

Web site coordinates Pakistan aid efforts

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A Web site dedicated to Pakistani relief aid was launched Thursday.

RISEPAK, which stands for Relief Information Systems for Earthquakes-Pakistan, is a searchable database that can be used by aid agencies, relief workers and victims as well as government officials to see where help is most needed.

A Harvard University professor, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, was one of the founders of the site, who said in a news release that "looking at the tsunami and Katrina, the question seemed to be 'in sudden tragedy, how do you coordinate relief?'"

Others involved in setting up the site include the World Bank, Lahore University and Pakistan's national database and registration authority.

The Web site can be found at risepak.com.

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