Translation Technology for Fighting World Poverty
Haiti : la guerre urbaine

A Haiti, debut 2004, le blocage de la situation politique, la corruption et la violence des bandes armées ont provoqué le départ du président Aristide. Depuis, Port-au-Prince - la capitale - est en proie à une guérilla urbaine.

On compte de nombreuses victimes de violences ou d'accidents parmi les civils. Cette femme enceinte de 22 ans a été touchée par une balle perdue alors qu'elle était chez elle. Le bébé qu'elle portait est décédé.

En 2006, le service des urgences a pris 11 451 personnes en charge (dont 2 441 victimes de violences). En moyenne, 280 interventions chirurgicales ont été effectuées au cours du second semestre, chaque mois.
“Currently, it seems that rescuers have reached most areas, though hope of finding more survivors is fading. The survivors have settled along the city's main roads in over 250 makeshift camps, without any shelter. Port au Prince is seriously damaged, but beyond the city, the whole region has been affected by the earthquake. The arrival of help, food, shelter and drinking water is slow everywhere.”
Translators without Borders provides over 1 million words of humanitarian translations per year
We can do more
The goal of Translators without Borders is to create a worldwide, web-based platform where volunteer translators interact directly with the humanitarian organizations who need their help. This self-managing community will connect through a simple technology platform that will allow them to work in a crowd-sourced environment, no matter where in the world they live, or what language they speak. The Translators without Borders community will improve the impact of NGOs, especially in the fields of health, technology and education
Earth

Earth is the planet we live on. It is the only planet in the Solar System with liquid water on its surface. It is also the only planet we know to have life on it.

Earth Facts

- The Earth is the only planet we know to have life on it.
- The Earth is the third planet from the Sun.
- The Earth is the only planet we know that has liquid water on the surface, but scientists are trying to find others.
- The Earth’s axis is tilted which is why we have four different seasons.
- The Earth is 4.6 billion years old.
Because information poverty affects $4/5$ths of the people on this planet...
And information poverty is a translation issue
“Access to information and knowledge is the most critical factor in breaking the cycle of poverty in Southeast Asia”

Asian Development Bank
“Agricultural yields increase significantly when farmers have direct access to knowledge and technologies.”

The International Fund for Agricultural Development
“The knowledge exists to save 80% of the children who die each year in Africa. It just isn’t available when and where it is needed.”

James Grant, former Executive Director of UNICEF
“Local knowledge not only adds to the richness of human diversity, but may contain solutions to current and future problems.”

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