

# Transportable Infrastructures for Development and Emergency Support

Phase I Demonstrations
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#### What is TIDES?



- •A voluntary, information sharing <u>research</u> project
- •To encourage development of Communities of Interest about people in stressed environments:
  - Stabilization & Reconstruction (SSTR)
  - Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief (HADR)
  - Building Partnership Capacity (BPC)
- •Domestic & foreign, short & long term, military involved, or not
- DoD usually not in lead—FEMA domestically, State/USAID abroad
- •Not trying to solve all problems. Focused on 7 infrastructures
  - •Shelter, Water, Power, Integrated Cooking, Heating/Lighting/Cooling, Sanitation, ICT
  - •Low cost & transitional, vice integrated, deployable, expensive
- Goal is to build broadest possible inclusion
- Participation doesn't imply endorsement by USG

#### Projects to Date



- Demos
  - National Defense University (NDU) (Oct 5-19)
  - Pentagon center court (Nov 19-20)
  - Camp in western Virginia for long-term exposure testing
- Over 600 visitors:
  - GEN Ward (AFRICOM), John Grimes (ASD/NII), Ryan Henry (PDUSDP), DoD and DHS leaders, CoCom reps, AMCROSS, Thomas Jefferson HS, many others
- Follow-on support to SOCAL fires & Bangladesh relief
- Now examining low-cost shelters for FEMA
- Less than \$20K govt funds, over \$800K private sector engagement

#### **Activities**



- Began with empty field
- Set up commercial ICT nets, not on power grid
  - Knowledge on demand for capacity building
- Assembled different low-cost shelters
- Integrated cooking, water pasteurization, heating
- Explored energy models
  - Solar charging of AA batteries
  - High density power for SSTR in cities
- Showed high efficiency lighting and cooling
- Prototyped lightweight biometrics

#### **Shelters**











### Integrated Cooking, Water Pasteurization, Heating











## Energy, ICT











## 3 Key Lessons



- Problems of stressed populations need to be addressed through broad coalitions
  - No one has all answers or responsibilities
  - UNCLAS info sharing is key
- Comms, lift and power
  - SA, and comms to share it, are critical enablers of all else that happens
  - Need to be in place quickly, independent of the grid
- Cross-infrastructure, "whole systems" thinking is essential
  - Integrated cooking, water pasteurization, heating

### Accomplishments



- UNCLAS info sharing with civ-mil mission partners
  - Improved bandwidth use
  - Refined collaboration tools
  - Better imagery support
- Better info visibility thru metadata tagging
- Over 80% reduction in fuel use
- Better operating procedures documented
- Better understanding of power needs
- Low cost ID and credentialing
- Educational opportunities
- Supported real world contingencies

### Next Steps



- Institutionalize proposed policy changes
  - Bandwidth
  - UNCLAS imagery sharing
  - Metadata tagging
- Long term exposure trials
- Possible event in Spring
- GOLDEN PHOENIX next summer
- Build communities of interest
  - Links to Agencies, CoComs, NGOs and others
- Incorporate messages into strategic comms www.star-tides.net