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TRIPLEX is an emergency response exercise. This year it was held in Finland at the Finnish Defense Forces International Center (FINCENT). The Exercise objectives in general are to provide a civilian exercise for international humanitarian organizations and to train them for humanitarian operations. This exercise trains and raises awareness of security issues at field level. It should improve inter agency cooperation and understanding. It should also improve coordination among international actors.

There were about 100 participants from the UN, Government and NGO sector. The UN Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC) was activated for this exercise with security communications services under WFP coordination and data-communications services, under UNICEF's coordination.

Ericsson Response provided the data communication with the Wider system. It was a very realistic, good exercise. The outcome from Wider point of view was some new requirements and ideas. It was also re-affirmed how important it is to have a remote support from someone in the Ericsson Response WIDER group. The work was coordinated by UNICEF working closely with Telenor, Telecoms San Frontiers and Support Unit Austria and Swedish and Norwegian UNDAC ICT teams.



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