

Abstract

Herding Cats: Supporting Humanitarian Information Requirements in Iraq

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The international response to the Iraq crisis has required huge efforts in information collection. The United Nations Humanitarian Information Center (HIC) Project has operated from the center of the efforts, attempting to bring clarity to major issues and lend order to chaotic and

ad hoc data gathering exercises. The challenges of the environment and the political complexities lend an immediacy, that is a hallmark of information efforts in complex emergencies. The presentation will cover an overview of GIS/IM efforts by the HIC and present a case study of the struggles to lend order to health management in Iraq.

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