GIS

PROFESSIONALS

VOLUNTEERING FOR

A BETTER WORLD

Cover image: World Health Organization project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to support polio eradication efforts (2017)
Sharing our passion

Our team of nearly 6,000 volunteers from more than 130 countries are leaders in the geospatial industry. We are dedicated to serving the global community, responding to disasters and providing technical assistance worldwide. Volunteers are organized and assigned based on need and skills and use tools such as OpenStreetMap and Esri’s ArcGIS Online. Nearly 300 projects launched!

Responding to disasters

When disasters strike, GISCorps volunteers are ready to support the response and recovery efforts of national, regional and local governments, as well as nonprofit organizations. From hurricanes and fires to earthquakes and epidemics, GISCorps volunteers are there helping with data capture, image interpretation and geolocation, crowdsourcing, application development and more.

“GISCorps gave me an opportunity to use my GIS skills like a superhero would use his superpowers!” —Christopher Schuchardt, USA - DRC Polio Eradication

GISCorps volunteer David Neiss of California developed a prototype ArcGIS Online operations dashboard to process and track requests for assistance following a natural disaster in Japan, a process that had previously been carried out through a painstaking process involving paper maps.

During the fall of 2018, 36 volunteers spent over 300 hours assisting the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS Foundation by mining, geolocating, and mapping photos from social media and news outlets to promote situational awareness for first responders and emergency managers.

Building communities

We support programs that create stronger communities. From blight analysis to site analysis, we help organizations build geospatial capacity for a more compassionate and just world.

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Achieving sustainability

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Mission

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