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Computer Science & Engineering Faculty
University of Washington

Dear Colleagues,

We have received with great sadness the news of the unexpected passing away of Professor Gaetano Borriello. During the last six months we were privileged with the opportunity to interact with a tremendous person. His inspiration, commitment and intellectual leadership became apparent when our two institutions reached an agreement in January 2015 to work on Gaetano's main goal: the application of high technology in support of the most vulnerable communities.

Since Haiti Earthquake in 2010, the International Federation of the Red Cross has exponentially used ODK for our relief and recovery programmes, changing the way we work in support of communities affected by disasters around the globe: This is Gaetano's legacy.

On behalf of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Americas Zone Team, we want to extend to all the members of Gaetano's Lab at the Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Washington, our most sincere condolences for the irretrievable loss.

Please express our deepest condolences to all his family and friends.

May he rest in peace!

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