

MPCI Conference Call

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Agenda

Recent deployments

- Haiti ?
- South East USA ?
 - <https://www.facebook.com/safetycheck/hurricane-matthew-2016/>
 - <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>
 - <https://pl.nlm.nih.gov>
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Organization Updates

Upcoming events or training

Notes

NLM deployed for Hurricane Matthew. Google Person Finder put up an instance once, then took it down, then put it up again, then down. It sounds like the Google and NLM systems were under utilized. Mike - we had a lot of use when Ecuador listed out their system on the various media outlets by a government emergency management group (3k+ listings).

Perhaps Red Cross' Safe and Well was heavily utilized during the hurricane?

Mike - it sounds like a lot of people on the ground look to extremely local resources to find out about where they can list themselves --- NLM is planning to investigate how to focus on

connecting with local emergency managers and LEOs/EMS as much as possible, so that they can be talked to when a disaster strikes.

Aurelio (ICRC) - In Haiti the ICRC has been working with the Haitian Red Cross, people on the ground to re-establish family links with mostly satellite phones. The ICRC put up the Restoring Family Links website, but only a very few people have been listed. The management of the data in this system will be done by the Haitian Red Cross, they now own the system and will process the requests. ~300,000 homeless. ~15 people have been mobilized to work on reunification on the ground from ICRC/Haitian RC.

Tim - Why is this so different than the earthquake in 2010?

Aurelio - We haven't done a retrospective yet to look at this yet.

Aurelio - The ICRC is still using trace the face as a response to the migrant situation in Europe. This is still increasing there are about 2000 people that are listed on the website. At least 30 people have been found through the system (potentially more, but ICRC doesn't have positive confirmation of this). ICRC is trying to work with the countries where families would have originated from, to help coordinate publishing the photos in those countries.

It has been a challenge to bring together all of the countries in Europe to work together on this problem, because in this situation you can't know exactly which country the missing individual might be in. This has led to an increase in collaboration from the countries.

Emily - the Colibri Center is working on the migrant situation from latin american countries into USA. <http://www.colibricenter.org/>