

Weekly 25 - Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, 2012

Ushahidi Weekly Update (#25)

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

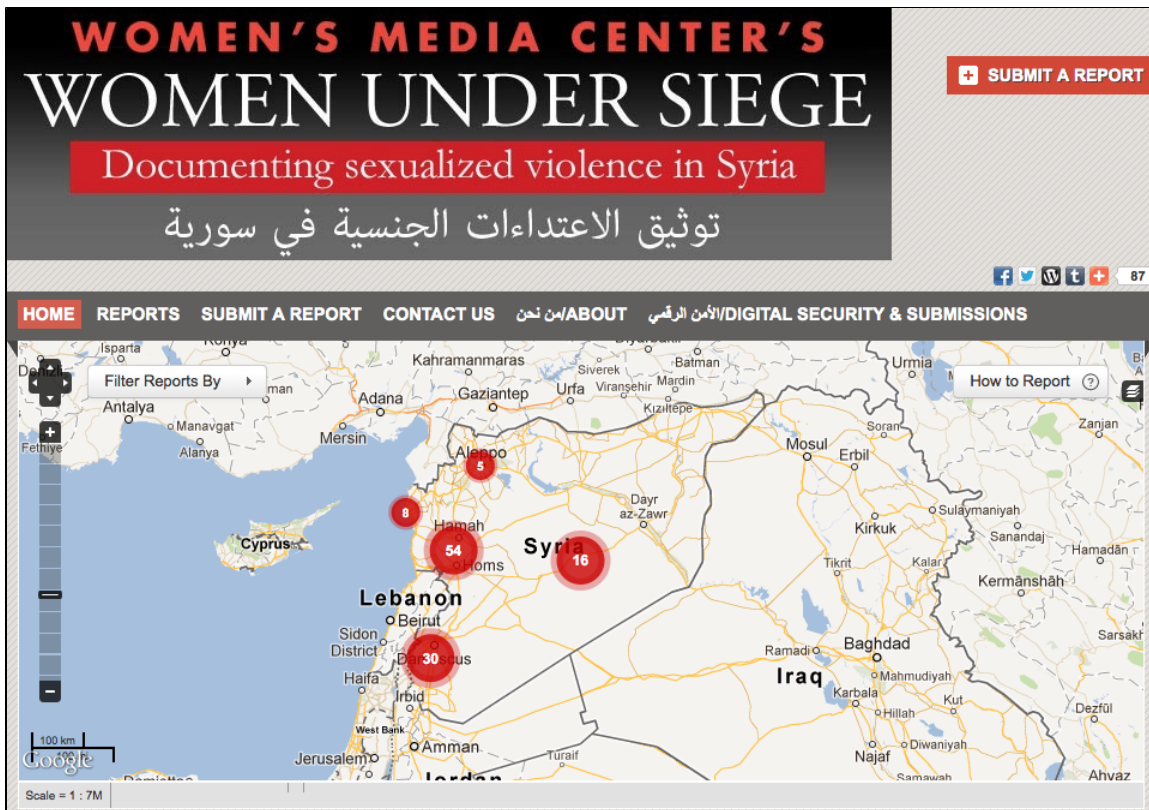
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Community and Deployers:

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

Deployment of the Week: [Women under Siege Syria](#). See all the [Deployments of the Week](#)

The Women's Media Center's Project "Women Under Siege" has been building their efforts for months. [Lauren Wolfe](#) wrote previously on our blog about their work. We cite them as Deployment of the Week! They were recently interviewed in "The High Price of the Syrian Conflict on Women" about their map project and crisismapping on the [CBC radio program: The Current](#). (24 minutes). She talks about their verification process and challenges encountered documenting.



First Hand and Huffington Post launches

Huffington Post has a new project which needs a First Hand. If you are a US citizen, can you share your story and help amplify this project? The more that citizens are engaged in their country and city, the better chance we all have of being heard. Rob and Nat will post more about this project in the coming days.

Sample tweet to share: " Map your story leading up to the US election with #Firsthand <http://huff.to/O0mcGu> cc @HuffPoPol "

Code:

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

Test our next Ushahidi Platform Code Release is coming soon. Join Community testing from October 8 - 14th

Community testing for the next Ushahidi release will be between October 8 - 14th, 2012. A test deployment site and test tracking document will be loaded with new code on that date. We'll post announcements via our communication channels ([Contact Us](#)). The Code Release has an event page: [Ushahidi 2.6 Community Test Day](#).

Help an Existing Project

In NYC? The [Severe Weather Crowdmapping Challenge](#) is looking for helpers (developers and the like) for this Application for Good.

CodeforChange hackers are supporting the NYC Office of Emergency Management with some of their more advanced Crowdmap needs such as reporting, filtering and info management. They would like to be able to easily overlay Crowdmap/Ushahidi data on their systems as well as have a good mechanism for something similar to "ticketing".

The project is underway and culminates next Friday, October 12th at the final event. Essentially an elongated hackathon.

Contact [@DisasterNet](#) for more details.

Layers expert?

Robbie posted this on the Dev list, but it is worth another mention:

"WMS support has been a requested feature for a while, and a few people have hacked various ways to get it in. I improved the mapping helper a while back to make it easier for plugins to add WMS base layers. However I'm keen to get support for overlays into core and maybe make adding baselayers even easier. Who else has worked on WMS layers? Has anyone got examples of working WMS overlays? Has anyone checked the WMS baselayer support works? Robert Buckley did suggest something wasn't quite right, and my GIS knowledge isn't good enough to be sure I didn't mess something up.

Any help/experience anyone can share here would be great.

Code examples:<https://github.com/kigen/Ushahidi-plugin-wms><https://github.com/rjmackay/Ushahidi-plugin-metacarta>

Events:

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

There are two big upcoming events in DC.

We're hosting a [casual meetup on October 9, 2012!](#) Join us for a chat.

The second big event is a free and open [Random Hacks of Kindness at the International Conference of CrisisMappers](#). Registration is open until October 8th. The event is on the weekend October 13 -14, 2012. Virtual participation is welcome. We'll try to stream the pitches. The challenges range from maps to data to some hardware thinking.

Research:

Congratulations to the [Hackney Crowdmap team \(HCAB\)](#) team for being featured in the [Putting Problems on the Map](#) (report).

