

National Library of Medicine's PEOPLE LOCATOR® Family Reunification

PEOPLE LOCATOR® (PL) Description: People Locator is an information resource composed of a reporting tools (apps) and a central website (<https://pl.nlm.nih.gov>) for the public to speed family reunification after mass casualty or other events where family dislocation is involved using both text and photo search by reporting lost and found persons and their general health status. This falls under the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) mission is to improve and support biomedical information dissemination before, during and after disaster. PL offers a unified site to hold data from multiple disasters, thereby eliminating the need to build multiple Web sites and database instances for different disasters. PL can be searched by hospital counselors, relief workers, or the public and searching or reporting can be done via computer or through mobile apps.

Accessing the Capability: The State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial (SLTT) point of contact to coordinate a request for PEOPLE LOCATOR® support in order to create an event for real disasters or drill/demo events is the PEOPLE LOCATOR Project Team contacted through a link at <https://lpf.nlm.nih.gov>. Once an event (e.g. "San Francisco Earthquake") is stood up at the website then all app (iOS and Android) and website users will see the event and can began use.

Average Time to respond: 5 minutes upon receipt of request. Requests are reviewed periodically throughout the day.

Past Customers or Events when capability was deployed: Numerous real-world disasters have been responded to including the 2015 Nepal Earthquake in April.

Contact Agency or Subject Matter Expert: Further information on the project can be found at <http://lpf.nlm.nih.gov>. If you have further questions or inquiries please contact the HHS/NIH/NLM/LHNCBC/Communications Engineering Branch Lost Person Project Team through the link provided.

Additional Information: The project mirror's data with Google's Person Finder website/resource and vice versa.

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