

# Using Crowdmap for Emergency Response

## Are you deploying Crowdmap for an emergency? Here is what to do in 5 easy steps:

1. Find out if someone else has already deployed Crowdmap for the same emergency. There are several ways you can do this:
  - ▶ Do a Google Search
  - ▶ Ask on the [CrisisCrowdMap Google Group](#)
  - ▶ See whether the domain name is already taken, e.g.:  
<http://HaitiEarthquake2010.crowdmap.com>
2. If a Crowdmap already exists, then contact the person who launched the platform to ask how you can help. If you want to use Crowdmap in a different way, then read on.
3. Choose a simple and intuitive domain name to customize your Crowdmap. We recommend using the following formats to name your map:  
CountryCrisisYear, eg, HaitiEarthquake2010 or CityCrisisYear.
4. Sign up to launch your Crowdmap:  
<http://www.crowdmap.com>
5. Let the world know that you are deploying your Crowdmap:

**Tweet:** "We are deploying @Crowdmap for the [blank] crisis, please get in touch if you'd like to help! [add link to your Crowdmap, your org/website, etc]"

**Email:** Go to the [Crisis Crowdmap Google Group](#) to let members know about your Crowdmap deployment so they can spread the word and get involved if you're looking for help.

**Blog:** Keep the world posted on your deployment by writing posts on your blog.