

THE AWARDS 2021

International Collaboration of the Year

Institution name	Sheffield Hallam University
Submission title or project name	SCAAN: A digital solution for international safety
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URL	https://www.iom.int/scaan
Submission	<p>The safety of international humanitarian staff working in increasingly challenging and unpredictable environments is a significant challenge, with United Nations (UN) agency field personnel often at risk of death, injury or kidnapping as a result of targeted attacks.</p> <p>In response, Sheffield Hallam's Centre of Excellence in Terrorism, Resilience, Intelligence and Organised Crime (CENTRIC) worked in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration to develop an innovative digital solution. The result was a unique communications platform, the Security Communication and Analysis Network (SCAAN), which now helps more than 15,000 UN agency staff across 150 countries stay safe in some of the world's most volatile environments.</p> <p>The development of SCAAN through applied research and international partnership means aid workers, diplomats, peacekeepers, and volunteers across the world can seek help through a push of button. This unique international collaboration is using security research to respond to real-time operational challenges and saving lives.</p>