostitution and sexual exploitation systems, the prostitution market as the destination of the crime of trafficking and the need for a strong European legal framework that criminalises all forms of pimping including brothel-owning and which prohibits the purchase of sexual acts.



CAP Intl calls out the proposal to reopen brothels in France

CAP Intl's executive director spoke on French TV, following the proposal of the far right to reopen brothels in France. CAP Intl highlighted the archaism of this proposal in the post #metoo era and warned of a significant setback on women's rights.



AUCUNE FEMME
NE DEVRAIT
AVOIR À
CHOISIR ENTRE
LA PAUVRETÉ
ET LA VIOLENCE

Abolissons la prostitution



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ABOLISSONS
LA
PROSTITUTION



FOCUS

69TH UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

From 10 to 14 March, Héma Sibi and several members of CAP International took part in the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) in New York.

Their participation aimed to reaffirm that equality between women and men cannot be achieved as long as prostitution persists. CAP International participated in various events.

CAP International intervened in the UN side-event of France and Osez le féminisme! on ***“Sexual and gender-based cyberviolence: Challenges and solutions to counter backlash and build a digital world free from violence against women and girls”***. This meeting gathered the French Minister of Equality, the Ambassador of Mexico, a Representative from Canada, a Representative from the Swedish Gender Equality Agency and a Representative from UNFPA and +100 CSOs representatives, parliamentarians and activists.



CAP Intl addressed the increasing digitalisation of the prostitution system and namely that :

- ◆ Cyberprostitution preys on the most marginalised women and girls
- ◆ Online platforms allow men to shop, select, buy women and girls as commodities categorised into sexist and racist categories
- ◆ Victims must be decriminalised and protected, while buyers of sexual acts and online platforms facilitating the prostitution of others should be held accountable.

Animating a capacity-building seminar for students of the CATHII Project

CAP International met with the CATHII Project gathering 20 Canadian students advocates to end trafficking for sexual exploitation. CAP International facilitated a capacity-building seminar and collective discussion on the rootcauses of prostitution, the cross-cutting factors of vulnerability and the abolitionist legal framework to tackle it.



CAP Intl's 8th campaign of March in front of the UN *"No one should have to choose between poverty and violence"* in 20 languages



On the 8th of March, for International Women's Day, CAP International organised a powerful mobilisation of women's rights activists with abolitionist posters in front of the United Nations in New York, spreading the message *"No one should have to choose between poverty and violence, abolish prostitution"* in 20 languages.

CAP Intl co-sponsored and intervened in a parallel event together with European Women's Lobby on *"Survivors of Prostitution: Beijing's left behind?"*

CAP International intervened along with our survivor-led member organisation in Italy, Weavers of Hope, in a parallel event organised by the European Women's Lobby, the French Coordination for European Women's Lobby, the Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights, CAP Intl and the European Network of Migrant Women.

CAP International addressed the results of different models on prostitution and the importance of survivors' voices and experiences in guiding the way for abolitionist organisations.

IMPACT OF THE FRENCH ABOLITIONIST LAW: REPORT BY FACT-S 2025

On 30 April, the Fédération des Actrices et Acteurs de Terrains et des Survivantes (FACT-S), of which CAP International is a member alongside Amicale du Nid, Fédération Nationale des CIDFF, Fondation Scelles and Mouvement du Nid, published a major report assessing the impact of France's 2016 abolitionist law nine years after its adoption.



The report shows that, where fully implemented, the law has enabled around 2,000 people, predominantly women, to exit prostitution and access stable employment, residence permits and improved language skills in French.

- 91% have a job (60% permanent)
- 45% have a residence permit
- 49% are waiting for their residence permit
- 71% have a good command of French.

However, implementation remains uneven across the country, particularly regarding the criminalisation of buyers and the spread of online prostitution, and digitalisation has contributed to the invisibility of victims and the proliferation of online ads. The report also highlights a sharp increase in the prostitution of minors and calls for comprehensive prevention, awareness-raising and training.

2016-444 du 13 avril 2016 puts forward **55 recommendations** to ensure full and consistent application of the law, address digital and hidden forms of prostitution, enhance support for minors, and strengthen prevention and education efforts.



The Executive Director, Héma Sibi, also appeared on the French TV Show France 3 to present the findings of the FACT-S report and to highlight the positive impacts of the abolitionist model.

ROSA Y WEAVERS OF HOPE SE UNEN A CAP INTERNATIONAL

ROSA

The Center for Women War Victims-ROSA, a feminist NGO from Croatia, joined CAP International in 2025. Since 1992, the organisation has supported women survivors of sexual violence and sex trafficking, including prostitution, providing confidential legal and psychological assistance. ROSA also operates the National Help Line for Human Trafficking year-round and offers free legal representation in court for survivors.



“Centre for Women War Victims ROSA is honored to join the CAP community. We will do our best to contribute to CAP community with decades of our advocacy work towards Equality Model and a world free from sexual exploitation.” - **Nikolina Zec and Nela Pamuković**

WEAVERS OF HOPE

Weavers of Hope, an Italian NGO, also joined CAP International in 2025. The organisation empowers survivors of human trafficking and supports migrant and refugee women through counselling, safe housing, legal assistance, and vocational training, while also engaging in public awareness and advocacy to strengthen protections for survivors.



“Becoming part of such an international network will strengthen our advocacy for a world where women and girls are free from all forms of exploitation. It provides an opportunity to share experiences, collaborate and contribute to global efforts to dismantle the systems sustaining prostitution and trafficking. It also ensures that the voices and experiences of survivors are heard at a global level, reinforcing our commitment to empowering women, defending and advocating for their fundamental rights.” - **Blessing Okoedion**

Together, these new members reinforce the diversity and international reach of CAP International's abolitionist coalition.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2025

Faced with tighter public funding constraints, we chose to focus our resources on our highest-priority initiatives and on those areas where our expertise could have the greatest impact.

During the financial year ending December 31, 2025, our annual expenditures totaled **259,857€**.

These funds enabled us to continue the work at the heart of our mission - specifically our advocacy efforts in several countries, our awareness-raising campaigns, and the implementation of the EXIT program. This continuity would not have been possible without the continued trust of our partners and donors.

In 2025, we raised **178,596€** in contributions thanks to the support of the Ilva Foundation, Life Story Initiative, Frontline Women's Fund, and the Rotary Club Orléans. Beyond their financial support, we wish to acknowledge their confidence in our mission and the value of our work.

2025 was a year of both adaptation and perseverance. By aligning our pace and priorities with available resources, we continued to advocate, raise awareness, and provide support. Our ability to remain committed—even under tighter constraints—demonstrates the strength of our dedication and the trust built over the years with our partners, donors, and everyone who contributes to our work.

METHODOLOGY

The annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 were prepared and presented in accordance with the accounting regulations in force in France.

They were subject to an external audit conducted by a Statutory Auditor. The accounting policies were applied fairly and in accordance with the prudence principle, based on the following assumptions: going concern, consistency of accounting methods from one financial year to the next, and the accrual principle (independence of accounting periods). The basic method used to value the items recorded in the accounts is the historical cost method.

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JOIN US!

The impactful work of CAP International is made possible through the generosity of our sponsors, foundations, and individual supporters.

As our mission to abolish prostitution continues to expand, your donations are vital. They directly support our advocacy efforts, frontline services, and capacity-building programmes, enabling us to create meaningful change.

By donating to CAP International, you play an essential role in supporting the actions and campaigns of our unique Coalition of frontline NGOs that provide critical assistance to victims of prostitution and of trafficking for sexual exploitation all over the world.

Together, we can make a difference.

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Beneficiary's account name: Coalition pour l'Abolition de la Prostitution
Address: 14 Rue Mondétour, 75 001 Paris, France
Beneficiary's account number: 08007341916
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IBAN: FR76 1444 5004 0008 0073 4191 649
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