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Crowd sourced global data on sexual assault and harassment: What we've learned

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Red Dot Foundation Global maintains the largest crowd map of sexual violence on the planet. Established in 2012, after the brutal gain rape in Delhi of Jyoti Singh, our platform has been anonymously recording reports of sexual assault and harassment across the planet; we are now the largest crowd map of gender violence on Earth — which the UN Secretary General noted in December 2022. Still, for a very long time, most of our operations have been in India, and so much of the data has been from India. Thanks to a grant from Vital Voices, however, we are now able to launch into many more countries. As such, we are generating data about sexual violence in public places across different types of societies, from Europe to Africa to Southeast Asia to South America, and this will allow an exploration of the extent to which patterns of sexual violence is localized within a community versus demonstrating characteristics and patterns that are endemic across different societies. This paper will report upon the initial trends that we are seeing. Additionally, we will discuss how to collect standardized data on criminal behavior across different cultures/societies.