DIGITAL HUMANITARIANISM:

Governing Vulnerable Populations in an Age of Technological Innovation

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Description

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) project funded: "Digital Humanitarianism: Governing Vulnerable Populations in an Age of Technological Innovation" aims to examine how 'digital humanitarianism' is emerging as a field of knowledge, a community of practice and an arena of experimentation through the development of partnerships between humanitarian organisations, private corporations and scientific institutions.

The project examines the entire design cycle of digital technologies, from ideation to prototyping and testing and is carried out by an international team of researchers on four continents. Its design combines anthropological theory and ethnographic inquiry with Science and Technology Studies (STS) approaches to study the uneven expressions of "digital humanitarianism" in international sciences and policy networks, tech-philanthropies, scientific laboratories and humanitarian field operations. It asks: what conception of 'humanity' and regimes of living are articulated at the intersection of philanthro-capitalism and digital humanitarianism?