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# WHO signs partnership agreement with MapAction

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**To have greater impact in health emergencies**



MapAction has signed the Standby Partnership Agreement with the World Health Organisation (WHO) which will allow the UK-based emergency response and disaster preparedness charity to have greater impact in health emergencies.

The agreement will see MapAction volunteers ready on standby to deploy to any health emergency operations at the request of WHO. This will help bring the organisation's unique data-driven approach to saving lives in even more health crises worldwide.

The Standby Partnership Agreement will streamline and simplify how MapAction can deploy to WHO emergency operations at short notice. The agreement states that MapAction will maintain a roster of standby personnel for the rapid mobilisation and deployment of pre-screened individuals to WHO emergency operations.

MapAction has already lent data management, geospatial and mapping support in 13 health-related emergency deployments worldwide since 2014. Teams of volunteers from the Oxfordshire-based charity were involved in providing support in the Ebola crisis in West Africa, as well as during the more recent COVID-19 pandemic. A team of MapAction volunteers is also currently working on a project to reduce the impacts of cholera in Malawi.