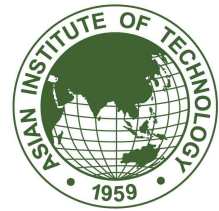




TELECOMS SANS FRONTIERES



Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF), leading international NGO specialized in emergency telecommunications, deploys during humanitarian crises. TSF sets up connections (Internet, phone and fax lines) at the heart of areas struck by wars, natural disasters or man-made catastrophes, serving both affected civilians and relief organizations.

EMERGENCIES: A CRITICAL NEED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The current structure of TSF – three operational bases in three continents, in Nicaragua, France and Thailand – is optimized to ensure a 24/7 worldwide coverage and monitoring. After the onset of a disaster, our teams are able to deploy anywhere in the world in less than 24 hours to put in place:

- **Emergency Telecom Centers:** Offering to aid agencies, broadband Internet access, voice communications, fax lines and all the IT equipment needed for a field office. TSF's centers enable them to exchange vital information, coordinate their actions, and thus contribute to saving lives. TSF also provides tech support to humanitarian workers.
- **Civilian Calling Operations:** Giving affected civilians a free call anywhere in the world to reconnect families, ask for personalized assistance and reassure their loved ones that they are alive and safe after a disaster.

CAPACITY BUILDING

TSF runs disaster relief and preparedness programs, reinforcing the capacities in emergency telecommunications of other relief organizations and governmental disaster response agencies, to ensure they can respond appropriately to an emergency and are as self sufficient as possible. These organizations turn to TSF to further reinforce their disaster-response skills in times of calamities and emergencies.

LONG TERM PROGRAMS

Since its creation in 1998, TSF has helped populations cut off from the rest of the world, and involves itself in long term cooperation programs, such as the setting up of telecommunication centers in isolated areas, and computer and Internet trainings to the benefit of local associations, students and all community members.

TSF AND ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (AIT)

TSF chose AIT to establish its regional Asian and Pacific base because it is a well-known and established structure in Asia. A Memorandum of Agreement binds TSF and AIT since 2004.

AIT students can become volunteers at TSF and therefore:

- Use their knowledge in Management, IT and Telecoms in emergencies
- Become part of a telecom crew involved in the international emergency response
- Add value to relief operations through the knowledge and understanding they have of their native country (language, culture)

TSF also shares its experience with students during Disaster Preparedness Management training sessions.

About TSF - www.tsfi.org

Created in 1998

Missions in more than 60 countries

A support offered to more than 600 humanitarian organizations

A support to hundreds of thousands affected people

Supported by international telecommunication companies and foundations

Partner of UNOCHA and UNICEF

Designed as the first responder for the UN Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

Partner of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO)

Member of the UN Working Group on Emergency Telecommunications (WGET)

Member of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)