

# **Space for International Development – Humanitarian Telemedicine**

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- Space is highly relevant for international development and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Space is under-utilised both for international development and disaster assistance
- Part of the problem is that stakeholders from the different fields do not have the proper dialogue tools
- NGOs play a particularly prominent role in development efforts and disaster assistance, but are often very technology reluctant
- The space community is often pushing technology without appreciating properly the needs on the ground

- ESPI project seeks to map uses and lacunae
- ESPI project will have a particular focus on process – in order to seek to optimize dialogue, consultation and project building mechanisms
- Accompanying Group:
  - Roy Gibson, former DG, ESA
  - Jörg Feustel-Büechl, former Director, ESA
  - Thomas Stelzer, Ambassador of Austria to Portugal, former ASG, UN
  - Andreas Papp, Director, Global Emergency Response, SOS Children’s Villages
- ESPI Perspective: “From MDGs to SDGs: Why Now is the Time to Further Integrate Space into Development” (Elisabeth Veith)

# Humanitarian Telemedicine

- A concrete example of how space is underused for development purposes
- Telemedicine can connect underserved regions with regions with strong health care communities ready to help
- Telemedicine is used for secondary health care but not for primary care in developing countries
- ESPI Report 48 (Alexandra Bonnefoy with David Gionet-Landry)
- Next step: In-depth conference and a limited trial

