

Angela Maria Nardolillo, Founder and Executive Director Off-The-Grid Missions NGO

Angela Maria Nardolillo has over 10 years of experience in Disaster Preparedness and Response; 10 years in Gracie Jiu-Jitsu (lineage Renner and Ryron Gracie); and is a graduate of Advanced Leadership Special Training by Sine-Pari, a team of Military Special Ops Veterans. Angela Maria, a hard-of-hearing woman of Puerto Rican and Italian descent, was born in Europe and raised in various regions around the world.

In 2009, Angela Maria founded Off-The-Grid Missions (OTGM), the only disaster-focused NGO dedicated to providing life-saving resources to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people in remote and disaster-stricken regions around the world. In regions where the electrical grid is down, OTGM operates like a powerhouse to provide sustainable emergency relief specific for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Community –because when disasters strike, people who do not hear are the first to get cut-off from vital information, and the last to receive emergency relief. Angela leads the missions from deployment, search and rescue, to the implementation of clean-water solutions, solar technologies, and reusable supplies. In Puerto Rico, Haiti, Bahamas, Indonesia, and in southern regions of the United States, the focus has been on hurricanes and earthquakes. In response to the Russian invasion, such operations expanded into the rescuing of Deaf families out of Ukraine. In Haiti, Lebanon, and Pakistan, OTGM has been providing ongoing emergency aid to Deaf/Hh victims of natural disasters and civil war. While each and every mission is unique, barriers in communication set the tone for every response.

In addition to her role at "ground-zero", Angela Maria provides tactical disaster and communication strategies for search and rescue, evacuations, border operations, ground and air transportations for Deaf/Hh people and their families. This includes her development of online accessible emergency hubs which contain real-time danger zones, electricity outtages, bomb shelters, evacuation information, and more.

Prior to Off-The-Grid Missions, Angela began her career as a Creative/Art Director developing 360-degree digital designs and animations for Games, Television and Film. She is an alumni of Gallaudet University, a Self-Defense instructor, Jiu-Jitsu practitioner, Public Speaker, and a Pitbull advocate.