



# IATAC Success Story

## All Partners Access Network (APAN)

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<b>Customer:</b>	U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), J73 Simulation Support Division
<b>Challenge:</b>	The 36 nations that comprise PACOM's area of responsibility are home to more than 50% of the world's population. PACOM is committed to work with allies and partners to enhance stability in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development, and responding to contingencies. In order to fulfill its mission, PACOM identified the need to collaborate with partner nations with no communications technology apart from basic internet access.
<b>Approach:</b>	As one of several partners on the PACOM All Partners Access Network (APAN) team, IATAC developed a Web-based information sharing portal used as the central location for all unclassified collaboration that included a standard user defined situation map, blogs, forums, file sharing, wikis, imagery, chat translation applications, and mobile/low-bandwidth capabilities. These innovative information technology solutions allow for multiple inter-agency, government, and international organizations to share information and re-use lessons learned in a collaborative unclassified environment.
<b>Value:</b>	The APAN platform's flexibility, scalability, and adaptability was quickly adopted by U.S. European, African, and Southern Commands for collaboration during humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, stabilization, reconstruction, and a multitude of other high impact uses. APAN already has over 13,000 users and over 500 user groups registered who can receive real-time information and coordination updates specific to their particular effort. APAN is currently deployed as one of the critical collaboration tools for OPERATION TOMODACHI, the relief effort in Japan and was used for similar collaboration by USSOUTHCOM during the 2010 Haitian and Chilean earthquake relief efforts. Lessons learned from both Haiti and Chile is providing significant value to the current assistance offered in Japan.

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