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Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

This is a letter of recommendation to nominate Raphael Bonnaud to the advisory council of the Digital Impact Alliance. I believe that he brings a strong blend of experience and understanding from both the humanitarian and digital fields and would be ideally suited to provide effective guidance, accountability and direction to the development community.

For the past 15 years, Raphael has been serving the humanitarian and development community working for NGOs, UN and the Red Cross. During his tenure with these agencies he has participated and led more than 20 emergencies responses (Tsunami, Refugee Crisis, Conflict, Ebola, etc.) and is one of the few certified IFRC Head of Emergency Operations (the highest Red Cross leadership certification).

Seeing the impact that technology can have on humanitarian actions, Raphael decided to dedicate is life to bring innovative technology to humanitarians to enable them to perform many of their duties in a faster and more efficient manner. In 2013 we created two organisations (Relief Applications a private company and Humanitarian.tech, a non-for-profit organisation) to achieve this goal. Today we still believe that we have a large part in driving the IT revolution for humanitarian and development actors.

Together we have endorsed the principles for digital development for Relief Applications and advocate wherever possible for a broader endorsement; accordingly, Raphael was just last week in Geneva to present it to the International Labour Organisation.

He is a strong believer of Open Source technology and is leading this initiative with People in Need for the development of the first open source Beneficiary Management System (currently piloted in Cambodia, Syria and Iraq). He is currently investigating methods of integrating the latest technologies in AI and Blockchain to increase efficiency, accountability and transparency.

Raphael brings a wealth of experience not only in designing and developing IT and IM systems for humanitarian agencies but his combination of skills, experience and leadership make him an ideal candidate for the advisory council. He is currently based in Bangkok.

 Kind regards,

Arturo Garcia Fernandez