

# THE GLOBAL NETWORK

of local governments committed  
to fight against violence  
against women



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DES VIOLENCES  
ENVERS LES FEMMES

“For twenty years, I am very proud that the Department of Seine-Saint-Denis has been developing an expertise and experimenting mechanisms to protect women that are now widely recognized. Building on this experience and wishing to give an international dimension to our action, we are sharing our expertise with international territories through the program ‘Caring territories for women victims of violence’ in order to support them through the development of public policies to fight violence against women.”

**Stéphane Troussel,**  
President of the Department of Seine-Saint-Denis



## AGENDA 2021-2025

# “ CARING TERRITORIES FOR WOMEN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ”

The program “ **Caring territories for women victims of violence** ” is a four-year cooperation project between local governments. It is cofinanced by the French Development Agency.

This multi-territory program is led by **the Seine Saint Denis’ Observatory on Violence against Women**, in collaboration with **the Europe International Department**.

### FIRST GOAL

**To create Observatories to fight violence against women throughout the world**

The Observatory assists two partner territories in setting up their own local observatory to fight violence against women:

- the Governorate of the island of Ngazidja in the Comoros,
- the Municipality of Jenin in Palestine.

The project focuses on **intimate partner violence, forced marriages and female genital mutilation**.

The work carried out in each territory will result into the implementation of new local public policies.

These “pilot territories” are committed to carrying out:

- **A shared diagnosis** of the extent of violence against women
- **An action plan** to fight violence against women
- **A training program for the professionals**
- **A guide** for the accompaniment of women victims of violence
- **A seminar** to disseminate and promote good practices at the end of the program

Each year, several meetings will take place between the teams of the pilot territories and those of the Observatory of violence against women in Seine-Saint-Denis to strengthen the partnership and the exchange of skills.

### SECOND GOAL

**To contribute to articulate a global coalition of local governments committed to combat violence against women**

The Department of Seine-Saint-Denis co-chairs the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights (CSIPDHR) of the international organization United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

The local experiences of pilot territories will be shared and promoted within UCLG in order to put the fight of violence against women at the forefront of the global agenda of local governments, to share local experiences and to engage a larger number of local and regional governments on these issues. This network will focus on:

- The participation to **UCLG’s international meetings**
- The organization of **webinars** on violence against women
- The publication of **resources to promote the experiences of local governments** on the fight against violence against women
- The organization of **regional training sessions** on the fight against violence against women
- The creation of an **online course (MOOC)** on “policies to combat violence against women” produced by UCLG
- The launch an **international charter** to combat violence against women
- The organization an **international seminar** on the fight against violence against women in Seine Saint Denis in 2024.

### THIRD GOAL

**To raise awareness on the fight against violence against women**

Awareness-raising **activities for the general public** will be set up in Seine Saint Denis:

- During the Annual “Femmes du Monde” meetings
- In the context of training activities for solidarity associations involved in the fight against violence against women
- By supporting initiatives led by associations from Seine-Saint-Denis at home and abroad on violence against women.

**The Observatory of Violence against Women of the Department of Seine Saint Denis, created in 2002, is the first Observatory of this kind in France. Its role is to observe and give data on violence against women, to create protection mechanisms for women victims of violence and their children, and to train professionals working with women victims of violence.**

“Violence against women violates the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. [It] is a manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between men and women, which have led to domination over and discrimination against women by men and to the prevention of women’s full advancement. Developing a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to the challenging task of promoting families, communities and States that are free of violence against women is necessary and achievable.”

**4<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women, Beijing Declaration, United Nations 1995**

*Worldwide, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from their intimate partner. (UN women)*



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