

CADASTA PLATFORM

Enabling Partners to Secure Tenure at Scale

Cadasta and its partners are changing the way that stakeholders are addressing land, resource, and property rights for marginalized people around the world. Our catalytic technology and services engage actors ranging from households to communities to national land agencies. Our goal is to positively disrupt land administration systems that have failed to secure land rights and to enable local and national leaders to make them work for all people.

What We're About

Cadasta provides a common global platform and set of technology and training tools that allow local organizations, government entities, and communities to document and map land and their occupants in a more quick, efficient, and affordable way. Before, governments were the only actors that could map and register land—a massive bottleneck that prevented secure tenure. Now, with the Cadasta Platform, communities can map their land and provide much-needed data to local authorities and governments in order to recognize land ownership and stewardship. These data are useful for community advocacy, planning, investment, resource management, land use planning, and protection of rights and property.

Working with local groups, government agencies, the private sector, and others, Cadasta provides high-quality, secure, and low-cost platform and tools built on Esri technology, and trains organizations on how to use them. As land, technology, and development experts, we help partners design and execute projects that capture and use data at scale. As enablers of scale, the Cadasta platform catalyzes the recognition and protection of millions of hectares of urban and rural land for millions of people across the globe.

Why We Exist

Cadasta is building a world where the most marginalized individuals and communities can benefit from the opportunities afforded by secure land and resource rights.

Why Land & Resource Rights

Property and land rights are the foundation of functioning societies, yet 70% of the world's population does not have formal title to their land. Not only does this situation create high levels of economic and social insecurity, it locks people and communities into poverty and stunts opportunities to flourish.

Leading Ideas & Solutions

Cadasta is widely sought as an innovator in the land, technology and development space. We speak at high-level fora at the World Bank, UN, universities, governments, and other venues. We are entrepreneurial, agile, and focused on results. We are published and quoted frequently in leading publications and advocate for practical, bottom-up and top-down changes that will impact millions of lives for the better.



What We Have Accomplished

Since its founding in 2015, Cadasta has worked with 48 partners in 17 countries and 840 communities to document the rights of more than **2 million** people across 1.2 million hectares of land. We seek strategic partners and donors to help us reach 8 million by 2022, and to exponentially scale the platform to 10 million and beyond in subsequent years.



BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH CADASTA

What Donors Are Saying:



Why are we excited to be funding Cadasta? For DFID Cadasta is inclusive, it is disruptive, but it is very agile, it's putting people first and really helping them start the process and giving them the tools to map and document their rights from the bottom-up...

Chris Penrose Buckley, Senior Land Policy Lead, UK Department for International Development (DFID)

What Partners are Saying:



Cadasta's tools have helped the Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission by making it easier to collect a huge amount of data accurately. Cadasta's tools also bring transparency to the process, removes discrepancies, reduces the dependency on human interventions and brings in speed in execution.

Shikha Srivastva, Urban Habitat Head of Tata Trusts



Responsible Technology

We ensure use of appropriate technologies to map land and collect data. High-accuracy geospatial data, smartphones, tablets, antennas, and survey tools help speed up data collection for a fraction of the time and cost of traditional surveying. A secure platform allows data to be stored, managed, visualized, and analyzed to improve decision-making and advance tenure security efforts.



Trusted Network Agent

Cadasta works through a broad global network of trusted partners and actors on the ground. Our partners implement practices that support inclusive, sustainable development integrating women, youth, and other vulnerable stakeholders to ensure fair, inclusive, and equitable practices. We design, disburse, and manage grants to help local organizations take land documentation and securing rights to scale; and directly engaging with government and private sector entities. Cadasta operates the Land Rights Fund Challenge to drive innovation and scale while manage donor resources.



Training & Knowledge Management

We build and transfer land and technology knowledge and skills by training and supporting local groups and ensuring solutions that last. Beyond technology training, Cadasta and its on-the-ground partners offer solutions to help mitigate and resolve disputes, design interventions, integrate gender and youth approaches, and promote understanding and use of data for land advocacy.



Government Engagement to Catalyze Lasting Change

Cadasta and its partners work to obtain government buy-in and participation to secure formal recognition at scale. That means engaging local, district, and national government authorities and meeting standards for accuracy, compliance, and alignment with government systems.