

The Role of Street Counts in Paris

1. La Nuit de la Solidarité : why, how, & lessons learned













La Nuit de la Solidarité : why?

Homelessness in Paris

- Paris: 2.1 M inhabitants (metropolis6.7 M, urban area 11 M)
- 16,000 shelter beds and approx2,000 additional in winter
- Homelessness on the rise for the last 20 years, in all demographics; street homelessness very visible; but no reliable data, little research
- Homeless services = national state's jurisdiction, but moral and political responsibility of the City of Paris
- City has built coalition of partners around a plan to reduce street homelessness (2015)

- Street count objectives
 - Snapshot count of number of street homeless
 - Shared reference point
 - Better knowledge of homeless persons





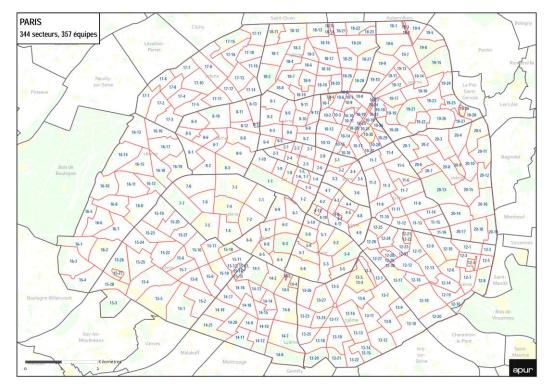






La Nuit de la Solidarité : how ? (1)

- ◆ Point in time count : city wide, street by street
- Logistics: Central HQ, arrondissements HQ, 356 zones













La Nuit de la Solidarité : how ? (2)

- Survey: questions on demographics, places of sleep, use of homeless services, needs
- 356 teams: 1 professional and 4 or 5 volunteers
- Trainings: ahead of time for professionals, on the spot for volunteers







Bonsoir, je m'appelle [donner son prénom], nous réalisons une enquête pour la mairie de Paris. Nous interrogeons toutes les personnes que nous croisons dans la rue pour savoir où elles vont dormir ce soir. Le but est de compter et de mieux connaître la situation des personnes qui vivent à la rue, pour améliorer l'aide que nous pourrons apporter. C'est une enquête totalement anonyme et confidentielle et si vous ne souhaitez pas répondre, il suffit de nous l'indiquer.











Lessons learned (1)

- We needed more time!
- ♦ Many urban spaces were not covered: parks, cemeteries, tunnels, highway ramps, parkings, public transport...
- ◆ Language barriers were not adequately addressed







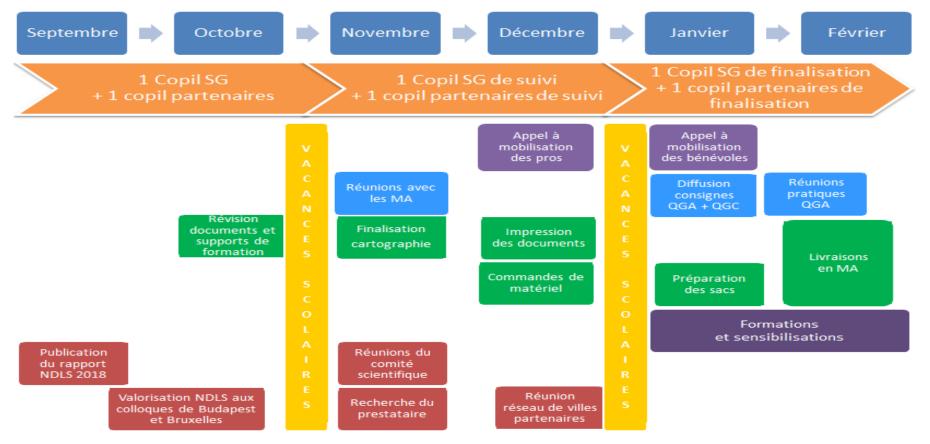






Lessons learned (2)

Projected timeline for 2019 operation











2. Streetcount: results

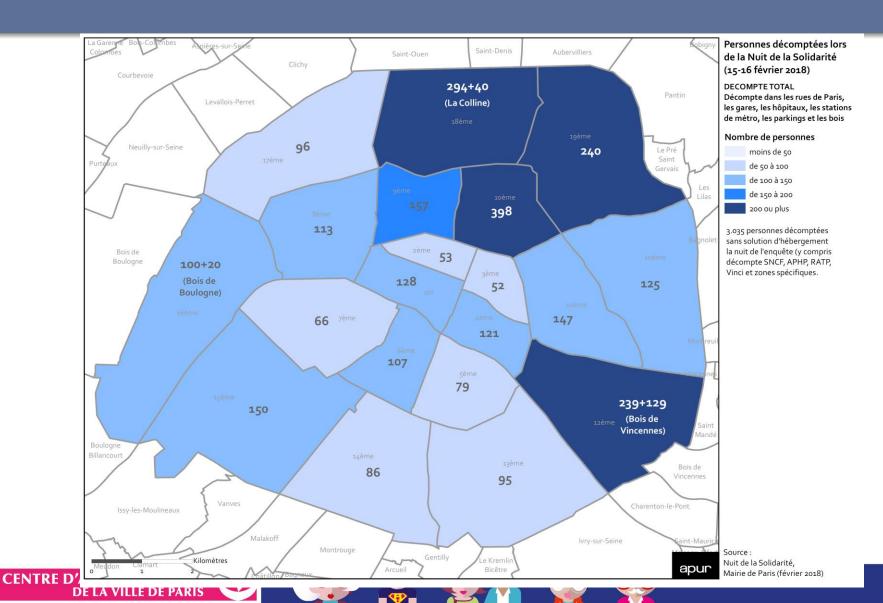
Cette nuit, à Paris, Le Monde 2 000 volontaires ont recensé les « invisibles »

Il y a autant de sans-abri que de rues à Paris : environ 5 000 Konbini

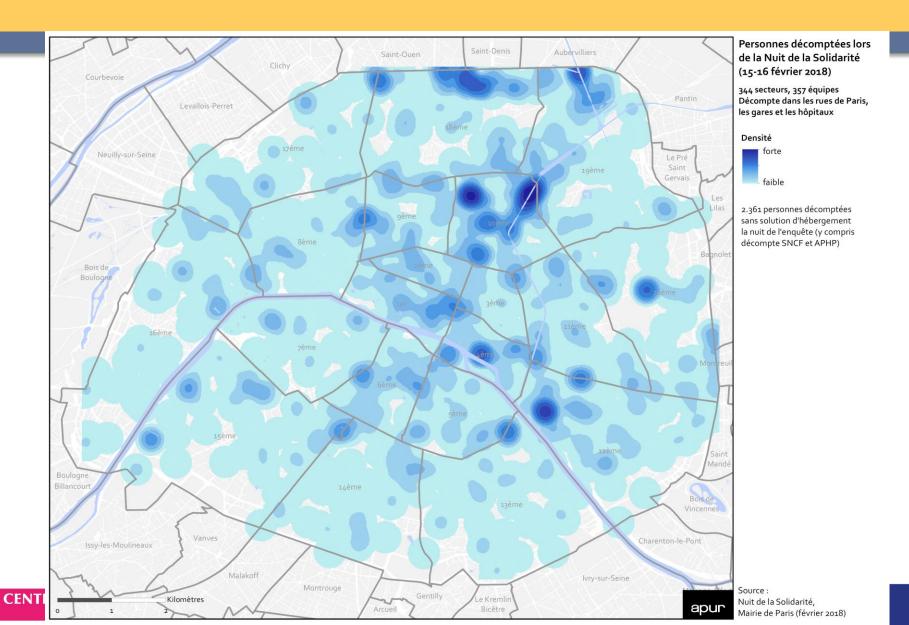




Results (1): widespread homelessness

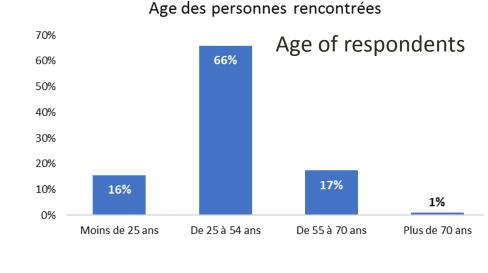


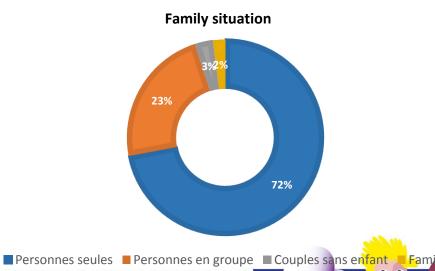
Results (2): concentration and dispersion



Results (3): significant findings

12% are women64% never call 11547% report health issues44% have never been sheltered27% have a case manager







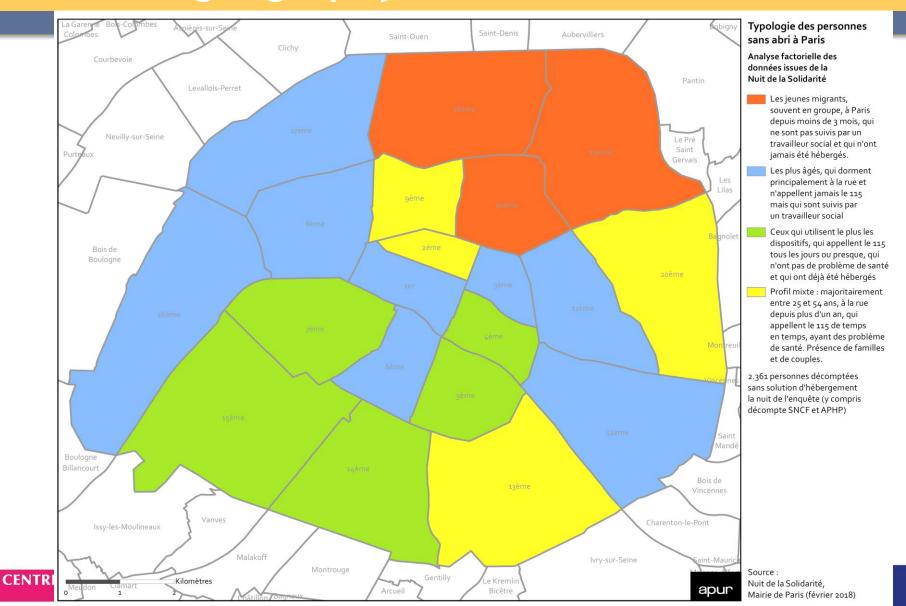






Results (4):

A new geography of homelessness in Paris



3. After the streetcount: the Solidarity Bubble













The solidarity Bubble

The Solidarity Bubble will:

- Educate on the reality of homelessness, to combat stereotypes and preconceived notions
- Promote projects that align with municipal priorities
- Provide training on homelessness and the skills that are useful when serving this population
- Help volunteers connect with opportunities or test their own ideas

It will develop 5 types of programming:

- ◆Information and training
- Connecting volunteers to opportunities
- Testing ideas and supporting / incubating projects
- ◆ Coordinating city-wide service delivery to the homeless population
- ◆ Arts and creation











Enlisting the community to combat homelessness

Increased awareness and understanding

Increased support for City policies and programs

Training on services

Increased skills

Increase in volunteers, but also in ideas

Support to turn ideas into viable programs

Increased dissemination of best practices

Increased services

Better coordination of services

Services better tailored to needs

Increased volunteers for efficient programs

Overall aim:

A better informed community

A more caring community

More resources and more "person to person" approaches











