Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup): Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 27, 2026 · 33 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

AL

MAP, Alabama Crowdmap, Resources/Needs Alerts (SHELTER, FOOD)

Info/Hotline · Open

Map, Service/Alert Map

AL

Web alabamastorm.crowdmap.com
Service Temporary

Nice mapping of resources and needs and alerts. Sources are via twitter, etc. Sources shown in detail of each alert.

Services offered: Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Counties (NO TOWNS); Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Towns; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated May 4, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8009

Australia

Relief Centers/Evacuation Centers (Crisis Mappers) – INDEX

Shelter · Open

SEE Site, VARIOUS

Web queenslandfloods.crowdmap.com/reports/index/?c=8&sw=150.624833,–28.216667&ne=153.089423,–26.190298
Service Temporary

Click on website url link above to access locations and available supply information for evacuee's.

Services offered: Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Shelter, Emergency Shelter
Campaigns: 2011 Australia Floods; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Jan 17, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7552

Brazil

Alert Mapper

Info/Hotline · Open

Rio

Web www.ddalertario.org.br/principal.upseg
Service Temporary

courtesey of Crisis Mappers.

Twitter @DDalertaRio.

Services offered: Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Jul 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8751

Central African Republic

Central African Republic Humanitarian Crowdsource Crisis Alert/Reports Map

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.cartehumanitaire–rca.org/reports
Service Temporary

rjdh.car @ gmail . com

See the link above for reports coming in for various humanitarian situations resources and dangerous situations, including arrests, bandits, and health alerts.

Source: CrisisMappers
Map of the reports: https://www.cartehumanitaire–rca.org/

See the filter on the right to find resources to be mapped.

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From the press release:

This platform is a collaborative effort in between Internews (both EU and US), Ushahidi, UNOCHA RCA and The Association of Journalists for Human Rights in CAR.

Internews' was recently awarded an HIF grant, which is a natural continuation and a very important expansion of Internews innovative work in CAR in partnership with and in support of local media. We are very pleased to have received funding from HIF to experiment, document and learn in CAR, fulfilling the commitment to innovation, increased accountability and amplification of beneficiaries' voices expressed by the Department for International Development (DfID) in its Humanitarian Emergency Response Review.

Integrating Local Media and ICTs into Humanitarian Response in CAR is an innovative project that, starting in early March, aims at fostering a bounded network of trusted local media organizations. This network is now able to gather real–time, first–hand information from affected populations creating a two–way communication flow with humanitarians, improving emergency response, community participation and community resilience.

To see more about this project you can visit our Project Blog here: http://www.humanitarianinnovation.org/blog/1174

And to see how this platform has been customized, you can go here: http://crisismapper.wordpress.com/2012/06/04/integrating–local–media–and–icts–into–humanitarian–response–in–central–african–republic/

I personally think this is a great step towards the use of Crisis Mapping for emergency response and we will share as soon as possible the results of the M&E report being done by Patrick Vink from the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative.

A huge thanks to the UNOCHA friends that provided a lot of guidance and support, to Robbie McKey from Ushahidi, to Patrick Meier and to the Internews Team on the ground.

Anahi

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Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Counties (NO TOWNS); Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Towns; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Road Closures/Conditions; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Weather Updates/Warnings; New "business" models, Government; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs); United Nations – U.N.; USHAHIDI
Updated Jun 12, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9164

Haiti

Haiti Water Mapping Project (via Crisis Mappers)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

–http://bit.ly/NmjGsB (doc with some numbers there)
–http://bit.ly/LV7MTq
–http://haiti.ngoaidmap.org/

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Victims of Environmental Injustice; Demographic Served: Victims of Political Crimes; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Disaster Mitigation, Economic, Community; Disaster Mitigation, Environmental; Documentation, Mapping Reference; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Jul 17, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9213

USHAHIDI/Thomson/Reuters SMS (via Cell Phone/PDA) Short Text Message Response Alerts Processing (CAMP CLUSTER)

Info/Hotline · Open

HAITI
Web blog.ushahidi.com
Service Temporary

graphic showing flow of info:

http://blog.ushahidi.com/wp–content/uploads/2010/02/4636–Graphic.jpg

The project collects SMS messages from the ground processes/filters the alerts and forwards them to action teams.

No feedback, though, to know that a response has occurred.

WEBSITE –
http://www.ushahidi.com/
Projects in use are –
http://www.ushahidi.com/work

ARTICLES –

IT companies in Haiti rush to re–build
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9145319/IT_companies_in_Haiti_rush_to_re_build_?source=toc

Services offered: Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Needs Listings
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); USHAHIDI
Updated Mar 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5311

Japan

Mapping Resource, Japan City Names/Boundaries

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

Many maps at:

Japan Sendai Earthquake Data Portal

http://cegrp.cga.harvard.edu/japan/?q=webmaps

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NOTE –
A standard list of Japanese Placenames (at the town, municipality
level) with JCODES ––––>

LINK (Broken)from original msg.!

Date: Fri, 18 Mar 2011 07:40:10 –0700 (PDT)
From: bglewis <bglewis @ gmail.com>
Reply–To: crisismappers@googlegroups.com
Subject: [CrisisMappers] Harvard CGA Sendai quake portal – place names and admin boundaries
To: CrisisMappers <crisismappers@googlegroups.com>
Cc: Merrick Lex Berman <mberman @ fas.harvard.edu>

I want to let you know that the Harvard Center for Geographic Analysis
Sendai Earthquake Data Portal has much mapping for Japan including:

A standard list of Japanese Placenames (at the town, municipality
level) with JCODES here:
http://cegrp.cga.harvard.edu/japan/?q=content/placenames-japanese-romaji-english-and-jcodes-iwate-miyagi-fukushima

And a matching SHP of admin boundaries here:
http://cegrp.cga.harvard.edu/japan/?q=content/administrative-units-japan-boundaries-placenames-2000-shape-file

Services offered: Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Mar 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7807

MAPPING, Japan, Radiation Levels Detected

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
Web www.rdtn.org
Service Temporary

From: *Aaron Huslage* <huslage @ gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 19, 2011 at 9:04 PM
Subject: [Japan emergency] Launched RDTN.org

We just launched http://RDTN.org to track radiation levels in Japan. Feel free to promote widely.

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Aaron Huslage - +1-919-600-1712 <tel:%2B1-919-600-1712>
http://blog.hact.net

Services offered: Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Mar 20, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7817

LA

Gulf Oil Spill Digital Mapping and Online Imagery Activity

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
LA
Service Temporary

CNN - Citizens Monitor Gulf After Oil Spill
Includes work by CrisisMappers Group members: GrassrootsMapping, Ushahidi,
CrisisCommons.

http://edition.cnn.com/2010/TECH/05/06/crowdsource.gulf.oil

Date: Fri, 7 May 2010 10:25:11 -0700 [05:25PM UTC]
From: Jeffrey Johnson

Subject: [CrisisMappers] Re: CC-OilSpill [grassrootsmapping] oil slick: can we make a 1-page info sheet to print?
Headers: Show All Headers | Show Mailing List Information

Absolutely they will be geocoded and timestamped. We intend to collect
time series of images over the next weeks/months and and these will be
distributed as tiles that can be added as overlays or base maps to
other web map apps that are based on google maps or openlayers or the
like.

They are out shooting today, but mostly training local students to do
the work, we have sent down 10 canons with the chdk, but it is totally
conceivable to do the shooting with mobile phones using an
intevalometer app.

Jeff

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 10:18 AM, Yobie Benjamin wrote:

[Hide Quoted Text]
Fantastic! Are the pics going to be time and geo coded. It would be very
useful for people evaluating for economic damages... before and after oil
sludge hits the beaches.

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:58 AM, Jeffrey Johnson <ortelius @gmail.com> wrote:

Yep, we have a site where the photos are warped to the ground and mosaicked.

http://cartagen.org/maps

Jeff

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:51 AM, Yobie Benjamin> wrote:

It does not change the need for naming, tagging and uploading protocols to
video and photo sites unless you intend to create your own video and photo
servers/repositories.

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:40 AM, Jeffrey Johnson >
wrote:

Sorry if I wasnt clear. We are doing this with normal digital cameras and kites and balloons. This has nothing to do with the mobile app really.

Jeff

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:33 AM, Yobie Benjamin <yobie @acm.org> wrote:

Can you write the instructions? We would have to combine this with the mobile apps functions to come up with a "1 pager". Realistically there are multiple protocols to do this:

What to do if you have an iPhone or Android?

2 megapixel iPhones (non video capable)
3.2 megapixel or above iPhone and Androids (video and still photo capable)

What to do if you have a stand alone video camera? (applies also to video uploads from iPhones and Androids)

gulfoilspillvideo is an account I have setup in YOUTUBE and we can upload all videos to this account BUT we need cc folks to reach out to YOUTUBE and/or Google to allow unlimited uploads to this account. I am unaware if Heather or Andrew have a special account in YOUTUBE

What to do if you have a still photo?

I do not have an account in Flickr or Picasa though I can setup an account. CC (Heather or Andrew) again need to call the selected photo site and get an unlimited upload account.

It is CRITICAL that EVERY video and still photo be geo–tagged OR have some location description (closest address is good but at the very least Parish/County, State (stand alone still or video cameras will not have geo tag capabilities) and each should have date and time stamps. Tags would help greatly (some unique hashtag will be better... we don't want 10,000,000 search returns on oiled birds. We'll do better with something like
#CC_oiled_birds... a more knowledgeable person can create those tags)

My 2 cents

On Fri, May 7, 2010 at 9:09 AM, Jeffrey Johnson
wrote:

Hi all,

The grassroots mapping folks have deployed to the gulf to begin working with local groups to low–altitude, low–cost, yet very high–res aerial imagery capture. They have brought gear and cameras to distribute, and now have a small army of local students and volunteers to help, and are setting up training sessions.

http://wiki.grassrootsmapping.org/show/GrassrootsMappingGulfCoastOilSpill
http://grassrootsmapping.org/

They would like to put together a double sided '1 pager' that explains the process and has contact information etc on it (see below).

Is there a graphic artist or similar on one of these lists that can assist with this? I can work on the content with someone, but my design skillz are sorely lacking.

Thanks,

Jeff

Forwarded message
From: Jeffrey Warren
Date: Fri, May 7, 2010 at 8:41 AM
Subject: [grassrootsmapping] oil slick: can we make a 1–page info sheet to print?
To: Liz Barry
grassrootsmapping @googlegroups.com,
Nathan Cooke

Hi, all –

New york team, Jeff Johnson, and Nathan Cooke... would you be willing to help with this?

we're setting up training sessions right now and it would be wonderful to have a single sheet hand out that covers:

– checklist of needed materials (see the illustration on the grassrootsmapping wiki)
– quick rundown of how to use the cameras with the CHDK, focus on keeping batteries charged
– who to ask for help
– where to sign up as a volunteer
– contact information and where to upload the imagery
– where to print out more of the flyer itself

perhaps that's too much for one page. But some way we could have that hand out to give out at the trainings would be super.

maybe either as a wiki page or a google doc, maybe google doc is better. that way we can refine it as we learn about what people are confused about.

best,
jeff

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AOL IM & Yahoo IM – yobie

Date: Thu, 6 May 2010 10:33:30 –0700 [05/06/2010 05:33PM UTC]
From: France Lamy <flamy @google.com>
To: Crisismappers <crisismappers @googlegroups.com>
Reply–To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Subject: [CrisisMappers] Google Crisis Response –– Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

Greetings,

To help with the rescue and recovery efforts for the oil spill catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, we created a "Crisis Response" site which contains imagery & maps of the locations of the oil, fishing closures and affected areas, the ability to upload videos directly to YouTube, and more. We will update this site as more information becomes available.

http://www.google.com/crisisresponse/oilspill/
http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2010/05/mapping-gulf-oil-spill-in-google-earth.html

Thanks!
France

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Date: Wed, 05 May 2010 10:21:42 -0400 [05/05/2010 02:21PM UTC]
From: Lars Bromley
To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Reply-To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [CrisisMappers] GIS / imagery layers for Gulf oil plume

Also, one other bit, the good folks at SkyTruth are doing remote sensing work on this as well:

http://www.skytruth.org/

Lars

"Lars Bromley"5/5/2010 10:09 AM >>>

Hi All, In case its needed and not crossed these wires yet, a bunch of data on
the Gulf oil spill is discussed in the below messages from a
conservation GIS mailing list (SCGIS).

Lars

Joseph Kerski 5/4/2010 9:22 PM >>>

All:
In addition to the ArcGIS Online data already mentioned:

Interactive map that ESRI has posted that allows the viewing of
location-based feeds, including news and videos, here:

http://www.esri.com/services/disaster-response/gulf-oil-spill-2010/index.html

This application is powered by ArcGIS Server. Individuals can add data
to this mapping application. The ability to add content is provided by
ArcGIS Server 10 beta hosted in the Amazon Web Service infrastructure.

If you want to dig deeper and use some remotely sensed imagery, you
might try some MODIS data.
All MODIS data are free, and there are several images of the oil
slick:
http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/

For daily images see:
http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/subsets/?subset=USA7

This page provides GIS compatible imagery: Select "more info," select
the granule of interest from the list at the bottom of the page. Click
on the link to get an uncorrected 5-minute swath image, down to 250
meter resolution. Make sure you also download the world file so the
image will be georegistered within your GIS. You could also download a
KML and use it in ArcGIS Explorer.

For example, I found a 250m MODIS image with world file available on:
http://rapidfire.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/?2010119-0429/Louisiana.A2010119.1648.250m.jpg

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On Tue, May 4, 2010 at 2:16 PM, Matt Merrifield
wrote:

Lynn * ESRI has a bunch of stuff here

http://www.arcgisonline.com/home/group.html?owner=ESRI_response_team&title=ESRI%20Gulf%20Oil%20Spill%20Response

good luck!

Matt Merrifield
GIS Manager
The Nature Conservancy of California
37.791, -122.395
415.281.0475 (desk)
415.793.4759 (mobile)

From: Society for Conservation and GIS [mailto:SCGIS@LISTSERV.URI.EDU]
On Behalf Of Lynn Kutner
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 1:57 PM
To: SCGIS @LISTSERV.URI.EDU
Subject: ISO GIS layer for deepwater horizon oil plume

Hi all *

Anyone have a link to download a GIS layer with the current extent of
the Deepwater Horizon oil plume?

There are a zillion results that come up when I do a google search *
and I*m not quickly finding what I need.

The map from ABC and on the NYT website references NOAA as their data
source, but I*m not seeing where / how to download that from NOAA

MANY MANY THANKS!

Lynn

Lynn Kutner
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NatureServe
ph: (703) 797-4804

SCGIS:The
LISTSERV for the Society for Conservation GIS www.scgis.org
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Date: Tue, 4 May 2010 11:07:23 -0400 [05/04/2010 03:07PM UTC]
From: Jeffrey Warren
To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Reply-To: crisismappers @googlegroups.com
Subject: [CrisisMappers] citizen (grassroots) mapping effort of spill coastline

Ok we've had a couple responses and will hopefully have someone down there with some ballooning/kiting/airplaning equipment by tomorrow.

Does anyone have more contacts of folks on the ground there who we could connect with and help to document not only the spill's arrival onshore, but the citizen response? We'd like to capture high–resolution low–altitude imagery of specific sites for documentation purposes (i.e. possible legal role in the litigation) as well as for media coverage...

I want to emphasis that we're not trying to map the entire spill nor 'outdo' official mapping efforts, but to focus on documenting the risks/damage to specific sites and good enough resolution to see specific effects. Not really for immediate crisis response, but as a way of adding another independent data source for analysis or press coverage. We're also taking the position that we won't know how useful the data will be until later – but it's inexpensive to do.

Any additional local contacts in the spill zone would be appreciated, as would suggestions of high–relevance sites to focus on.

To join in the organizing effort or just listen in, join the Grasroots Mapping mailing list at http://groups.google.com/group/grassrootsmapping/ or learn more about our tools/techniques at http://grassrootsmapping.org

Best,
Jeff

On Mon, May 3, 2010 at 11:52 AM, Jeffrey Warren wrote:

I don't know if it'd be useful to have a matching crowdsourced aerial imaging campaign (using balloons and kites as in grassrootsmapping.org), but if there's any interest, some of us at the grassrootsmapping mailing list would love to help.

An alternative public domain dataset to the official story might help empower those who's lives are being affected directly.

On May 3, 2010 11:23 AM, "Anne" wrote:

First Hurricane Katrina and now the BP oil spill. It really does feel like too much. A man named Jason told me this today. "Well, I was a wholesaler / retailer." He buys fish from the boats and re sells it in New Orleans. But today Jason spoke of his livelihood in the past tense. What else can we think when oil is gushing into our Gulf of Mexico?

These are the stories that we are mapping:
http://www.oilspill.labucketbrigade.org/
; via (504) 27 27 OIL

There are two dynamics happening on this, day three of our Oil Spill Crisis Map. I thought it might be helpful to the larger community to elucidate them. We have a great team at the Louisiana Bucket Brigade: Mariko, Shannon, Anna, Clayton and I, along with much guidance and support from Tulane University's Zach Holden and Dr.'s Nancy Mock and Nathan Morrow.

Item One: Coordinating aid in a disaster zone

In Hurricane Katrina's aftermath I recall watching an aid worker in a truck of some kind – Red Cross or World Vision – drive by and just look at me out of their window. Me, a hurricane victim! But at its best aid empowers local people, and so many organizations did this after Hurricane Katrina. Our newspaper – The Times Picayune – ran a headline on the first anniversary of the storm. It was a giant THANK YOU for all of the help. We needed it then and we need it now.

As with Katrina, lots of organizations have come in, and this is true regarding mapping. We are trying to coordinate many different sets of people doing many different things. I am reminded of the piece that Patrick wrote regarding an SMS Code of Conduct for Humanitarian

Response. Yes, one is needed, but perhaps it's not so different from whatever the code of conduct is for Humanitarian Response in general.

Some sort of Code might be especially useful for disasters here in the U.S. While disasters in other parts of the world have barriers of geography and language, this U.S. based disaster is comparably accessible. And so there are potentially more players to manage. In this case, managing all of these players has been nearly as challenging as dealing with this oil spill. If I am not mistaken, this is the first time Ushahidi has been deployed for a U.S. disaster. I know it has been used for crime maps in Atlanta and Snowmaggedon in D.C., but this is the first U.S. disaster response. Am I right? You learn a lot by being first!

One note to those who help people in disaster zones: don't be too high tech. Some of the tools being offered are just too fancy to be utilized by real people. Other people are so bogged down in tech speak that we can't understand what they are saying.

Item two: Populating the map

We have another long day tomorrow and it's already 12:30. I'll finish this tomorrow.

Thanks for all of the help, advice and good wishes. The spirit of the Crisis Mappers is important to us – I love the vibe and the appreciation of what is happening on the ground. On this ground now we are expecting oil. And shrimpers stand around waiting as Red Cross trucks drive up and offer lunch. No one wants to take it. Sometimes, though, you just don't have a choice.

Anne

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "CrisisMappers" group.
To post to this group, send email to crisismappers@googlegroups.com.
To unsubscribe from this group, send email to crisismappers+unsubscribe @googlegroups.com<crisismappers%2Bunsubscribe@googlegroups.com>
.
For more options, visit this group at http://groups.google.com/group/crisismappers?hl=en.

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Hotline, Environmental Emergency Reporting, "at–risk" Wildlife; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Maps, Pollutants/ Toxin; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Pollution; Nature Conservancy
Updated May 27, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5840

MO

St Louis Crowdmap Tornado Alerts

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
MO

Web stlouistornado.crowdmap.com
Service Temporary

See alerts mapped for the metro area.

Services offered: Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Google Charity Work; USHAHIDI
Updated Apr 28, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7964

NY

Occupy Sandy (DONATION DROP SITES, VOLUNTEER Coordination, "Store" to buy donated tools", for Hurricane Sandy)

Volunteer Camp · Open

NY

Web interoccupy.net/occupysandy
Service Temporary

To donate supplies/tools, go to their "store": http://occupysandylocalregistry.com/

@OccupySandy
Occupy Sandy is a coordinated relief effort to help distribute resources & volunteers to help neighborhoods and people affected by Hurricane Sandy. We are a coalition of people & organizations who are dedicated to implementing aid and establishing hubs for neighborhood resource distribution. Members of this coalition are from Occupy Wall Street, 350.org, recovers.org and interoccupy.net. The task of rebuilding communities is a marathon and not a sprint. We thank you for your donations and your support. The hubs we have set up so far are listed below and photos and volunteer updates are available on our facebook: www.facebook.com/occupysandyreliefnyc. To contact us with information that should be included on this hub, please email OccupySandy@interoccupy.net

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https://www.wepay.com/donations/occupy-sandy-cleanup-volunteers

Volunteer to Help Out the Relief Effort:
http://interoccupy.net/occupysandy/volunteer/

To locate an Emergency Shelter, use this map which is updated regularly to reflect current status of the shelters in :
https://sparkrelief.org/#!/disaster/hurricane-sandy

For anyone who needs assistance with food:

Citymeals www.citymeals.org is delivering shelf-stable meals to seniors. If you come across any senior housing, please contact Citymeals and make them aware. Email Rachel@citymeals.org.

Emergency food stamps: Call 718-557-1339. Many people may qualify for the Disaster-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).

To donate goods, here is a list of needs and where you can drop them off:

General Needs - All locations need these items
blankets
candles
flashlights
batteries
water
food
socks
towels
printer paper
baby items: diapers etc.
pet food

Drop-off Locations

Astoria
36-10 Crescent St. 2nd floor.
Contact Pam: 718-208-7205

Chinatown (open Nov 1, 10am-5pm)
CAAAV
46 Hester St Frnt A
(212) 473-6485
justice@caaav.org - email provided, but best to just show up to help or bring supplies!

Specific Requests in Chinatown:
Water bottles
C, D, AA, AAA batteries (and one 9 volt battery)
Food (hot at lunch, non-perishable/bread/cookies)

Some bottles of Ensure (Glucerna shake) for the elderly, vitamins for the elderly
Generator (for shelter at 350 Grand St, Seward Park High School)

Rockaway and Far Rockaway
Location 1:
Firehouse on 59th street
across from the train station.
contact person: Jean Dupont 9179755623

Location 2:
Veggie Island
96th Street and Rockaway Blvd.

Location 3:
Store Front Community Center
B113 and Rockaway Beach Blvd

Specific Requests in Rockaway and Far Rockaway (starred ones are most urgent):
* Propane grille or camping style oven
* Plates, cups, forks, bowls, spoons, etc
* blankets, jackets, gloves, hats, anything to keep folks warm
* cleaning supplies – buckets, squeegies, mops, bleach
* masks, gloves for cleaning
* socks
* water
* tarps
* garbage bags
boots
electric stove
gas stove
satellite phones
big paper, tape, markers
pens, paper, notepads
generators
pumps
camping tables
gasoline
gasoline containers
percolator
fire extinguishers
walkie talkies
i9 tablets
projector/illuminator

Fort Green/Clinton Hill
45 Waverly Avenue
just off of Park Ave in Fort Green/Clinton Hill
(Hours for Nov 1: 10am–6pm)

Red Hook
the red hook initiative
767 Hicks Street
redhook.recovers.org
Contact: Mariya (347) 770–1528 or just show up.
Requests as of now (will be updated on redhook.recovers.org):
already prepared food (including food for children)
batteries
flashlights
power strips
toiletries (including toilet paper and paper towels)
utensils such as spoons and bowls
and jugs of water.

Park Slope
Park Slope Armory
361 15th St, Brooklyn

Sunset Park
St. Jacobi Church
5406 4th Ave
Contact: Ronnie 646–353–5194

Specific Requests in Sunset Park:
steamtable foil pans full or half size w lids
blankets
cleaning supplies
tin foil
saran wrap

Williamsburg (starting Nov 1, 10am)
Residence
306 Leonard St, apt J1 (btwn Conselyea and Metropolitan)
Contact: Jennifer (917) 586–4153

Bedstuy
Residence
136 Jefferson Ave, apt 2 11216

East Billyburg (Beginning Thursday Nov 1 at 12 noon)
House of Yes
342 Maujer st
Contact: Kae Burke (525)217–7209

Harlem
Location 1:
Residence
47 saint nicholas avenue #4d
btw 112 and 113

Location 2:
Residence
938 st Nicholas ave # 25 at corner of 157th and st Nicholas ave.

Lower East Side
The Bowery Mission
45–51 Ave D
212–777–3424
contact: Claude Nelson or any "operations manager" on duty. they're open 24/7 and in need of prepared foods, a generator and anything else you can offer.

Specific Requests at Lower East Side:
Generator
Prepared Foods

Recovers.org Pages

Occupy Wall Street & 350.org have teamed up with Recovers.org – a people–powered disaster relief platform – to help coordinate response to Hurricane Sandy in NYC. At Recovers.org we are launching support pages where people can GIVE help or post a NEED. Here is more information about this coalition.

We have started with the following Recovery pages, and more will be coming soon:

https://lowereastside.recovers.org/ – (646) 580–7473
https://astoria.recovers.org/ – (347) 669–4394
https://redhook.recovers.org – (347) 464–9269
https://statenisland.recovers.org/ – (347) 934–9927 – statenislandrecovers@gmail.com – @SIrecovers

Twitter Hashtags

The following hashtags are being used for tweets related to Sandy:
#sandy
#hurricanesandy
#sandyrecovery
#sandyaid
#sandyvolunteer

| occupysandy@interoccupy.net

Services offered: Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Registry, Clean Up Assistance (Survivors Get Help Here – Post Disaster); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Google Charity Work; Occupy Sandy; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; USHAHIDI
Updated Mar 10, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9455

New Zealand

Crisis Mapper Alert Maps (CrisisCampNZ) (Register Alerts, Person–Finder)

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
Web eq.org.nz
Service Temporary

Who's this run by?

* A group of volunteers around the world working to process information, called CrisisCampNZ.

Where is the content coming from or being used?

* Reports are coming in via Email, Twitter, SMS and through the media and official news updates.
* Stuff's Quake Map
* Environment Canterbury's Earthquake Viewer
* Mobile site available – head to http://eq.org.nz on your phone
* iPhone and Android apps are available – search for "Ushahidi" and enter http://eq.org.nz/ as the URL

Contacts

* Media: Nat Torkington, nathan @ torkington.com, Skype:nathantorkington or Julie Starr: juliestarr @ offshoreeditorial.com
* Technical: Rob Coup, robert @ coup.net.nz, Skype:robert.coup
* Volunteers: Tim McNamara, paperless @ timmcnamara.co.nz, Skype:sayhitotim
* CDEM: Gavin Treadgold, rediguana @ gmail.com, Skype:rediguananz

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Christchurch Recovery Map Volunteers
http://eq.org.nz/page/index/7

Services offered: Disaster Tech Planning Groups; First Responder, South Pacific; First Response Teams, Volunteer; Hotline, Crime Alerts, Neighborhood; Hotline, Registry, Missing Persons ("I'm Safe" People–Finder) Registry; Information Resource, Health & Welfare Registry, Missing Persons; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Media, Online News Reports; Registry, Missing Persons, OR Online ("I'm safe" People–Finder") Registry; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Tech, Web Mapper, Volunteer
Campaigns: 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Feb 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7636

Pakistan

Baacha Khan Trust Educational Foundation – 2010 Pakistan Floods

Info/Hotline · Open

PAKISTAN
Web www.bkefoundation.org
Service Temporary

This org is doing the updates for the Google Map of Relief Sites.
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Oct 3, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6155

Disaster Waiting to Happen: Pakistan Dam/Landslide

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Preparedness Coordination
Service Temporary

Date: Fri, 26 Mar 2010 10:59:43 −0600 [03/26/2010 04:59PM UTC]
From: Jim Malone
To: crisismappers@googlegroups.com
Reply−To: crisismappers@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [CrisisMappers] Re: Disaster waiting to happen in Pakistan
Headers: Show All Headers | Show Mailing List Information

Chris
did you get my response and resume
jim malone

On 3/26/10, nmcwilliam mapaction. org <nmcwilliam mapaction. org> wrote:

[Hide Quoted Text]
Hello all,

Just to let you know that MapAction is working with the NGO FOCUS Pakistan and two specialist flood modelling teams (*) to provide indications of the flood hazard should the landslide dam fail catastrophically.

(*) One at Newcastle and Durham Universities, UK, and one with the EU−funded SAFER project.

Some useful sources of info' about the situation:
http://daveslandslideblog.blogspot.com/search/label/Attabad
http://pamirtimes.net/
http://ndma.gov.pk/AttaHunzaLandslide.html

Best wishes,
Nick.

Original Message
From: crisismappers@googlegroups.com
[mailto:crisismappers@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of Chris
Sent: 24 March 2010 17:08
To: CrisisMappers
Subject: [CrisisMappers] Re: Disaster waiting to happen in Pakistan]

thank you for this 'heads−up'.

UN−SPIDER got this message from SUPARCO in Pakistan last night:

"We have been continuously monitoring the ground situation due to a massive landslide on Jan 4, 2010 which has blocked river Hunza using both satellites and ground surveys. Pre and post landslide imagery as well as other allied information was utilized to carry out assessment of river blockage, water accumulation and landslide site demarcation. This has been reported to the concerned agencies for remedial action."

Certainly if there are experts in this area (civil engineers experienced assessing earthen structure under hydrological pressure) it would be good to know of them.

Chis Nicholas

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Environmental, Land Preservation; Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Advocacy, Environmental, Wildlife; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Sep 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5839

Poland

Crisis Mapper Crowdmap, Poland Plane Crash Remembrance

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
Web polskamonitor2011.crowdmap.com
Service Temporary

Colleagues,

We created a crisis map of Poland in order to help deter and/or monitor events as they unfold during this important week of remembrance. This week marks the 1 year anniversary of a plane crash that cost the life of the President. Please share with colleagues so they can help monitor events as they unfold on the ground.

http://polskamonitor2011.crowdmap.com/

Best regards,

Jen
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Jen Ziemke, Ph.D.
Co-Founder & Co-Director
http://www.CrisisMappers.net <http://www.crisismappers.net/>

Services offered: Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Events, Community Meetings; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Apr 11, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7852

Syria

Syria: Crime Tracking Mappers/Alert System

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
Web syriatracker.crowdmap.com
Service Temporary

Please forward to people in Syria.

Report crimes at above website, or:

email: syriatracker@gmail.com

tweet: #basharcrimes

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Voters Advocacy; Demographic Served: Victims of Political Crimes; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Apr 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7932

United Kingdom

London Riots/CleanUp/Volunteer/Donation Info, Crisis Maps / Twitter Feeds

Info/Hotline · Open

Web t.co/mEQOq0s
Service Temporary

Volunteer/Donation Info:

http://wiki.crisiscommons.org/wiki/London_Riots

AlertMaps:

http://awe.sm/5Qicd
http://awe.sm/5Qice
http://awe.sm/5Qicf
http://awe.sm/5Qich
http://awe.sm/5Qici

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?msid=207192798388318292131.0004aa01af6748773e8f7&msa=0&ll=51.558503,-0.055275&spn=0.114195,0.298691

Twitter feeds:
#londonriots

CleanUp and Disaster Description:
http://wiki.crisiscommons.org/wiki/London_Riots

AppsSpot (not that updated):
http://londonriotsmap.appspot.com/

NewsSite
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14436499

Services offered: Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Towns; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
Campaigns: 2011 Other Disasters; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Aug 10, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8762

MapAction UK Headquarters

Info/Hotline · Open

Lime Farm Office; Little Missenden; Buckinghamshire; UK; HP7 0RQ
Phone +44 (0)1494 865 031
Web www.mapaction.org
Service Temporary

2011 Japan 9.0 Earthquake – Tsunami

16 Mar 2011
The first two volunteers, Anne and Nick, arrived in Tokyo yesterday and have joined up with the UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team. They have started mapping locations of international search and rescue teams in the north of the country, and next moving on to assessment outcomes and evacuation centres. They are based in the JICA offices in west-central Tokyo.

MapAction sends team to Japanese disaster
March 15, 2011
http://www.mapaction.org/more-news/262-mapaction-sends-team-to-japanese-disaster.html

JAPAN RESOURCES –
http://www.mapaction.org/deployments/depldetail/200.html
http://www.mapaction.org/japan-resources.html

NEWS –
http://www.mapaction.org/more-news.feed?type=rss

DEPLOYMENTS –
http://www.mapaction.org/deployments.html

MapAction does not benefit from the major public disaster appeals. Your donation will help to maintain this vital service.

Please help MapAction to keep aid flowing to the right places.
http://www.mapaction.org/support.html

Services offered: First Responder, Worldwide; Information Resource, Map; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); MapAction; United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs); United Nations – U.N.
Updated Mar 17, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7784

Worldwide

Anonymous (hacker/tech community)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

This is a loosely organized group of techs and tech-fans, that have goals for "the world". Being "peace loving", the group acribes to non-violence, but appears to find "hacking" to be acceptable, as long as it's not attacking a person. Good organizers. It's hard to tell, of course, if they are capable of anything but isolated attacks and "inspiration". But the certainly are building a lot of interesting tools.

They like to be "anonymous", and so don't have a central website, or better said, don't "admit" to having a central website, which is ironic, since they are "all about transparency". Perhaps they mean all about transparency for governments. And/or big orgs? If someone can shed some light on it, that would be great.

a core group of organizers: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LulzSec

another core group is working on resilient networks, in case large corps/governments decide to take down networks, or deny access to "the people".

Other interesting links:

http://www.whatis-theplan.org/t6835-latest-community-news-and-updates#66477

This is apparently, a group helping organize "stuff"...whether it be "an" attack, or "the" revolution, it appears to be the central dashboard, or one of them.

Services offered: Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, International Policy; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Documentation, Capitalism (the ruthless sort), Issues with & Solutions to; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Economic; First Responder, Worldwide; Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; New "Business" Models; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Tech, IT, Volunteer; Tech, Web Developer/Design Volunteers; Tech, Web Developer, Volunteer; Tech, Web Mapper, Volunteer; Volunteer, Virtual Volunteer Meeting Place (Blog/Forum/Discussion Board)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Extreme Poverty; New "Business" Models
Updated Oct 30, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9019

Guidance: Information Security for In-country Personnel in Militarized Zones

Info/Hotline · Open

Information
Web blog.standbytaskforce.com/?p=259
Service Temporary

Services offered: Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Disasters in the Making/Disasters Waiting to Happen (reports of risk of disaster); Disaster SNAFUs; Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Security
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Feb 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7630

Japan OpenStreetMap (mappers, looking for Japanese Translators)

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
Web wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/2011_Sendai_earthquake_and_tsunami/Translation_Request
Service Temporary

Quoting Hiroo Imaki <hiroo @ angeli. org>:

> Japanese OpenStreetMap people need volunteers to translate their
> Japanese sites and document to acceralate their relief mapping effort.
> Info is here (in Japanese)
> http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/2011_Sendai_earthquake_and_tsunami/Translation_Request
>
> Hiroo

Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Mar 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7804

List of Crisis Mapper Project Teams

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Relief/Community Development
Web api.ning.com/files/hrNmqbTOLpsr1bTVJUULik8BuqovKsYPfE342JL2lSZ-wOsSleblAyg5Ha*WqOP1EPeYBwMQp8dgsM2-DgPTgeHeND5X9MiU/Deployments_CMNet.pdf
Service Temporary

The Crisis Mappers are groups of people that map data out onto geogrphic representations. There are many projects that are on-going and emerging, depending on the topic and the disaster. See the above list for details on the project teams.

NOTE: The above file was reported to be a "live link", in that it will update itself when the file is updated. This has not been tested. If this file looks out of date, please let us know.

An up to date version can be gotten through:

<http://www.crisismappers.net/>

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Disaster Tech Planning Groups;

Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files; Information Resource, Maps, Fire Maps; Information Resource, Maps, Flood Maps; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); USHAHIDI
Updated Feb 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7629

Mapping Field Guide by MapAction (why/how to use mapping for disasters)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.mapaction.org/more-news/270-humanitarian-field-guide.html
Service Temporary

from the doc, which is RICH with info about mapping...the whys and how-to's.

The Following is a Short Excerpt: (MUCH more in the doc itself)

Field Guide to Humanitarian Mapping
2 www.mapaction.org

1.2 How are maps useful in humanitarian work?

In everyday life, we may use maps mainly for navigation. In humanitarian work however, the real power of maps is as a means of communicating and sharing the complex information that is a crucial resource in emergency response. In such situations, maps become vital tools for decision making.

" Information is very directly about saving lives. If we take the wrong decisions, make the wrong choices about where we put our money and our effort because our knowledge is poor, we are condemning some of the most deserving to death or destitution."
John Holmes, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs 2007-2010

Of all the information needed in an emergency, the 'where' dimension is of crucial importance: aid in the wrong place is no help at all. Humanitarian emergencies typically affect large areas and often require responding organisations to make sense of unfamiliar geographical environments. Maps become important as tools to plan and coordinate relief interventions.

In the preparation of this guide, MapAction discussed the needs for mapping and spatial information with users from a range of NGOs and humanitarian agencies, as well as drawing on MapAction's own experience in the field during emergencies. Some of the insights gained are explored here.

The use of maps is not of course limited to the post-disaster response phase. Maps are a prerequisite for understanding natural hazards, and communities' vulnerability to them. Risk assessment by communities themselves can be supported by mapping tools - including low- or no-tech methods involving little more than sketches using paper and pencil. These methods are explored a little more in section 1.8.

" In the pre-disaster context we would like to map vulnerability and develop baselines for it. The data for these baselines would include scientific hazard data and the outputs from qualitative assessments at community level."
Bhupinder Tomar, Senior Officer Disaster Preparedness, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

In the disaster response phase, maps can be invaluable for making sense of the emergency and for planning response, both at individual organisation level and for inter-agency coordination. There is a need for mapped information from the earliest stage of response, during the search-and-rescue (SAR) phase. SAR teams need ways to create rapid maps of their area of operations, for Urban SAR (USAR) work this may require a high level of detail.

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource; Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Disaster Tech Planning Groups; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Mapping Reference; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Maps, Evacuation Maps/Routes; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Long Term Recovery Support; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types); Training Classes, Disaster Mitigation; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Emergency Response; Training

Classes, Disaster Ops, Incident Staging, Training; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness, Internet; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, First Response, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, First Response, Search & Rescue; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); MapAction
Updated Aug 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8780

MapStory Datasets for Mapping

Info/Hotline · Open

Web mapstory.org/storylayers/search
Service Temporary

Services offered: Documentation, Mapping Reference; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Mar 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9660

UN Global Pulse: Digital Smoke Signals (data analysis to detect on–coming crisis)

Info/Hotline · Open

Online Resource Volunteer Opportunities
Web www.unglobalpulse.org/taxonomy/term/820
Service Temporary

from the website:

Harnessing Innovation to Protect the Vulnerable

The Challenge

Relentless waves of compound global shocks – food, fuel, and financial – have revealed a wide information gap between the onset of a global crisis and the availability of actionable information for decision makers working to protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations. Traditional monitoring systems have been effective in tracking medium to longer–term development trends. Yet they were not designed to generate the type of real–time information decision makers need in developing timely actions to help vulnerable populations cope with fast–hitting, inter–connected crises. Much of the household–level data used to track progress toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), for example, dates back to 2008 or earlier – before the onset of the current economic crisis.

The recent series of crises has also shown that there is a real danger of losing hard–won development gains within a fraction of the time it took to achieve them. Finding out today how a community began coping with a crisis two years ago may be too late to prevent irreversible damage. The price a country pays for not knowing how its population is coping with shocks is increasing as the resilience of families is eroded, causing millions of households to lose ground in their struggle to escape poverty and driving many of those who had escaped back into destitution. In a climate of fiscal austerity, development investments need to be targeted where they are most needed and where they are likely to achieve the highest returns. While the private sector has been using real–time data to drive investment decisions for many years, development resources continue to be invested based on information that is often at least two years out of date. Decision makers at every level in both donor and developing countries need high–quality, actionable information and hard evidence to protect vulnerable populations.
An Opportunity

Yet even as the impacts of crises have reverberated around the world, our lives have changed in other ways as well. We live in a new information age, where the pace of technological innovation is accelerating at a breathtaking pace. As communities in the developing world increasingly adopt and use these technologies, they are beginning to generate ambient data as by–products of their everyday activities. This "information exhaust" may hold an important key to detecting early signals of emerging vulnerabilities or incipient harm. Mobile phones are now playing a critical role in global development and crisis response. Collaboration tools allow distributed teams to design, develop and share innovative solutions to problems from anywhere in the world. Social networking technologies offer the promise of new and agile forms of collective action. The explosion in the volume and diversity of data has been met by advances in methodologies to help make sense of it all, and new tools now exist to collect, filter, integrate, fuse, analyze, map and visualize information. These emerging technologies represent an extraordinary opportunity to close the information gap, to ensure that technology reaches the bottom of the pyramid, and to provide decision makers with new kinds of real–time information to protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable during global crises.
UN Global Pulse

Recognizing both the urgent need for more timely and actionable information and the unparalleled opportunities, the Secretary–General called on the UN system in April 2009 to establish a monitoring system (Global Pulse) to better track the impact of compound crises on vulnerable populations. He asked the Deputy Secretary–General to lead this effort and establish a small Team in his office to spearhead the project.

World leaders – from both developing and developed countries – have expressed their strong support for the Secretary–General's initiative. At the G20 Sum– mit in London last year, the heads of twenty of the most powerful economies re–affirmed the UN system's central role in tracking the wellbeing of vulnerable populations, calling on the United Nations "to establish an effective mechanism to monitor the impact of the crisis on the poorest and most vulnerable." The Global Pulse initiative is included in the UN Chief Executives Board's nine joint crisis initiatives, and forms part of the UN system's concerted effort to address the global

economic crisis.
What will it do?

The Global Pulse initiative will work closely with Member States and other development partners to improve evidence–based decision–making and close the information gap between the onset of a global crisis and the availability of actionable information to protect the vulnerable. In doing so, the project will respond – at the highest strategic level – to two value propositions:

* Protecting countries against development reversals: In an age of increasing global volatility, hard–won develop– ment gains are in danger of being eroded much faster than in the past. Real time actionable information generated by Global Pulse will help the international community to detect the impacts of a crisis on vulner– able populations early on when there is still time to prevent irreversible harm.
* Targeting development resources more effectively: In a climate of increasing fiscal austerity, decision mak– ers at every level face pressures on limited resources. Global Pulse will allow leaders to better plan and target interventions in times of crisis to ensure that those populations most at risk are the first to receive support.

Project Outcomes

At the project level, the Global Pulse initiative has been designed to contribute to four overall develop– ment outcomes:

* More timely and actionable hard evidence for global advocacy on the plight of the most vulnerable;
* Better global data to inform the design of more robust and agile safety nets for the world's most vulnerable populations;
* Strengthened regional networks for cross–border col– laboration and better understanding of shared regional risks and vulnerabilities;
* Strengthened national capacities to track population vulnerabilities to specific shocks and design targeted and timely policies to improve crisis resilience.

Project Outputs

Short–term

* Strong Global Pulse network built by linking together existing early warning systems and databases (Note: UN system alone runs over 39 early warning systems);
* Use of previously untapped, non–traditional data to detect anomalous behaviors that may indicate that a population is beginning to feel the impacts of a crisis or has exhausted its coping capacity;
* Reference architecture will allow the Global Pulse technology platform to plug into existing rapid data collection, analysis and collaboration tools;
* A global open–source volunteer community built (through innovation camps, competitions and on–line collaboration) to be able to constantly refine and further develop the Global Pulse technology;
* Five Pulse Labs established by the end of 2012 to build national capacities to leverage technology innovation to test new approaches to monitoring vulnerability at the country level.

Medium–to–long–term

* Reduction by order of magnitude in delay of availability of actionable information on household–level impacts and vulnerabilities;
* Free and open source technology platform for collaborative analysis and decision support;
* Strengthened national capacity for targeted policy interventions that leverage improved understanding of how specific populations cope with shocks;
* Strengthened national capacity to gather real–time information from areas that are traditionally difficult to capture, such as the informal sector.
* Thriving local communities of practice established around Pulse Labs where local technologists and social entrepreneurs collaborate with the public sector to create technology solutions for development;
* Development of an effective, efficient, rapid, scalable and sustainable model for catalyzing grassroots innova– tion for sustainable resilience to global crises.

How is Global Pulse funded?

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See the roadmap at the website. Or go here: http://www.unglobalpulse.org/strategy–and–roadmap

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Social Justice; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation,

Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Weather Updates/Warnings; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; United Nations – U.N.
Updated Apr 24, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7927

United Nations (UN) Volunteering Portal (virtual volunteers, too!)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/vol/index.html
Service Temporary

Go here and see really meaningful, fun, interesting volunteer assigments. There are a LOT of "virtual volunteer" opportunities. Choose the "IT" option.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Virtual Volunteer, Work from Home; Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Long–Term, Volunteer(s); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Virtual Volunteer Meeting Place (Blog/Forum/Discussion Board)
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) – Doctors Without Borders; OXFAM; Save The Children; United Nations – U.N.; World Vision; World Vision International
Updated Aug 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8769

Ushahidi (List of Mapping Projects...all kinds of stuff)

Info/Hotline · Open

Mapping Network/Crisis Mappers
Web community.ushahidi.com/deployments
Service Temporary

All kinds of great mapping/resource links. Mapped Disaster Relief resources. Mapped ski conditions. Mapped art installations. Yum...

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Road Closures/Conditions; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Media, Broadcast Media; Media, Online News Reports; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response
Campaigns: Arts Community / Artist Network; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Google Charity Work; United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs); United Nations – U.N.; USHAHIDI
Updated May 28, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7956

Other locations

FEMA Mapping Service Center and Mapping Resource Datasets

Info/Hotline · Open

Web fema–services2.esri.com/arcgis/rest/services
Service Temporary

See also FEMA Mapping Service Center: https://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=–1

Services offered: Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Mapping Reference; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files; Information Resource, Tech
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/entries)
Updated Mar 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9657

Karen Payne's List of Open Datasets for Mapping

Info/Hotline · Open

Web docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AuApi46szKw4dDhVM1dZNmpld3dIQWdRS2NnRkZDQWc
Service Temporary

GIST Repository

Karen informally maintains a list of data sources at this openly editible google doc: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AuApi46szKw4dDhVM1dZNmpld3dIQWdRS2NnRkZDQWc#gid=16

browse through the tabs for different categories – the last two tabs are

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Services offered: Documentation, Mapping Reference; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
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Sara Farmer's List of Dataset Resources

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

Quoting Sara Farmer <sara.farmer @ btinternet.com>:

> Hi Terra,
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> I've been thinking about this for a while, as part of the Cicada crisis
> data system (an extension of the data work that the SBTF did with ACAPS,
> scraping data out of various development websites). I also started
> collecting dataset links from the crisismapping list, and writing some
> code to harvest links from it using the Google api, then thought that if
> ever there was a task that could be crowdsourced, this is it... if any
> groups are interested in doing that...
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> I also put up a CKAN node to play with
> (http://ec2–54–228–69–142.eu–west–1.compute.amazonaws.com) – e.g. use
> its API to add in all the datasets, links etc that I've found over the
> past few years (several other places to look are listed on
> http://opencrisis.net/datascience under "development data" and if I ever
> get the Google search API to stop thinking I'm a spammer, I also have
> code to search them all for dataset filetypes, e.g. CSVs etc) and link
> back to a friendlier interface – but as usual, I got busy on other
> things (there's this white paper on sensors...), so there's nothing in
> there at the moment, and I'm still thinking hard about how to best
> organise datasets in it so they're easy for a non–expert to find... We
> have issues like multiple copies (or worse, almost–copies) of the same
> data from different sources, updated files etc. that we solved for ACAPS
> by creating one file for each combination of indicator, source and year:
> we could do the same again, but need to think about how that maps to
> CKAN, which clusters datasets by group, with each dataset containing
> resources (e.g. single links or files) and links to apps, ideas, posts,
> papers etc. Datasets have tags that we could use (e.g. for country,
> topic, indicator name etc) and resources have additional fields that we
> could use too (e.g. for source and year). CKAN groups are usually the
> data curators (e.g. SBTF etc) with groups having editing rights across
> the datasets belonging to those groups: with so many people here
> belonging to multiple groups, that might not be the best use of CKAN
> groups here, but can deal with that separately.
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> I'm aware that I rambled on there. Anyways, you're welcome to come play
> with me on the CKAN node (and encourage me to add in all those links to
> datasets etc) – if you create an account on it, please tell me so I can
> give you explicit editing permissions – datahub.io has been overrun with
> spam recently, and I want to make sure this node doesn't have the same
> problem.
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> Thanks,
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> Sj.

Services offered: Documentation, Mapping Reference; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
Updated Mar 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9659

US Real–Time Storm Reports/Alerts/Touchdown reports (w/Maps, Down to Street Level)

Info/Hotline · Open

Maps
Web mccullough–consulting.net/IGICResponseCorps/index.html
Service Temporary

This tool is amazing for weather watchers. Very good mapping resource, with alerts posted for tornado touchdowns. Includes Ham Radio reports, etc. Now includes streamed loop so you can see the storms move across time.

Pan by holding your mouse button down. Click twice to zoom to street level and see specific reporting data.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Environmental Disaster, Populations Affected by; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Crisis Hotline; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Maps, Environmental Impact Tracking; Information Resource, Maps, Fire Maps; Information Resource, Maps, Flood Maps; Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Counties (NO TOWNS); Information Resource, Maps, State Level Showing Towns; Information Resource, Maps, Weather Maps & Storm Tracking; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Tech, Social Media; Information Resource, Weather Updates/Warnings; Information Resource, Wildfire Incident Information & Updates; Media, Weather Reports, International; Media, Weather Reports, National; Media, Weather Reports, Regional; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup); Environmental Sustainability
Updated Jun 1, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8004

USGS Maps, VA/DC Earthquake ("did you feel it" alerts, etc)

Info/Hotline · Open

Web earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eqinthenews/2011/usc0005ild
Service Temporary

Services offered: Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Information Resource: Maps, Crowdmap/Alert Map; Information Resource, Maps, Datasets and Source Files; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; Media, Weather Reports, National; Media, Weather Reports, Regional; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
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VA/DC Earthquake, ESRI Map w/alerts/photos

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.esri.com/services/disaster–response/earthquakes/latest–news–map.html
Service Temporary

Services offered: Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Information Resource: Online Alert Registry; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports
Campaigns: Crisis Mappers (GoogleGroup)
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