

THE COALITION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN

Biennial Report 2012/2013

CATW's Mission

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) is a non-governmental organization that works to end human trafficking and the commerical sexual exploitation of women and girls. CATW is one of the world's oldest organizations to fight human trafficking internationally and a leading abolitionist organization. CATW and our partners engage in advocacy, education, victim services and prevention programs for victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, and North America, including in the United States.

Since 1988, CATW has provided widely recognized leadership at local, national, regional, and international levels, in promoting legislative, policy, and educational measures to raise awareness about the root causes of human trafficking. CATW holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and was a key consultant at the UN Transnational Organized Crime Meetings in 1999 and 2000, the outcome of which being the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially of Women and Children (Palermo Protocol), the world's most recognized legal instrument on human trafficking.

From the Chair of the Board

Aurora Javate-de Dios



When we opened our doors in 1988,

human trafficking was an issue few had heard about. Two and a half decades later, with its exponential growth, trafficking has become a household name. We often do not think it happens in our communities, but it does. Every hour of the day. This 2012-2013 Biennial report gives a glimpse of our accomplishments and the tasks ahead. CATW continues to play a

critical role in this global movement, engaging in legislative advocacy, providing services to victims, developing prevention programs, engaging men and boys, and most importantly, supporting the growing and critical leadership of survivors. The United Nations estimates that 75 per cent of trafficked individuals are women and children, a majority of whom are being bought and sold in the sex trade for incalculable profits. Harm reduction policies are key in providing medical, legal, housing, psychological and social services to victims and survivors. but we cannot stop there if we want to end gender-based violence and exploitation. Harm elimination is our mission and our goal. Together, we can invest in a future where no woman, man, boy or girl is bought and sold for profit. We believe in a world where society no longer deems acceptable the purchase of another human being for commercial sex, whether on the streets, in brothels or online. Together, we must continue to urge governments to enact and implement strong anti-trafficking laws and meaningfully address the demand that fuels the sex trade. Together, we can achieve equality.

At-a-Glance: 2012-2013

Women seeking exit strategies from prostitution and trafficking in Madrid and Sevilla received assistance from a mobile care unit through street outreach in Spain.

CATW organized its first panel of survivor leaders, "Survivors Speak: Prostitution and Sex Trafficking," at the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations.

> CATW-LAC strengthened its national networks in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Argentina, Haiti, Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Colombia.

CATW traveled to Ecuador to support partners' "Changing practices...ending demand" workshops educating young men about masculinities, gender equality and consumption of commercial sex.

CATW-Europe advocated for the passage of the French bill penalizing demand.

CATW partnered with the MiraMed Institute and the Angel Coalition in Moscow to carry out a major media campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking, which was covered in 22 newspaper articles, four radio broadcasts, and three television shows.

In Albania, CATW supported the Women's Media Group's ongoing campaign, "Yes to Cultural Tourism, No to Sex Tourism."

India: In 2013, Apne Aap's legislative advocacy led to trafficking becoming a criminal offense under Indian Penal Code for the first time.

Over 140 Nigerian women successfully completed IROKO's support and reintegration program

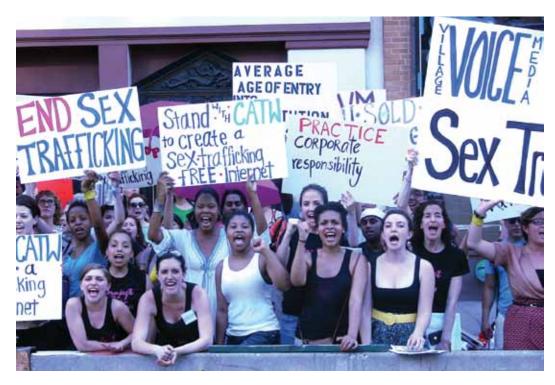
In the wake of Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), CATW-AP was among the first to respond and assist victims in the most affected provinces.

Embrace Dignity launched a pilot program to provide psychosocial support and peer mentoring through 'Sister Circles' as an exit model for survivors of sex trafficking and prostitution.

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CATW in Action

CONTINUING THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR A SEX TRAFFICKING-FREE INTERNET



APRIL 25, 2012

CATW testified at a public hearing before the New York City Council Committee on Women's Issues calling for the passage of Proposed Resolution No. 1226-A mandating Village Voice Media to stop accepting "adult services" advertisements on its online classified site,

Backpage.com. Despite its claims that they monitor the "adult services" section, Backpage.com hosts ads that facilitate sex trafficking.

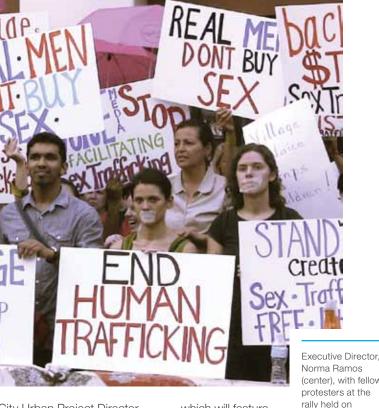
JUNE 20, 2012

In partnership with Prostitution Research and Education (PRE) and InterVarsity's New York City Urban Project, CATW organized a successful protest at the Backpage New York City office (owned by Village Voice Media, LLC). This action was co-sponsored by 117 leading national and international anti-trafficking organizations and prominent individuals. Leading sex trafficking survivors turned activists Stella Marr, Joy

PETITION SIGNATORIES

A CALL TO MEN AARON COHEN **ABORIGINAL** WOMEN'S ACTION **NETWORK ALICIA KEYS AMBASSADOR** MARK LAGON DEMAND **ABOLITION FREDERICK DOUGLASS FAMILY FOUNDATION** GEEBO.COM **GLORIA STEINEM** JANE FONDA **ROBIN MORGAN TEMPLE** COMMITTEE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS THE WOMEN'S MEDIA CENTER

Friedman, and Danielle
Douglass opened the protest.
Other speakers included
CATW Board Member
Dorchen Leidholdt, NYC
Council Members Melissa
Mark-Viverito and Brad
Lander, author and activist
Aaron Cohen, Nomi Network
President Diana Mao, and
InterVarsity's New York



City Urban Project Director Jonathan Walton. Singersongwriter Naja Rosa moved the crowd with her beautiful song, "Mountain of Love."

The talented young women of Project Girl Performance Collective performed scenes from *Trafficked*, a powerful play about the struggles of young prostituted women. Alicia Keys posted the campaign to her over 8 million followers on Facebook and Twitter, raising CATW's profile on social media. The demonstration received media coverage, including in the New York Press and NBC,

which will feature footage in its special programming on human trafficking.

DECEMBER 22, 2012

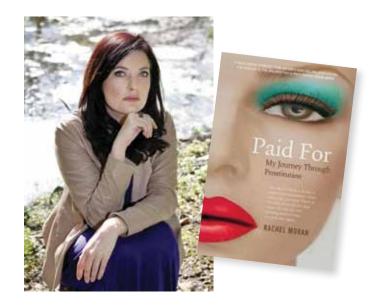
The US Senate passed
Resolution 439, calling for
Village Voice Media Holdings,
LLC to "eliminate the adult
entertainment" section of
Backpage.com. As a result,
Village Voice allegedly
separated their online
operations from their printed
publications. Backpage
continues to facilitate sex
trafficking online.

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Outreach

APRIL 2013

Rachel Moran, survivor and founder of SPACE International (Survivors of Prostitution – Abuse Calling for Enlightenment) published the critically-acclaimed book "Paid For: My Journey Through Prostitution." Rachel Moran has been leading efforts to have the Nordic Model passed in Ireland. CATW has been working closely with Rachel to support these efforts and raise awareness about her book.

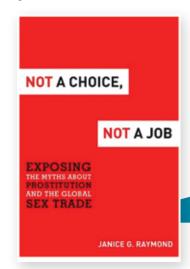


CREATING A SHIFT.

The World Book Encyclopedia invited Executive Director, Norma Ramos, to write the definition on human trafficking for its new edition. She also worked on the definition for prostitution, essential to creating a cultural shift recognizing prostitution as violence against women and a violation of human rights. This cultural shift is necessary to create policy change that will lead to criminalization of the traffickers, pimps and johns, rather than the prostituted women.

JULY 2013

In her latest book, Not a Choice, Not a Job: Exposing the Myths about Prostitution and the Global Sex Trade, CATW Board Member Janice Raymond exposes how legalized prostitution in the Netherlands, Germany, Australia, and Nevada fuels sex trafficking and endangers women.



"This is an extraordinary work that will serve for years as the go-to book on the relationship between sex slavery and prostitution. Janice Raymond, who has spent decades wrestling with the prostitution challenge, has covered every nook and cranny of this issue: the history, the efficacy of present practices and, where we should go from here."

John Miller

Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large of Modern Day Slavery; former member of the U.S. House of Representatives (R-WA); and former director of the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons from 2002-2006

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Legislative Advocacy

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION: TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION AND JUSTICE ACT (TVPJA)

In May 2012, Sanctuary for Families, CATW, and the National Organization for Women (New York City) traveled to Albany, calling on New York state Senate legislators to support the TVPJA. This proposed legislation would improve the state's efforts to end human trafficking by enhancing protection for trafficked victims, particularly commercially sexually exploited children. The bill also increases accountability, among other measures, for buyers of commercial sex, pimps and traffickers, who are key to the growth of this multi-billion dollar industry.

*In 1999, the Government of Sweden passed a law criminalizing the purchase of sex (demand) and decriminalizing the sale of sex. The governments of Iceland and Norway followed suit, thus leading to the creation of the "Nordic Model," a set of laws that recognize prostitution as inherently exploitative and inflicting harm on women and society.

Promoting the Nordic Model* Around the World

CATW continues to advocate for (1) a shift in policy towards the Nordic Model, (2) and a shift in attitudes towards greater public understanding of exploitation of women and girls in the sex trade and (3) a shift in cultural attitudes towards prostitution by redefining it as the "world's oldest oppression," raising awareness around the realties of commercial sexual exploitation, the end point of sex trafficking.

A WORLDWIDE SHIFT TOWARD THE NORDIC MODEL

ALBANIA.

CATW, along with Briseida Mema and Luljeta Buza of the Women's Media Group in Albania and CATW Board member, Malka Marcovich, met with the Deputy Minister for Gender Equality of the EU to discuss Albania's approach in addressing the sex industry.

CUBA.

At the Annual Gender and Justice Meeting in La Havana, Cuba, CATW Board members Asunción Miura and Teresa Ulloa Ziáurriz, and Agnete Strom of The Women's Front in Norway, presented The Scandinavian Model to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Women and Girls: Its Evaluation and Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

FRANCE.

In December 2013, the French Assembly passed a bill imposing stiff fines on sex buyers, while exempting the women in prostitution from criminal liability.

IRELAND.

In August 2012, CATW submitted a letter to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Equality and Defense of Ireland, urging Ireland to adopt a law to criminalize the purchase of sex. In June 2013, the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Equality and Defense of Ireland released a report called "Review of Legislation on Prostitution," which summarized the extensive consultation process and recommended the criminalization of demand to the legislative body.

ISRAEL.

In conjunction with our partners in Israel, CATW submitted a letter to the Minister of Justice, Yaacov Neeman, in support of their government's adoption of the Prohibition of Consumption of Prostitution Services and Community Treatment Bill.

PHILIPPINES.

YSAGE's youth graduates played a significant role in the passage of the Reproductive Health Law (Republic Act 10345). On December 18, 2012, legislators approved the bill amid a decade of opposition from conservative sectors of the country. The law, which took thirteen years to pass, will allow sex education in schools and ensure access, especially for poor women, to information and services for contraception.

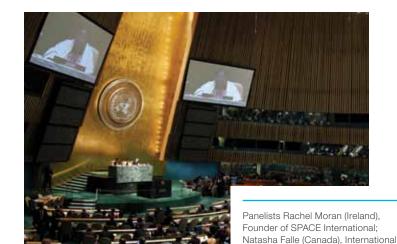
The Philippines Senate released a Committee report on the Anti-Prostitution Bill (Senate Bill 3382) for which CATW-AP, YSAGE, and other allied networks have been advocating. The bill would decriminalize prostituted persons, especially women, would criminalize the buyer, and strengthen penalties against pimps and traffickers in the sex industry.

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CATW at the UN

CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES
TO THE UNITED
NATIONS
CONVENTION
AGAINST
TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANIZED CRIME
IN VIENNA

On October 18, 2012
Marta Torres presented
on the Nordic Model at
the Conference of the
Parties to the United
Nations Convention Against
Transnational Organized
Crime in Vienna. A copy of
the transcript is available on
the CATW website.





Co-Founder of Sex Trade 101, and

Scan to watch the CSW 57 Survivors' Panel



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 2012

At the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations (UN) in New York City, CATW presented two panels and contributed valuable abolitionist insights to other key discussion forums. CSW's theme was "The Empowerment of Rural Women and their Role in Poverty and Hunger Eradication, Development and Current Challenges."

CATW's first panel, titled "Rural Supply/Urban Demand: How

Male Buyers Drive the Global Sex Industry," included Jean Enriquez, Regional Director of CATW-Asia Pacific; Malka Marcovich, CATW's European Representative, and Victor Malarek, author of *The Johns:* Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It.

Trafficking of Rural Women:
From Poverty to Bondage to
Empowerment," was co-sponsored by the Congregation of
Our Lady of Charity of the Good

The second panel, "The

Shepherd. Panelists included Esohe Aghatise, Executive Director of IROKO, and CATW Board Member; Beatriz Elena Rodríguez Rengifo, co-founder of Asociación de Mujeres Productoras de Cárnicos (ASOMUPCAR), and a member of CATW-LAC; Christina Stark, activist and author of "Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation"; and Darlene Rigo and Samantha Grey, members of the Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN).

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 2013

CATW was once again an active participant at the 57th Session of CSW in March 2013. The priority theme was The Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls. CATW sponsored two panels, moderated one, and had several Board members participate in key events. In the first panel, Ending Impunity: Holding the DSKs, Elliot Spitzers and the Berlusconis Accountable,

panelists included Esohe
Aghatise, Malka Marcovich,
Teresa Ulloa Ziaurriz, Regional
Director of CATW Latin
American and the Caribbean,
Natasha Henry, Founder
of Gender Company; and,
Dorchen Leidholdt, Director of
Legal Services at Sanctuary for
Families, who moderated
the discussion.

As a continuation of CATW's efforts to support the voices of

survivors, CATW organized a panel of leaders in the field from around the world. Panelists included Vednita Carter,
Founder and Executive Director of Breaking Free; Stella Marr,
Author and Founding Member of Sex Trafficking Survivors
United; Rachel Moran, Founder of SPACE International; Natasha Falle, International Co-Founder of Sex Trade 101, and; Theresa Der-Lan Yeh, of Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation.

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CATW - ASIA PACIFIC

EDUCATION.

CATW-Asia Pacific designed and conducted innovative educational camps to inform and enlighten young people about gender equality and the demand for commercial sex that fuels sex trafficking. A total of 510 young women

Of the youth camp attendees, 30-75% of the young women had been victims of sexual abuse.

and men were trained over the course of 2012-2013. In partnership with former graduates of the program, Youth and Students Advancing Gender Equality (YSAGE), CATW-AP organized three youth camps from March to July involving 73 young women and men from the

Central Luzon, National Capital, and Negros Occidental regions.

The participants showed a shift in attitudes about masculinity and the purchase of prostituted sex with 90% of the answers indicating increased understanding of the issue, personal confidence, and a rights-based analysis of commercial sexual exploitation.

ACTION.

On November 8, 2013, Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) devastated portions of Southeast Asia, particularly the Philippines. It was one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever recorded and the deadliest on record with at least 6,268



A trainer presenting a tableau about empowered women at a youth camp in the National Capital Region

causalities. CATW-AP was among the first to respond to calls for help, assisting victims in the most affected areas. Among the affected provinces in the Visayas were some of the poorest provinces of the country, which have historically high records of trafficking in women and children.

November 13-17, 2013 – CATW-AP staff brought relief goods to the towns of Samar and Leyte. They also scanned the areas for situations of violence against women, including trafficking. Lists of missing persons were collected, and through the use of social media, CATW-AP was able to locate many of the missing persons and reunite the families.

November 16-19, 2013 – CATW-AP carried out a food drop mission in the Caluya group of islands in Antique, a region that lacked access to fresh water sources.

CATW-AP staff brings relief goods to the towns of Samar and Leyte



"WHERE ARE THE BOYS?"

Sheic, one of the young woman graduates from the camp held at Antipolo, said she was exhilarated by the participation of young men in the camp because in gender trainings the usual question is "where are the boys?" She added, "One very striking part for me was when prostitution was discussed in different means...I do now know what a woman has gone through, why she's coming up with a certain decision, or if she ever had a choice in the first place.

I also learned that indeed, no woman [would] ever wish to purposefully trade sex for money.

They are vulnerable and exploited."

Sheic, YSAGE Graduate

Celebrating International
Human Rights Day:
Students from YSAGE
mobilized a flash mob,
led by CATW-AP and the
World March of Women,
on December 10, 2012,
International Human Rights
Day, as a contribution
to the 24 Hours of
Feminist Action.



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CATW - LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ACTION.

The Red Alert System (RAS) is in its fifth and sixth years, respectively, and continues to locate and rescue missing women and children. In 2012-2013, CATW-LAC found

In the six-year lifespan of the project, 1,037 women and children have been rescued.

84 persons, 65 of which were rescued alive and 19 were deceased. CATW-LAC also delivered medical attention to 15 victims, counseling support to 25 families, legal advisory and representation for

75 cases, and humanitarian services to 50 victims and their families.

CATW-LAC facilitated two family reunifications and implemented transitional homes, an educational program, vocational training and productive projects with the aim of empowering victims to become survivors.







EDUCATION.

In 2012, CATW-LAC expanded and strengthened its national networks in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Argentina, Haiti, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, and Colombia. During this expansion, 110 participants were educated about the demand for commercial sex that fuels sex trafficking.

In Ecuador, The Cascos Rosas (Pink Helmets) provided 900 teenagers and young people with training on raising awareness on gender equality, violence and ways of expressing masculinity. The group, who originally had 33 taking place. They are not afraid of showing themselves as they are, and neither do they say, 'poor women, such victims!' because it is an issue both men and women have to work on."

"A definite change is

Carolina Félix,

Youth Director of Cascos Rosas on the importance of the participation of young men and boys in gender equality training.

members involved in the first workshops, has since expanded to include 140 members. Damián Valencia, a member of Cascos Rosas, says belonging to the group has had a major impact on his life.

In 2012, CATW-LAC had 310 media hits, including in-print and online press, radio, and TV.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY.

In April 2012, Mexico passed the General Law on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Crimes of Trafficking in Persons and the Protection and Assistance of Victims of such Crimes (LGPSETP-2012). Preceded by constitutional reform, this law must be applied in all federal states of Mexico.



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IROKO ONLUS

IROKO helps hundreds of Nigerian women trafficked into Turin, Italy, every year.

As a result of the 2012 financial crisis, and despite a significant surge in the number of trafficked women requiring assistance, many service providers in the region had to close their doors.

13 NIGERIAN WOMEN

received financial assistance

THREE OF THE WOMEN SUPPORTED BY IROKO **GRADUATED**

from the Polytechnic and senior high schools in Nigeria

15 WOMEN GAINED **EMPLOYMENT**

after completing IROKO's employment support training

Fortunately, IROKO was able to continue providing its vital services including training courses and direct financial assistance.

HOPE FOR JOY

One of IROKO's clients, Joy*, recounts a tragedy thousands of women like her share. Joy was tricked into believing a job as a restaurant hostess





awaited her in Europe. Instead, when she arrived in Italy, not only did she learn that the position did not exist, her traffickers told her she owed them thousands of Euros. Joy rejected the "madam's" orders to prostitute herself to repay her debt, so she was raped repeatedly and chained to a bed until she obeyed. After years of suffering at the hands of her traffickers and pimps, Joy managed to escape. After the police brought Joy to IROKO, she is now rebuilding her life.

EDUCATION.

In 2012, IROKO created the International Network of Youths to combat violence against women. By the conclusion of the project, the Network consisted of ten students between the ages of 17 and 29, representing Italy, Canada, Croatia, the UK, Nigeria, Australia, Turkey, and the U.S.

*Name has been changed

CATW Partners

EMBRACE DIGNITY

CATW is honored to announce its newest regional partner, Embrace Dignity. Based in Cape Town, South Africa, Embrace Dignity advocates for legal reform to end prostitution and sex trafficking, and offers services and support to women seeking exit.

Embrace Dignity is motivated by the fundamental right to human dignity, enshrined in Section 10 of the South African Constitution. In the context of high levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality, prostitution is not a free 'choice'. It offers a bleak, desperate means of survival for women already socially and economically marginalized.

ADVOCACY.

Embrace Dignity calls for implementation of existing legislation to prevent violence against women and provide services to victims. In addition, they advocate for the passage of Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Bill, and harmonization of current constitutional, legal, and policy initiatives to prevent violence against women, commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

RESEARCH.

In December 2012, in collaboration with the University of Cape Town Knowledge Co-op and the Psychology Department, Embrace Dignity held a seminar to discuss research around prostitution.



Photovoice project



SERVICES AND SUPPORT.

In 2012, Embrace Dignity launched an 'exit model' pilot program, providing psychosocial support and peer mentoring to prostituted women through 'Sister Circles.'

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Embrace Dignity aims to build consensus and increase social mobilization through public awareness of the links between poverty, exploitation, and violations of human rights, through a concerted information and education campaign in the media and civil society.

In October 2013, Embrace Dignity participated in a Photovoice project, in collaboration with the University of Cape Town's Psychology Department. Photovoice is a participatory action research method that uses photography techniques and story-telling for individuals and communities that are typically marginalized from decision-making and access to resources with the view of promoting empowerment and social action. The final products are showcased in a photography exhibit open to the public.

APNE AAP

INTRODUCING THE IMMORAL TRAFFIC ACT OF INDIA.

In 2013, Apne Aap was successful in changing the law in India so that, for the first time, trafficking was made a criminal offense under the Indian Penal Code.

The Immoral Traffic Act of India recognizes that any person(s) who keeps, knows, uses, allows, or knowingly acts in correlation with a brothel or similar places, is punishable by law. It also recognizes that any person(s) who is profiting, coercing, taking, paying, controlling, or compelling another on behalf of a prostituted person, whether over or under the age of 18, is punishable by law.

The Nat community, found in Northern India, is a "Scheduled Caste" known for the harmful cultural practice of intergenerational prostitution. This practice demands the acceptance of young women, mothers, and daughters to enter the sex trade for the purpose of profit. While this practice is rooted in the problem of poverty and colonialism, it remains a serious human rights violation based on sex inequality and gender-based violence.





Thanks to the hard work of the Apne Aap staff, four girls were the first from the Nat community to enter junior college in Patna Bihar.

Awards & Recognition

FEBRUARY 11, 2012

Ruchira Gupta, Founder and President of Apne Aap and CATW Board member, received the Times Now Amazing Indians Awards, Street Shakti category, in New Delhi.

Ruchira has been a key advocate in the fight against sex trafficking. She became involved with the issue in 1995, while working as a journalist and shooting her Emmywinning documentary The Selling of Innocents. Today, Apne Aap, touches the lives of thousands of women throughout India. Ruchira has worked extensively with the UN and has developed national action plans for women's empowerment and laws against human trafficking in many countries.

AUGUST 29, 2012

Executive Director
of CATW-AP,
Jean Enriquez,
was bestowed the
highest honor given
by a local government
as "Natatanging Anak
ng Pagbilao"
(Distinguished Child
of Pagbilao).



MAY 25, 2012

Norma Ramos
was the first recipient
of the Pioneering &
Leadership Award
at the Trafficking in
America Task Force
Conference



SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Fordham Law School awarded Norma Ramos the Life of Commitment Award from the Feerick Center for Social Justice at Fordham Law.

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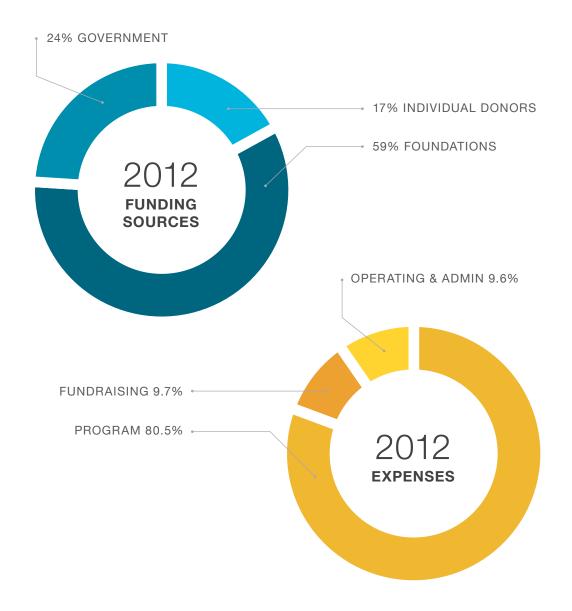
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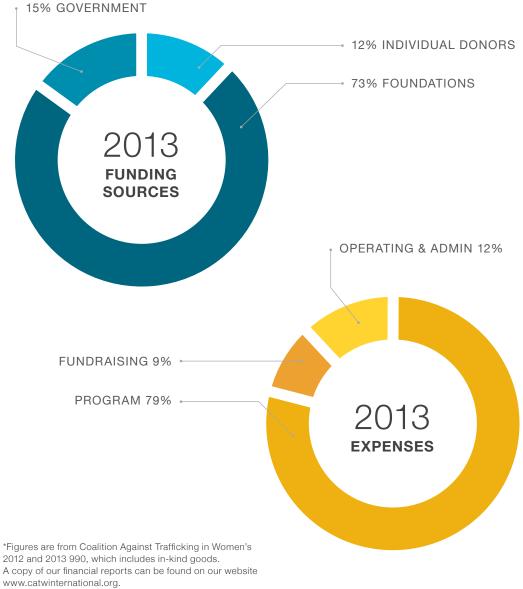
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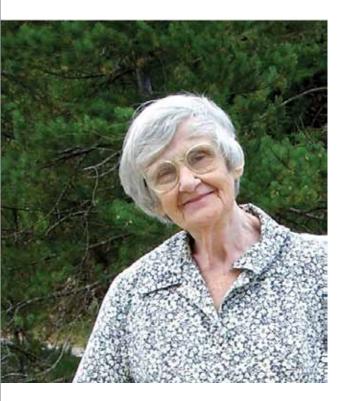


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CATW REMEMBERS

Denise Pouillion Falco



Denise Pouillion Falco was one of the most dedicated leaders in the feminist movement to abolish prostitution. In France, Denise built this abolitionist movement that included her aunt, Marcelle Legrand Falco, and Josephine

Butler who fought to end the state-sponsored Napoleanic system of prostitution, established in 1804. In the 1930s, Denise and other feminists founded the *Union Temporaire* Contre la Prostitution Réglementée et la Traite des Femmes (Provisional Union Against the Regulation of Prostitution and the Traffic of Women). Thanks to their legal advocacy, France rendered pimping and brothels illegal in 1946. Their tireless efforts also led to the enactment of the groundbreaking 1949 Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Prostitution of Others. Denise also held highlevel positions in the International Abolitionist Federation (IAF). She campaigned well into her nineties, including publicly denouncing the efforts of the Dutch government and groups supporting the sex industry to export policies on legalization of prostitution. Denise died peacefully at home at 97 years old in Paris on May 17, 2013. We will miss her leadership and vision in recognizing prostitution as one of the worst forms of violence against women and gender inequality. Her immense contributions live on as France is now renewing its legal and historic commitment toward the abolition of prostitution.

CATW salutes the human rights leaders around the world who with great vision have successfully worked to change the legal framework that focuses on the demand for prostitution and targets sex trafficking, now known as the **Nordic Model**.

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