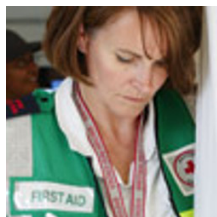


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UK's Red Cross updates its EPos network
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Its EPoS network joins us in the 21st century

After a one and a half year review, the British Red Cross is finally substituting its old EPoS (short for electronic point of sale) with a new one. The review determined that the old system was obsolete, incapable of properly performing its purpose, and thus had to be swapped for a new one. The implementation of the new system is scheduled to start in September. The British Red Cross has a total of 330 shops spread all over the UK; the implementation of the updated EPoS system will be handled by Cybertill, one of the best EPoS suppliers in Britain. One of their best known clients is Virgin Media. Paul Thompson, GM of retail with the British Red Cross comments: "We have been operating with very basic cash registers, and have not had the benefit of any system-generated management intelligence. It is now time to move to a system that will provide the accurate and in-depth information that will enable British Red Cross to monitor and analyze its business more thoroughly." Carefully managed software will provide the link between the EPoS system and the Red Cross' finance system. A broadband connection to the Internet will grant it access to the suppliers' info database. Paul Thompson again: "We will soon be able to benefit from real-time information, a safe and secure environment, and the ability to have a great communication tool between the head office and our shops." The BRC is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and working with the goal of helping people who face a crisis situation. Founded 145 years ago by Henry Dunant, it has played a crucial role in World War I and World War II. It is currently offering much needed aid to people all over the world, regardless of color, race or religion.