

What is GISCorps?

GISCorps is a program of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) that coordinates short-term, volunteer-based GIS services to underprivileged communities.

Although assistance may be offered in the US and Canada, the focus is on communities in developing countries.

URISA is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to the use and integration of spatial information technology to improve the quality of life in our urban and regional environments. For more information about URISA, visit www.urisa.org.



Get Involved!

To find out how you can get involved— as a volunteer, donor or partner agency— visit www.giscorps.org

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**URISA's GISCorps is dedicated
to volunteering expertise in
Geographic Information Systems
for a better world.**



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GISCorps:

- refers volunteers to agencies and agencies to volunteers, providing coordination between project sponsors and the volunteers
- evaluates the professional qualifications of volunteers and matches volunteers' expertise with project requirements
- establishes relationships with project sponsors and donors, screens proposed projects and verifies that they match the GISCorps objectives
- does not provide funding support to organizations or volunteers in general - all expenses are defrayed by the individual, her/his institution, the partner organizations, or by the host community on a project-by-project basis

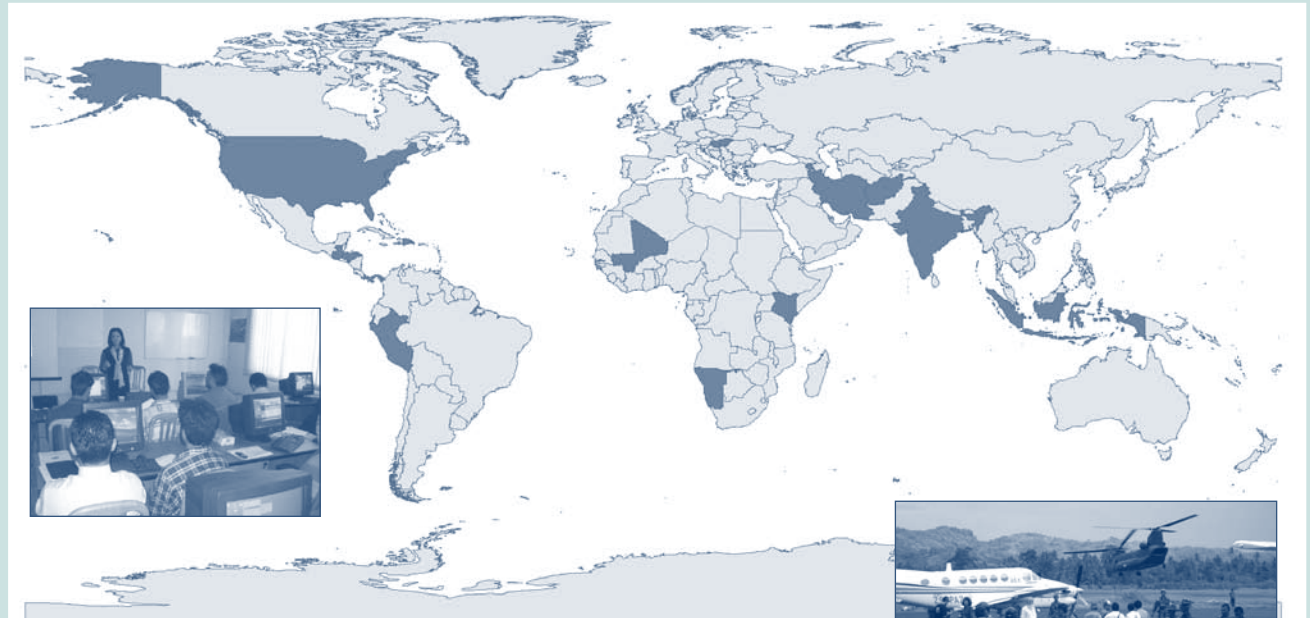
GISCorps' goals include:

- making available highly specialized GIS expertise to improve the well being of developing and transitional communities without exploitation or regard for profit
- coordinating the open exchange of volunteer GIS expertise cooperatively among and along with other agencies
- strengthening the host community's spatial data infrastructure through implementation of the best and most widely accepted GIS practices
- fostering development of professional organizations in host communities to help sustain and grow local spatial expertise
- implementing URISA's vision of advancing the effective use of spatial information technologies

A Code of Ethics is fundamental to GISCorps activities, and explicitly prohibits the use of GISCorps activities for the promotion of commercial interests or personal values.



GISCorps Projects



As of Summer of 2006:

- Total Number of Projects: 19, in 6 Continents & 17 Countries
- Total Number of Hours: +/-5,000
- Countries/States:
 - Afghanistan
 - Armenia
 - Dominican Republic
 - Guatemala
 - Haiti
 - Honduras
 - Hungary
 - India
 - Indonesia
 - Iran
 - Kenya
 - Louisiana
 - Mali
 - Marshall Islands
 - Mississippi
 - Namibia
 - Panama
 - Peru
 - Vermont
- Types of Services:
 - Database Design
 - Field Data Collection
 - Web Application Design
 - Training
 - Needs Assessment
 - Disaster Response
 - GPS Data Collection
 - Image Processing
- Total Number of Volunteers: +1-1,000

