Before the “CDS”
Digital support is changing humanitarian response; the Coordinated Data Scramble (CDS) Community of Interest (COI) was created to support the joint search for data.

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) workshop on "Collaboration with V&TCs in Libya and Japan" led to the creation of 9 thematic Communities of Interest (COI).

- Coordinated Data Scramble (CDS)
  - At the beginning of each emergency, various entities scramble looking for datasets to aid in their response. However, it would be beneficial to have these entities virtually coordinated during their respective scramble efforts so as to avoid duplications of efforts.

Lessons learned from Horn of Africa response:
- Publicize the Skype group
- Connect with in-country teams
- Identify other remote teams
- Requires a moderator who can ensure core focus and provide overviews

CDS materials developed:
- Concept graphic
- Skype guidance

CDS, ACAPS, OCHA and the Information Management Working Group (IMWG) data developed:
- List of data needs structured around the MIRA Analytical Framework
- "How to" guidance on how to collect and analyze datasets
- Code of Conduct

Ongoing research, testing and collaboration continues to define core data needs as well as the best platforms for facilitating innovative collaboration. Contact: data.scramble@digitalhumanitarians.com

DH Network
CD-S
Present Day

Ecuador Earthquake
2016
- MicroCorps establish Slack Channel and Google Drive area for coordinating and sharing information.
- "MIRIS Sota" Skype group and associated coordination sheets are launched. A coordinator is hired.

European Refugee Crisis

Dhaka Earthquake

Nepal Earthquake
Old school

HICs
Expensive and poor Internet Connections were 1-to-1
Email was standard
Support was time-zone sensitive
Start of the change

Individuals using Skype, but stays 1-to-1
More & more digital responders entering the “IM market”
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Haiti EQ

Humanitarian sector wakes up to
digital volunteers
Disaster Relief 2.0 changes the game
Libya & the crisis map

UN first official digital humanitarian request
See duplication in data hunting across the humanitarian sector
Libya & Japan Lesson Learned

Lesson Learned workshop
DH Network established
Communities of Interest initiated including CDS
OCHA IMO Skype group approved

Connections go to groups (vs 1-to-1)
Support becomes horizontal and everyone can support each other
World Bank experience

Lack of CDS in action
DATA SCRAMBLE: TODAY

DS1
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DS2
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DS3

DS4

ORG1

ORG2

ORG3

ORG4

ORG5

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COD Registry (thanks ICT4Peace!)
Questions for today
Is it hard with more connectivity?

With more connectivity enabling more actors, have we actually made coordination harder? Has it actually added more noise for those who are trying to get work done?
How to make it better today?

My question: how do we take the processes of today and have them achieve the same end goal yet make life “quieter” for responders?