

A few highlights of our history...

On 26th June 2006, CartONG was created in Chambéry.

2007 was the year of a first Information Management (IM) project for UNHCR supporting the return of IDPs to Uganda. CartONG also gave its first training to Solidarités International.

2007

Its objective? Provide expertise in geographic data management and information management for humanitarian and development actors.

CartONG organized the first edition of the GeOnG forum, with 19 humanitarian organizations present. Our team gave a first training for ACF. 2008 was also the year of the first tutorials created in support of UNHCR.

2008

2 partners
12 staff
5 members

CartONG implemented its first development project in Vietnam for GIZ. We provided a training for Groupe URD.

2009

On the volunteer side, a team supported the Shelter Cluster in Indonesia.



Release of the first Android smartphones

September: earthquake in Indonesia



Development of OpenDataKit

Beginning of Mobile Data Collection (MDC) at CartONG. It was also the year of the first emergency mission to Haiti and of an important project for WHO. CartONG started giving GIS & MDC training courses at the Bioforce Institute.

2010



Development of OsmAnd

February: earthquake in Haiti



First cooperation with MSF, ICRC and WFP. CartONG implemented the NOMAD project in support of the whole humanitarian community. Beginning of annual partnership agreements with several UNHCR sections.

2011

On the volunteer side, first Get-Together meeting between staff and members.

The Arab Spring movements agitated the Mediterranean basin



CartONG continued to grow. The year was marked by the first emergency deployment for UNHCR in Lebanon. The GeOnG Forum took place at Manège Congress Center for the first time, with more than 120 participants attending.

2012

7 partners
13 staff
17 members

First volunteer mission (Côte d'Ivoire).

CartONG launched the CartoBlog and signed a multi-year partnership agreement with MSF-CH that will later lead to the creation of the GIS Unit. We worked for the first time in support of UNICEF.

2013

Creation of a Volunteer Emergency Mapping team.



Beginning of the large-scale use of KoboToolbox

November: Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines



QGIS v2 release

CartONG's activity doubled with the Ebola crisis: more than 18 field missions were supervised by our teams in 2014. First large activation of OSM-HOT contributors by CartONG.

2014

On the volunteer side, it was the year of the first web mapping project called "Atlas Solidarité Madagascar".

March: beginning of the Ebola crisis in West Africa, which lasted almost 2 years



CartONG joined Missing Maps and organized its first mapathons. Beginning of a large-scale MDC support for Terre des hommes. CartONG joined Coordination Sud via the CHD and launched a new website.

2015

Volunteer mission to Madagascar to provide support for the launch of OSM-Mada.

April: earthquake in Nepal



CartONG published the first version of the Map Centre for MSF-CH, and our teams supported 2 consortia in Iraq and Central African Republic. We gave a first training workshop for Handicap International. CartONG also carried out a study on the use of drones in the humanitarian context with FSD.

2016

10 partners
21 staff
69 members



10 years!

CartONG supported refugee assistance programs in Bangladesh. First projects with the French Development Agency and ACAPS, and publication of the ICT toolbox for international solidarity micro projects.

2017

On the volunteer side, a training mission took place in Madagascar.

August: beginning of massive population movements from Myanmar to Bangladesh



CartONG published the MDC Toolkit with Terre des hommes and the v2 of the Map Centre. We conducted several IM needs assessment missions and launched Maps from here & abroad. MAMAPA, CartONG's sister association, was created in Germany.

2018

This was the year of Nomad Maps, a cycling itinerary in the Andes centered around collaborative mapping.



The GDPR came into effect

September: beginning of an Ebola crisis in DRC



Signature of partnership agreements with Solidarités International and Max Havelaar France and launch of a 3-year project co-funded by AFD to strengthen IM practices within francophone CSOs. First Associative Project released.

2019

We endorsed the 9 Principles for Digital Development.

March: Hurricanes Idai & Kenneth hit Mozambique



Thanks to its staff and volunteers, CartONG provided extended support to all its partners and to the sector, notably via the IM Covid-19 Help Center. We signed partnership agreements with ACF and MapAction. The GeOnG took place online, 370 participants attended!

2020

28 partners
33 staff
78 members

We released the 2020-2023 Volunteer & Associative Strategy.

March: beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic



Launch of the IM Resource Portal and start of a dedicated initiative on responsible data. First of its kind project using GIS and open-source technologies to support climate change adaptation in Tajikistan. Launch of the GIM Initiative for COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery.

2021

We also released our first multi-year Strategy for the period 2022-2024.

August: earthquake in Haiti



Large-scale collaboration with OSM-Mada to address food security in support of Secours Islamique France. Deployment of 2 staff as part of the support provided by MSF's GIS Centre to their operations in Ukraine. We also developed a FACET WinD for Terre des hommes to assess sanitary conditions in detention centers.

2022

35 partners
45 staff
62 members

The GeOnG forum was held in a hybrid format and gathered 315 participants!

February: beginning of the crisis in Ukraine

