

Minimum Equipment List

#	Item	Details
1	Laptops	<p>One for each member of the team. Make sure they have all necessary software installed, including the software for all the items listed below.</p> <p>Also make sure you have all the passwords necessary to use them.</p>
2	Cell phones	<p>One for each member of the team (and one extra?)</p>
3	SIM cards for cell network	<p>Make sure to check which service providers are most reliable in the area where you will be operating. It is often good to have SIM cards from multiple providers in case one network goes down for a period of time.</p>
4	Two means of internet access	<p>Consider having two of the options listed below.</p> <p>A. Will you be housed in a facility that has established access (e.g. sharing a facility with a partner, staying in a hotel that has reliable access)?</p> <p>B. Can the cell phones you will bring be used as modems to provide internet for your computer? Many smart phones can. But watch out for the data charges.</p> <p>Talk to the tech people at your main office to make sure you know how to use the phone in this way. And make sure the proper software is installed on both computer and phone.</p> <p>C. Many mobile phone service providers also offer mobile modems for their network. These are usually a small device (flash drive-looking thing) that one inserts into a USB port on one's computer. If this is the option you choose, bring at least two of the devices. And note, they sometimes need special SIM cards.</p> <p>D. Device that provides data services through a satellite. RBGAN is the device used on the XXXX network and the Thuraya IP is the device used on the Thuraya network. These can sometimes be hooked up to a wireless router to provide the whole team access - albeit slow, expensive access.</p> <p>E. The satellite phone you have with you may have some data capabilities itself. If you hook it up to your computer, you may be able to use the internet on your computer, through the phone.</p> <p>But again, make sure to check with the tech people to make sure you have the proper software installed on the computers, and all the proper cables. And make sure you know how to use the equipment and software.</p> <p>Finally be aware of the satellite service provider's data charges. They can be expensive.</p> <p>F. Internet services providers may be available locally. But don't count on this unless you know ahead of time that it will work and be quick to set up.</p>

