

**MapAction and URISA/GISCorps  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on 5 January 2011 between:

**MapAction**

*Lime Farm Office, Little Missenden HP7 0RQ, UK*

AND

**GISCorps, a program of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association  
(URISA)**

*701 Lee St. Suite 680 Des Plaines, IL 60016, USA*

**1. PURPOSE**

GISCorps and MapAction desire to establish a formal relationship to facilitate recommendation of GISCorps volunteers for MapAction projects, and to specify the activities each will undertake in support of this goal.

**2. ACTIVITIES**

**A. GISCorps will:**

- (1). Recommend volunteers for one or more projects per year, either on-site or remotely, based on the needs of the project.
- (2). Mention MapAction in any of its publications and presentations that relate to MapAction projects.
- (3). Encourage MapAction members to speak at the URISA conference if there are suitable topics and interest – always subject to approval of the Conference Chair.
- (4). Encourage joint presentations between MapAction members and GISCorps volunteers and representatives at professional conferences.

**B. MapAction will:**

- (1). Request GISCorps volunteers for one or more projects per year.
- (2). Mention GISCorps and URISA in any of its publications that relate to common projects.
- (3). Encourage joint presentations between MapAction members and GISCorps volunteers and representatives at professional conferences.
- (4). Coordinate on projects and deploy GISCorps volunteers to MapAction projects in full compliance with GISCorps Policies and Procedures.

**3. DATA SHARING**

Any geospatial data either collected, created, cleansed, modified, or migrated that are related to projects undertaken as part of this agreement will be made available to other humanitarian organizations, as needed and insofar as intellectual property rights of third party owners of such data are not thereby infringed.

#### **4. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES**

The agreement does not financially obligate or incur liabilities for either party. GISCorps, based on the specification provided by MapAction, will recommend independent volunteers for MapAction final selection. If selected, volunteers will enter into an independent agreement with MapAction for the conduct of the project.

GISCorps acts as a clearing house, validating professional capabilities and matching volunteers with organisations seeking assistance. GISCorps takes no responsibility for work performance or personal conduct of any volunteers. However, GISCorps welcomes any feedback of such nature to improve the candidate pool. Travel expenses and other costs entailed by the project are between MapAction and the volunteer only. Terms and conditions will vary from project to project.

#### **5. AMENDMENT**

This agreement shall not be amended except in writing by agreement of both parties.

#### **6. TERMINATION**

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty days notice to the other.



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Authorised Signatory  
**MapAction**

Name: Nigel Woof  
Position: Chief Executive

Date: 5 January 2011



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Authorised Signatory  
**URISA/GISCorps**

Name: Wendy Nelson  
Position: Executive Director

Date: 7 January 2011