

# Disaster Accountability Project



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to vouch for Soham Ashodiya as a very skilled front-end developer and valuable member of our global developer team.

This summer, Soham began volunteering with Disaster Accountability Project, a nonprofit organization that serves as an independent watchdog of disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

We are working with a team of 30+ volunteer web developers in nearly 10 time zones to build a new web-based platform to improve the effectiveness of global disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

When Soham joined the team in May 2016, we were still deciding what technology to use for the build. As a high school freshman, Soham demonstrated leadership and initiative in a group of experienced, professional web developers. In fact, few knew his age when he helped us decide between Angular and Angular2 and suggested a CSS Framework that was compatible with Angular2, provided the necessary documentation, and trained members of the team to use it.

The team adopted Soham's proposed framework and now a dozen developers around the world are contributing to the project – and still using Soham's Wiki documentation and materials.

In addition to Soham's leadership contributions, he has had numerous Git pull requests accepted and merged to the build. Soham is adding as much value as any other member of the CSS team, and many are professional web developers.

I am impressed with Soham's talent and leadership. I am happy to answer any questions about my experience working with him.

Sincerely,

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