# THE JASMINE PROJECT

Peer-based harm reduction for sex workers in France



#### WHAT IS JASMINE ?

An online data base to help sex workers with:



A peer produced alert system



Tools and information for health and safety



List of community resources



A mobile app linked to the alert system

Available in 10 languages





















#### JASMINE'S GOALS



Prevent violence by aggressors



Facilitate victims' access to support



Collect evidence for law change



Create a community-led organization

#### THE ALERT SYSTEM

#### **Peer-based referral**



Only sex workers and organization helping them can create an account and have access to the alert system.

#### Reports of danger



Ability to signal a dangerous person or an unacceptable practice by reporting the aggressor's phone number, name, e-mail, car license plate...

#### **Screening clients**



Users can search the database to verify if a client contacting them has already been reported.

#### Follow up



When a case of severe violence is reported, the Jasmine team contact the victim to provide a listening ear and refer them, if needed, to trusted support organizations.

#### THE ALERT SYSTEM

#### Alerts are read and classified:



Very dangerous



Risky



**Annoying/timewaster** 



Not signaled

The app displays an alert for incoming calls with the status of the phone number.

#### TOOLS & INFORMATION

#### **Key information on:**



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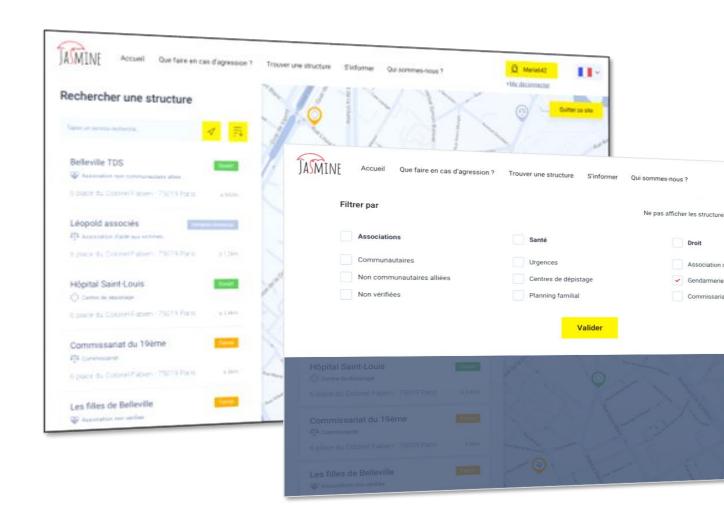
Rights



Self-defense

**Health questionnaire** automatically translated to French to communicate with health professionals.

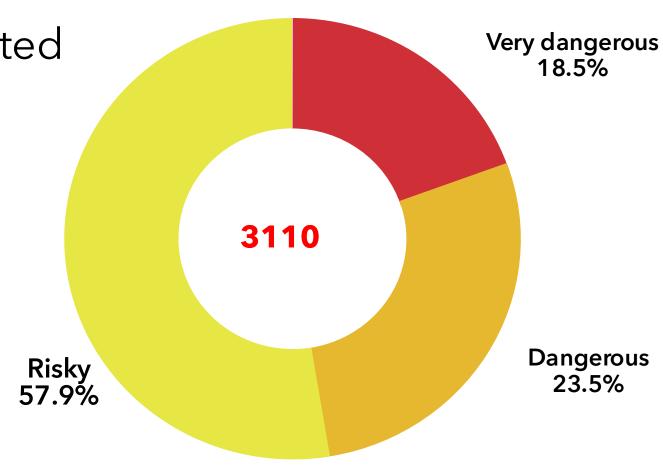
Location map to find the support service closest to you



#### SOME DATA

Nov 2023 to Nov 2024:





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**2732 users** in March 2025 An increase of **22% new users in one year.** 

**589** positive matches in March 2025. So potentially as many **prevented violence.** 



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Our analysis estimates an increase in acts of violence of 6% from 2023 to 2024

#### ALERTS BREAKDOWN (NOV23-NOV24)

- **82** aggravated violence (armed assault or attempted murder)
- 203 rapes or attempted rapes
- 108 stealthing or attempted stealthing
- 88 sexual aggressions
- 105 assault and battery
- 37 armed robberies
- 334 theft, payment takeback or payment refusal
- 44 cases of (cyber) harassment

#### CHALLENGES



### Rise in violence and precarity



Parts of the community are **hard to reach** 



Funding monopolized by anti-rights organizations

#### LESSONS



## Participatory data collection revealed previously unreported forms of violence



Peer involvement has been key to **overcome distrust** in support systems

#### FUTURE EVOLUTIONS



Transfer of activity to a peer-based organization



For that, **Jasmine will need fundings** to live on beyond Doctors of the World



With adequate fundings, Jasmine could **expand its actions:** offer more support with **mental health, drug use** or link the alert systems with **other countries** 

# LAST WORDS AND QUESTIONS

