

## Helping the people who help people

## "Simulation Day" events in Washington D.C., San Francisco, and Portland





An actual Humanitarian Information Center (HIC) in Banda Aceh, Indonesia supporting tsunami relief. HumaniNet's Simulation Day will feature a HIC operated by experienced relief volunteers.

In partnership with other nonprofit organizations and corporate sponsors, HumaniNet will hold three "Simulation Day" events featuring a deployed crisis field communications center in Oregon (June 15, 2006), California (September 2006) and Washington, D.C. (November 2006) These events will demonstrate key technologies in a simulated field environment and will include:

- Broadband Internet access and telephony using satellite communications from Telenor, a major telecommunications provider.
- Wireless networks and appropriate computers from Intel and Inveneo.
- Software applications that are relevant to a domestic (e.g. Katrina) or international response.
- At least one example of a situational awareness application, with geospatial data representing a specific scenario (e.g. San Francisco earthquake).
- Production of maps and satellite imagery.
- Webcasts to remote participants.
- Solar and battery power to simulate off-grid conditions.
- Presentations to guests on a variety of ICT (information and communications technologies) topics.

We believe that the three Simulation Days will be outstanding opportunities to demonstrate public-private partnerships toward readiness for future emergencies.

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