

Technology Challenges in Disaster Response: Learning from Hurricane Sandy's Spontaneous Volunteers

Pre-Discussion Links and Resources

As part of the [Technology Salon](#) that asks “What can we learn from Hurricane Sandy’s Spontaneous Volunteers?” we’re compiling a list of thoughts and resources around the topic.

Please add your thoughts and share this document to inform our discussion.

Links / Topics:

How can technology bridge the gap between community organizers and traditional response, both pre- and post-disaster?

- Forbes: [What Sandy Has Taught Us About Technology, Relief and Resilience](#)

What were the top 10 most useful platforms used during the recovery?

- BusinessWeek: [From Wartime Technology Comes Hurricane Relief](#)
- [Hurricane Sandy: Lessons in Disaster Recovery](#) (PC mag)
- The Guardian: [How companies used social media during Hurricane Sandy](#)

How does the scope of technology change with the different stages of disaster response?

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What are the biggest data challenges surrounding short and long term response?

- Recovery.gov: [Data Sharing: An Antidote to Taxpayer Rip-Offs](#)
- FEMA LLIS: [Hurricane Sandy and Disaster Networks](#)
- FEMA LLIS: [Hurricane Sandy: Considerations for Emergency WiFi Networks](#)

How can these lessons be applied in an international setting?

- Reliefweb: [Hurricane Committee Considers Lessons from Sandy](#)
- New York Times: [Plan by 13 Nations Urges Open Technology Standards](#)
- [Using technology to improve emergency response](#) - PowerPoint from CRS' ICT4D conference

Other resources related to the topic. (Links)

- FEMA: [Hurricane Sandy Lessons Learned Resources](#) (requires login / signup)
- ICTWorks: [Open Standards can Change Everything](#)



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- private enterprise driven economic development, facilitated by technology.

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