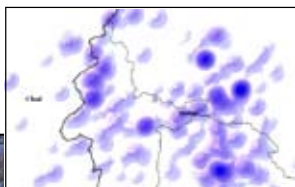




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Notable GISCorps' Projects

GISCorps volunteers used GIS technology in rescue/relief operations following Hurricane Katrina, the Indian Ocean tsunami and the Myanmar cyclone disasters. Among many other projects, GISCorps has been instrumental in providing vital service location for refugees in Cairo; GIS capacity building in Afghanistan, medical care referrals for the poor in Central America, development of a national web map portal of volcanoes in Armenia; and mapping genocide events in Darfur and Chad.



Check out the projects section on the GISCorps website (www.giscorps.org) for a comprehensive look at past projects, current projects, and future project needs.



Volunteer Driven

GISCorps is a program run by volunteers for volunteers.

Get Involved!

To find out how you can get involved— as a volunteer, donor or partner agency— visit www.giscorps.org or email info@giscorps.org.



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GISCorps:

- Makes available highly specialized GIS expertise to improve the well being of developing and transitional communities without exploitation or regard for profit;
- Coordinates the open exchange of volunteer GIS expertise cooperatively among and along with other agencies;
- Strengthens the host community's spatial data infrastructure through implementation of the best and most widely accepted GIS practices;
- Fosters development of professional organizations in host communities to help sustain and grow local spatial expertise and
- Implements URISA's vision of advancing the effective use of spatial information technologies.



To implement these goals, GISCorps ... recruits and maintains a database of volunteers

- establishes relationships with project sponsors and financial donors
- evaluates proposed projects to determine whether they fit the GISCorps' mission and objectives
- evaluates professional qualifications of volunteers and matches their expertise with project requirements
- provides referral and coordination services between project sponsors and volunteers
- ensures that funding is provided on a project-by-project basis so that expenses are defrayed by the project sponsor, the host community, the volunteer and/or his/her institution, or a combination of these

A Code of Ethics is fundamental to GISCorps activities. It explicitly prohibits the use of GISCorps activities for the promotion of commercial interests, personal values, or religious and political agendas.

Mission

Operating since 2003 as a program of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA), GISCorps coordinates short-term, volunteer-based GIS services to underprivileged communities worldwide. GISCorps supports humanitarian relief, emergency response, health and education, local capacity building, and community development.

