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Session Title	Missing Maps: Forecast-based Action in Central Asia
Date & Time	November 13th 2019, 18:00 – 21:00
Summary	<p>What is it:</p> <p>Each year, disasters around the world devastate millions of people. Many of the places where these disasters occur are literally 'missing' from any map and first responders lack the information to make valuable decisions regarding relief efforts. Missing Maps is an open, collaborative project in which you can help to map areas where humanitarian organizations are trying to meet the needs of vulnerable people.</p> <p>This makes a lifesaving difference for disaster workers combating deadly health crises like the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa. And when Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique in March 2019, volunteers worldwide sprang into action to map affected communities and roads to support relief efforts on the ground.</p> <p>Together with you we will digitally explore remote regions and map villages, roads and other geographical details that are not on a map yet! Thus, we make an important contribution to the implementation of global humanitarian efforts.</p> <p>What do I need:</p> <p>All you need is your laptop (please bring your own with you), a mouse and curiosity to support the most vulnerable through mapping. No prior knowledge is required for mapping. Pizza and a small variety of drinks will be available.</p> <p>Please register beforehand through Evenbrite, see link on the Dialogue Platform website.</p>
Objectives	<p>Central Asia is a region which is especially prone to natural disasters. Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan are not just situated in an area of high seismic activity but are also more and more under stress due to the effects of climate change. German Red Cross is conducting projects using anticipatory humanitarian assistance – here on the basis of forecast information, e.g. for extreme weather events such as cold and heat waves, early action is taken to minimise the impacts of those events. In order to conduct a risk analysis and develop possible disaster management options accurate maps showing building infrastructures are essential.</p>

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