COMRADES
Collective Platform for Community Resilience & Social Innovation During Crises

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7 Richter Earthquake

Citizens hunt for information, to grasp what is happening, to learn where to go, and how to get or offer help.

- Phone network unstable
- SMS works
- wifi limited
Messages start spreading about an online platform called COMRADES set-up by Ushahidi activists, which citizens can send crisis reports to, online or via anonymous SMS.
Thousand reports arrive per hour

Dozens of responders flog to the COMRADES platform to help process, map, and translate them
COMRADES:
• quickly filters the citizen reports as they arrive
• removes uninformative and irrelevant ones
• points out unreliable sources
• picks up, and alerts to, several lone messages requesting urgent help, sent by people trapped under rubble or in need of urgent medical help
• extracts, groups, and monitors unfolding emergency micro-events.
Project Objectives

COMRADES aims to empower communities with intelligent socio-technical solutions to help them reconnect, respond to, and recover from crisis situations.

- **Main objectives:**
  - Extract the *socio-technical requirements* for collective resilience platforms
  - Automatically identify, process, assess, and monitor *emergency events* in *distributed communities* and *social media* sources
  - Measure the *informativeness* and *validity of* crisis information
  - Develop the *intelligent COMRADES platform* for community resilience
  - Deploy COMRADES to support *real and distributed communities* during live *crises* events
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