



Introduction to Global Pulse

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The Global Pulse vision:

Close the information gap between
the onset of a crisis and the
availability of actionable
information for decision makers



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Global Pulse will build national capacity within Member States to:

- **Detect** when vulnerable populations are being impacted by global shocks,
- **Understand** the coping strategies – both positive and negative – that affected communities are adopting,
- **Share** hypotheses, alerts and key information with regional partners,
- **Respond** with better policy interventions sooner than possible today.



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Global Pulse will work to address these current problems:

- **Access to data** is sometimes a challenge
- **Understanding data** is often difficult (especially with overwhelming or sparse data sets)
- Getting access to **recent data** can be problematic



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Global Pulse will achieve these goals by:

- Building a **technical architecture & platform** that can be used by member states to identify and respond to crises more effectively
- Creating a **network of Pulse Labs** to work with member states to create innovative and effective solutions that address national needs, and build national capacity



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Each of the Pulse Labs will focus on the following activities:

- Eliciting solution requirements from governments and vulnerable communities
- Creating solutions that account for national priorities and needs
- Thinking about how to more effectively gather real time data in each participating member state
- Create open source software solutions that address these needs
- Share learnings with the broader community



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The team investigating working in Uganda is working on:

- Identifying potential partners and participants for the Global Pulse initiative in Uganda
- Identifying potentially useful data sets and sources that are available in Uganda
- Describing a model under which a Pulse Lab in Uganda could operate



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