

GISCorps volunteers' assistance is needed for a Crowd Sourcing Project

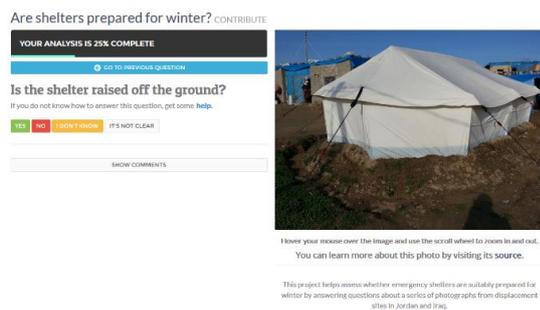
Geotag-X is an initiative set up by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research's Operational Satellite Applications Programme ([UNITAR UNOSAT](#)). They are running a data sprint **over the weekend of the 4th and 5th July, 2015** and are looking for volunteers to help them test the platform and provide feedback on usability. They would also be very appreciative if any volunteers can continue working on the site after the weekend of the data sprint.

What is Geotag-X?

Photos taken in disaster situations and other humanitarian crises by different people on the ground can potentially be a powerful resource for the response teams. In fact, the information they gain from these images can be crucial to provide humanitarian aid not only in the immediate response effort, but also in future recovery and preparedness work.

Unfortunately, the manpower needed to process the incredible number of photos coming out of these situations makes this duty impossible for a single organization. Therefore they are turning to the crowd and looking for volunteers to help them rapidly extract meaningful, relevant and structured data from these photos.

This is why they launched the GeoTag-X platform, which gathers a series of pilot projects (for example, the Emergency Shelter Assessment project) covering different disaster related events. GeoTag-X asks people to analyse the photographs associated with each event by answering some short and strictly structured questions.



Their final aim is to have an open source tool and associated analysis questions that can be taken by anyone working in an humanitarian crisis and quickly and easily adapted to their needs. To do so, they need as many volunteers as possible to help them assess GeoTag-X's suitability as a tool in disaster response.

What are they asking volunteers to do?

- 1) To analyse as many photos as possible in these two projects:
<http://geotagx.org/project/category/somalidrought/>
<http://geotagx.org/project/category/emergencyshesterassessmentinthemiddleeast/>
- 2) [To sign up for an account](#) and participate in the research about volunteer engagement (two short surveys, one on registration and another after you have completed 30 tasks)
- 3) To explore the site and other test projects and give them feedback on the usability of the platform and applications, including on how well you think the system works, if you have any ideas on how it could be improved, or ideas for cases in which it could be used.

Who can contribute and how?

Anyone can be a volunteer – there are no particular skills required to participate in GeoTag-X. All you need to start contributing is a pc or tablet with an Internet connection. This means that you can do it wherever you want, whenever you want. They are asking volunteers to go onto the platform and analyse some photos whenever they have some spare time over the period of the data sprint. Don't worry: it will take no longer than 2 minutes to register and 1 to 3 minutes to analyze each photo.

If you are interested in this project, in addition to registering on GeoTag-X, please add your information to [this GDoc](#) so that we can send you a certificate of appreciation and also a GISP letter (if requested) at the end of the project.