

# About

## Ushahidi

Ushahidi is a web and mobile platform that allows you to create, visualize and share stories on a map. It allows individuals to share their stories on their own terms using the tools they already have.

## Crowdmap

Crowdmap is Ushahidi in the cloud. It's a free and easy way to setup a crowdsourcing map without the hassle of knowing the technical stuff. It's important because getting a feedback pulse from the ground helps you make better decisions and enhances coordination efforts. Get yours setup in 5 minutes at [www.crowdmap.com](http://www.crowdmap.com).

## SwiftRiver

SwiftRiver is a set of tools for adding context, value and relevance to information coming from the web. It's important because information overload is a problem that is growing exponentially for everyone and the current tools for stemming the tide are either unavailable or inaccessible for the vast majority. You can get involved by using or contributing to our tools at [swiftly.org](http://swiftly.org). In doing so, you're helping to make the web more relevant for everyone.

## History

"Ushahidi", which means "testimony" in Swahili, was a website that was initially developed to map reports of violence in Kenya after the post-election fallout at the beginning of 2008. Since then, the name "Ushahidi" has come to represent the people behind the "Ushahidi Platform". Our roots are in the collaboration of Kenyan citizen journalists during a time of crisis. The original website was used to map incidents of violence and peace efforts throughout the country based on reports submitted via the web and mobile phones. This website had 45,000 users in Kenya, and was the catalyst for us realizing there was a need for a platform based on it, which could be used by others around the world.

Since early 2008 we have grown from an ad hoc group of volunteers to a focused organization. The team is comprised of individuals with a wide span of experience ranging from human rights work to software development. We have also built a strong team of volunteer developers primarily in Africa, but also Europe, South America and the U.S.

To learn more about us, please see our [website](#).

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