

Weekly 19 - August 15 - 21, 2012

Ushahidi Weekly Update (#19)

We are a growing community. This weekly report is for the whole community and team to share what you are working on and what you need help with. Highlight your presentations, events, code and more. These reports will go out mid-week

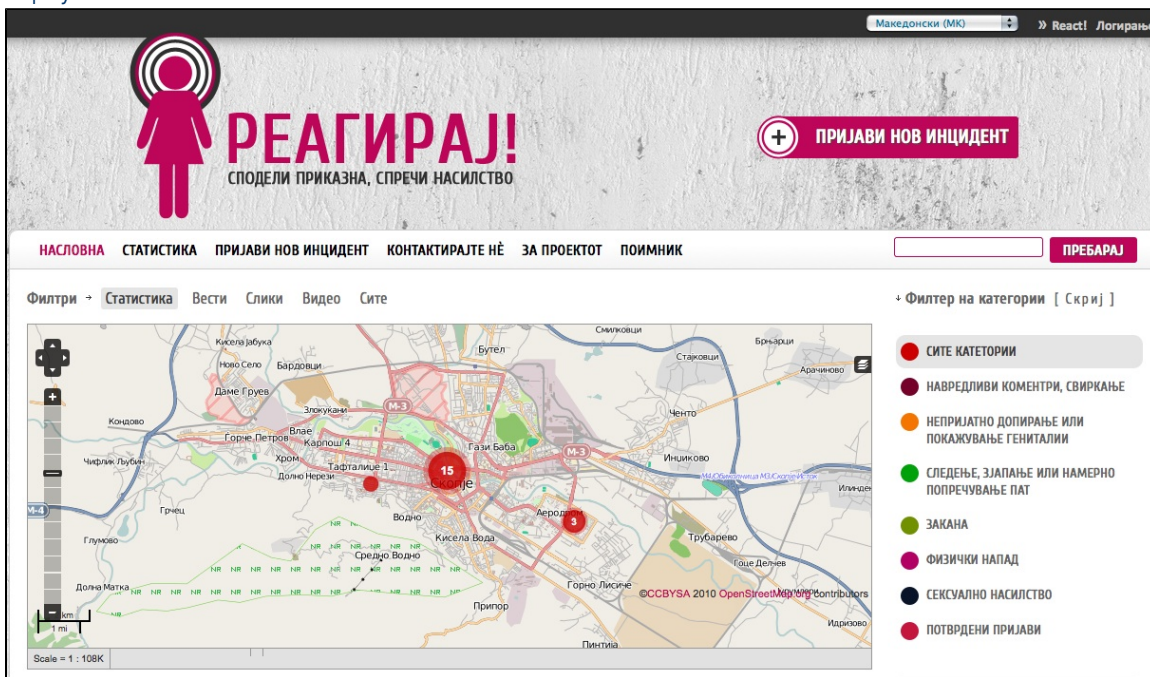
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Community and Deployers:

About: What are you working on? What do you need help with?

Deployment of the Week: [Reactor](#) (map about Harassment from Macedonia). See all the [Deployments of the Week](#)

Deployments of the Week



Help Wanted

It has been over a year since the Japanese tsunami and the debris field is now reaching North America. Residents along the west coast from California to British Columbia to Alaska are asking how to report the debris and objects that have very human stories. Responders are coming together to the size of the cleanup effort that will be required over the next 12 to 18 months. Could an ushahidi deployment be a valuable tool - for coastal residents and others to connect? For responders to visualize the story? Interested to hear feedback from the ushahidi community on this one. Contact [Richard Hoath](#)

Have some ideas about the ITU and the future of the Internet? Rebecca MacKinnon wrote [this piece for Foreign Policy](#). Add your ideas and voice [here](#).

I often get requests for developer support for deployments. Some of the current users including the [Standby Task Force](#) and [Faith Matters](#) are both keen for your help. Drop me a line if you are available to lend a technical hand.

If you are a US resident, you could be eligible with your map/hack with [Live Citizen's Fix*US](#) contest. The funds are up to \$1000.00 per category. It is worth a look/see. Let us know if you use Ushahidi and we'll help amplify your work.

Code:

About: What code are you working on? What needs help?



In your maps you can have “icons” associated with each category. Visual sensemaking makes a difference, especially if you are deploying a project for humanitarian, emergency or crisis response. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (United Nations) collaborated with the Noun Project. You can download them from the Relief Web site. Please be kind and credit “OCHA” as your source. And, drop them a line of thanks – ochaavmu “at” un “dot” org. To our friends at OCHA, thanks for sharing!

Events:

About: Events, presentations and hosting by Ushahidi Core, Community. Share your presentations, your videos etc.

From South Korea to Argentina, we’re excited to be participating in two events this coming week. These are being hosted by partners and friends. We hope you can join us.

Brian Herbert will participate in the Creative Commons Salon on August 27 in Seoul, South Korea. Read more on Bloter (Korean blog).

Hacks/Hackers is hosting a large event on August 30/31 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Registration is still open. Join Rob Baker to brain and hack away.

Hold Saturday, September 8th for a Day of SwiftRiver. The next Community Developer call is Monday, September 24th/Tuesday, September 25th. See Developer Community Meetings for details.