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Project Paper: Bench Pillars of aid4face2geo Humanitarian Data

Processing & Storage

Compliant with UN Regulations & Swiss Data Law (FADP, GDPR)

1. Legal & Ethical Framework

- **UN Compliance**: Aligns with:
 - **OCHA Data Responsibility Guidelines** (2021)
 - o IASC Operational Guidance on Data Privacy
 - UNHCR Protection Standards for refugee data.

Swiss Law:

- FADP (Revised 2023): Data stored with Swiss-authorized providers
- Military Goods Control (LGAM): Ensures biometric tools aren't weaponized.

2. Secure Data Storage

- Authorized Swiss Providers:
 - Exoscale (ISO 27001, Swiss-hosted) for encrypted biometric DBs.
 - TERRA LABS (Geneva) for blockchain-backed geodata logs.
- Data Sovereignty:
 - o Zero cross-border transfers unless anonymized.
 - o On-premises fallback at **DIRECT-IMPACT's Zurich HQ**













3. Technology Stack (DIRECT-IMPACT's Implementation)

Biometric Processing:

- Facial Recognition: Custom AI model (TensorFlow) trained on ethically sourced datasets.
- Liveness Detection: Prevent spoofing via 3D depth mapping (Apple TrueDepth API).

Geolocation:

- GPS+BLE Hybrid: Combines satellite data with Bluetooth beacons for offline zones.
- o **UN-ETL Pipeline**: Filters/encrypts location data before storage.

Blockchain:

o Hyperledger Fabric for immutable audit logs of aid transactions.

4. Software Implementation

DIRECT-IMPACT's Development:

- o **Core Platform**: Python/Django backend + React Native mobile app.
- o APIs:
 - UNHCR PRIMES for refugee ID cross-checks.
 - Swiss Post GeoAdmin for disaster zone mapping.

o DevOps:

- Kubernetes clusters (Swisscom Cloud) for scalable deployment.
- FIPS 140-2 Encryption for data in transit/rest.













5. Access Control & Audits

- UN-OCHA Approved Roles:
 - o Tiered access (field agents → HQ admins) via **Yubikey 2FA**.
- Annual Audits:
 - Conducted by SGS Société Générale de Surveillance or equal independent auditor for UN compliance.

Key Innovation as Swiss Partner

DIRECT-IMPACT seeks to leverages:

- Swiss Neutrality: Trusted data jurisdiction.
- ✓ **UN Geneva Hub**: Fast-track collaboration with ICRC/WFP.
- **▼ ETH Zurich AI Research**: Optimizing models for low-bandwidth environments.

Example Workflow:

- Refugee registers via aid4face2geo app → Face + GPS hashed → Stored in Exoscale.
- 2. Aid worker scans face → System pulls encrypted geo-history → Allocates supplies via blockchain ledger.









