



We envision a world where communities everywhere design and use technology to continuously improve their health, safety and development.

Founded in 2006 in California's Silicon Valley with seed funding from Google.org and the Rockefeller Foundation, InSTEDD is a non-profit with a unique niche.

**We design and use open source technology tools to help partners enhance collaboration, share knowledge and improve information flow so partners can better deliver critical services in their communities.**

We work with governments, universities, corporations, international health organizations, humanitarian NGOs and local communities around the world. Together we work to identify requirements for enhanced information flow, better cross-sector collaboration and more effective collective action.

Our innovative approach, which facilitates collective action, is being successfully applied around the world – from pioneering disease surveillance solutions in Southeast Asia to enabling communications for victims of the Haiti earthquake.

At the policy level, we have advised organizations like the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control on the strategic implementation of health information systems and collaboration technology ventures.

**Our mission is to improve global health, safety and sustainable development through:**

**Building Capacity**  
within communities to foster a local culture of innovation

**Creating Collaboration Technologies** for social good

**Collaborating with End Users**  
through a bottom up design and development process

**Ensuring Usefulness and Impact** through research and evaluation

Some of our network includes:



**USAID**  
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



With long term sustainability in mind, InSTEDD Innovation Labs help build local capacity to ensure positive social impact beyond the life of a single project.



 **InSTEDD iLab  
Latin America**

InSTEDD Innovation Labs (iLabs) act as enabling environments for technology transfer and collaboration between software developers, governments, NGOs, universities, private sector companies, local communities and experts from a variety of disciplines.

Our approach is a unique blend of the social and technological development spheres, which have traditionally worked on problem solving in isolation from each other. By working collaboratively to explore shared solutions, the iLabs fosters collaborative engineering practices, multi-disciplinary



dialogue, cross-sector partnerships and entrepreneurial innovation serving the public good.

The nations, communities, and local organizations we assist know best what their challenges and needs are, and we in turn count on their knowledge and leadership to help develop solutions that address the unique needs of each context.

Currently, we have two iLabs. One in Phnom Penh, Cambodia focusing on the Southeast Asia region and one in Buenos Aires, Argentina targeting the Latin America region.

## INSTEED TECHNOLOGIES

InSTEDD has created an evolving platform of technology tools and services based on years of collaboration with our partners around the world.

**These tools are completely free and open source**, and available for anyone wanting to use them to improve the social impact and scale of their work. All our tools can be tailored to individual needs and integrated with other existing tools. We are actively engaged with our user communities to further apply and enhance our tools and increase their impact.



### GeoChat

GeoChat is a collaboration tool that allows anyone to chat, report, and get alerts offline on their mobile phones or online on their computers.



### Nuntium

Nuntium is a tool that allows anyone to build robust and scalable messaging applications.



### Seentags

Seentags is a service that helps extract accurate information from text reports.



### Veegilo

Veegilo is a simple tool that aggregates disease indicator numbers from national databases into a common space.



### Riff

Riff is a tool that helps groups analyze and visualize multiple streams of information.



### Reporting Wheel

The Reporting Wheel is a non-electronic device that simplifies data reporting for the most remote workers, including those with literacy challenges.



### Verboice

Verboice is a highly customizable application that empowers users and developers to build their own interactive voice response systems.



### GeoChat Polls

GeoChat Polls makes it easy to do mobile text-based polls.



### Mesh4x

Mesh4X is a set of libraries, services and applications that allow data to be synchronized across multiple applications, databases and files.



### Resource Map

Resource Map helps people track their work, resources and results geographically in a collaborative environment accessible from anywhere.