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Exploring the Intersection between
Technology and Emergency Response

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PRESENTATION

The humanitarian response landscape is changing rapidly. Many active conflict zones are now in middle-income countries and these conflicts are spilling over to neighboring regions. In order to target diminishing resources and facilitate humanitarian responder coordination it is imperative that innovative approaches are used. The integration of technology and humanitarian aid is in its infancy but represents a potential paradigm to a data-driven response model from the old, anecdotal one. This presentation will explore solutions in the emerging field of technology for humanitarian aid.

SPEAKER

Jesse Berns is a field epidemiologist and clinician with over a decade of service in complex, humanitarian emergencies. Most recently she worked as an emergency epidemiologist for Médecins Sans Frontières throughout the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America in response to conflict, disaster, and infectious disease outbreaks. She has also worked on the front lines of the Syrian crisis in Iraq and Lebanon as the principal investigator for emergency health assessments. Jesse is a graduate of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

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