

Dear Sir/madam,

If you have not yet completed the GDIN Survey, please do so and fax to 202-647-4628, or e-mail to gdincommunity@hotmail.com.

I. Information Requirements:

1) Since the conception of this project, the participants have recommended the following listed services. Please rank the value of these potential GDIN services for your organization as 1 (essential), 2 (valuable), 3 (useful), or 4 (not needed).

- a) Web based directory that is a database of disaster information providers (i.e. contact information, services provided)
- b) A one stop service center that links disaster field requests with information providers who have partnered with GDIN to share information of value.
- c) A fund that buys information for cash-challenged disaster managers facing either disaster mitigation, early warning or response problems.
- d) A virtual information facilitator service that links existing disaster centers to speed the flow of crisis information but also helps users and providers establish what format is needed. It does not create products, but rather links users to providers who create products through a virtual network.
- e) A fund to pay for pilot projects to develop new approaches to disaster information flow.
- f) A service to test the applicability of new or existing technologies in disaster information management.
- g) The annual GDIN meeting as a platform to develop ideas across all sectors on how to share disaster information.
- h) Email service, based on pre-set, user-defined rules that proactively alerts you to critical information during a crisis.
- i) Other: Please explain what information product or service your organization would like to see from GDIN _____

2) Please rank the disaster telecommunications means used by your organization as 1(essential), 2 (valuable), 3 (useful), or 4 (not needed)

- a) Telephone
- b) Fax
- c) Email
- d) Internet

e) Video Teleconference

f) HF Radio

g) Satellite Communications

h) Other _____

3) From whom do you most obtain most of the relevant information for field operations -- Please rank their value as information services for your organization as 1 (essential), 2 (valuable), 3 (useful), or 4 (not needed):

- a) The UN
- b) Internet
- c) Other International Organizations
- d) Your government
- e) NGO's
- f) News summary services
- g) Commercial news media
- h) Internal means
- i) Other: _____

4) Please rank the value of the maps used by your organization as 1 (essential), 2 (valuable), 3 (useful), or 4 (not needed)

- a) Local government
- b) Province or state government
- c) National government
- d) Commercial vendors
- e) Web sites
- f) Other _____

5) What are your main uses of the Internet? Please check all that apply:

- a) Exchange Information
- b) Plan operations
- c) Coordinate operations
- d) Research and prepare briefings, articles, etc.
- e) Prepare primers on disaster site for resources deploying to the emergency area
- f) Other _____

6) When using the Internet, what do you download. Please check all the types of files you download.

- a) Text and slide files
- b) Images
- c) Databases
- d) Satellite data

7) What is the ability of your organization to share information with other organizations within GDIN?

- a) Publicly releasable, at no cost
- b) Restricted release of information to appropriate authorities
- c) Proprietary information
- d) Other _____

II. Personal Description:

8) What is your nationality? _____

9) Which of these positions best describes your role during emergency operations?

- a) a responder in the field
- b) an incident commander
- c) a disaster manager at the local level who must send and receive data from field elements
- d) a liaison officer from another organization in the emergency operations center of a provincial, state or higher headquarters
- e) a disaster manager at the province or state level
- f) a disaster manager at the national, regional or international level
- g) Other _____

III. Organization Description:

10) Where is your organization located (which region do you work in)?

- a) Africa
- b) Caribbean/Central America
- c) Central Asia
- d) East Asia
- e) Europe
- f) North America
- g) Oceania

h) () South America

11) What is the main language group used by the members of your organization?

- a) Arabic
- b) Chinese
- c) English
- d) French
- e) Japanese
- f) Portuguese
- g) Spanish
- h) other (explain) _____

12) Of the following seven functional areas, which are performed by your organization. Please mark them as 1 (essential), 2 (valuable), 3 (useful), or 4 (not needed):

- a) Management (sets organization goals, assigns personnel, establishes priorities)
- b) Operations (carries out core organization functions)
- c) Planning and Policy (situation status and analysis, documentation)
- d) Finance/ Administration (organizational time keeping, cost accounting or procurement)
- e) Logistics (supplies materials, arranges facilities, provides support)
- f) Telecommunications
- g) Communications or Information Technology
- h) Research or academia
- i) Other (explain) _____.

13) Please check the description that best describes the organization you work for (not your job status within that organization):

- a) International Organization (UN, OECD, World Bank, etc)
- b) Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
- c) Regional Disaster Management Center
- d) Academia
- e) Government

- f) National
 - ii) Province or state
 - iii) City or county
 - iv) Town or village
- g) News organization
- h) Business/Industry
- i) Commercial Consultant Services
- j) Other (explain) _____

14) Please check the types of emergencies to which your organization responds/supports. Check ALL that are appropriate:

- a) natural/environmental
- b) industrial/technological
- c) medical
- d) complex humanitarian
- e) other (explain)

15) What sorts of emergency related activities does your organization support. Check all that are appropriate:

- a) mitigation
- b) preparedness
- c) response
- d) recovery
- e) other _____

IV. Current Limiting Factors:

16) What telecommunications limitations does your organization face?

- a) Cost
- b) Lack of infrastructure (e.g., no Internet Service Provider, phone lines, etc.)
- c) Bandwidth
- d) Excessive controls by local authority

- e) Access to current technology or maintenance/repair of telecommunications systems
- f) Interoperability
- g) Other ; Explain _____

17) Do you use maps derived from remote sensing?

- a) Yes
- b) No

18) If not, why:

- a) Cost
- b) Relevance
- c) Lack of training
- d) Technical inability to receive
- e) Local government restrictions a problem
- f) Finding sources a problem
- g) Speed of obtaining data a problem

V. Administrative data:

Your participation in this survey is strictly voluntary. You may give us your name and other pertinent data, or choose to remain anonymous. We do ask, however, that if you are affiliated with an organization that is or may become a GDIN partner that you identify a point of contact with that organization so we may continue to refine this survey and further identify your organization's information needs.

Your information (not required)

Name:

Position:

Organization:

Email address:

Phone:

Business FAX:

Who is the point of contact in your organization for GDIN:

Name:

Position:

Organization:

Email address:

Phone:

Business FAX:

Have you ever participated in a GDIN Meeting?

Yes ____, which one _____.

Do you belong to a GDIN Working Group?

Yes_____ If yes, which one: _____

No _____.

If you want to learn more about them go to the Forums section on www.gdin.org
GDIN2002: We invite you and others in your organization to the next GDIN Conference in Rome, Italy, June 18-22, 2002, sponsored by the Government of Italy. For the draft agenda, see www.gdin.org. Who should we invite from your organization? _____

If you've had a chance to study the agenda for GDIN 2002 do you wish to see any changes it?

Haven't seen it yet

No

Yes Explain: _____