Our Vision is to build a world where even the most marginalized individuals and communities can benefit from the opportunities afforded by secure land and resource rights.

Our Mission is to be the leading provider of technical tools and services to support the documentation of land and resource rights to build stronger, more sustainable communities.

Founded in 2015, Cadasta develops and promotes the use of simple digital tools and technology to help partners efficiently document, analyze, store, and share critical land and resource rights information.

By creating an accessible digital record of land, property, and resource rights, we help empower individuals, communities, organizations, governments, and businesses with the information they need to make data-driven decisions and put vulnerable communities and their needs on the map.

An estimated 70 percent of land in emerging economies is unregistered.

In both rural and urban settings, the lack of documented rights seeds conflict and undermines stability and economic opportunity, especially for vulnerable and marginalized households and communities.

Without legal documentation of land rights, governments cannot adequately serve the needs of its citizens. And communities do not have the security they need to make long-term decisions or investments in their properties, businesses, and farms.

Governments and communities seeking economic growth and sustainable development must ensure land rights are secure for all citizens.

1 Billion people who rely on undocumented land are VULNERABLE
Our Technology

Cadasta offers an open and flexible suite of mobile and web-based tools designed to help users collect, manage, and store land and resource rights data. Our platform and tools are built on the principles of open standards and access, and are supported by Esri ArcGIS technology—the world’s leading, cloud-based mapping and analytics platform. Using Cadasta’s tools, partners can directly record and capture evidence of their property claims using multi-layered information about people’s relationship to land and resources. The platform is built to allow for on- and off-line collection in remote and disconnected areas and is able to process data collected through traditional paper-based surveys and maps. Our tools allow users to customize their privacy settings to decide who can view and change records.

Our Services

In addition to our technology and tools, we offer our expertise and training to ensure project success. Cadasta’s services are participatory, demand-driven, and tailored to local project needs. As land and data professionals, we support our partners in identifying and mitigating conflict, ensuring gender-sensitive approaches, and building local knowledge of land systems.

The issues faced by our partners require customizable solutions. Our goal is to strengthen community capacity for data collection and mapping through training materials and sessions adapted to local use and focused on training of trainers. We also align our data collection with national-level land data standards and systems wherever possible and collaborate with other relevant stakeholders, such as land administration officials, NGOs, and the private sector.