Cadasta supported the Ogiek Peoples’ efforts to document their rights to the Mau Forest in Kenya. Empowered with training and data, the Ogiek People successfully defended their claims in court in 2017 against the Government of Kenya and in 2022 in the African Court on Human and People’s Rights.

Addressing Community Needs

Indigenous Peoples and other traditional local communities around the world are fighting for their territorial rights and to protect their unregistered lands from encroachment, land grabs, and resource exploitation. Key areas where communities have expressed a need for support include:

- Implementing tools and workflows to map, document, and secure legal government titles for community territories;
- Setting up a monitoring and data collection system to report land grabs and economic activities conducted without prior consent;
- Accessing early warning alerts on forest cover and land use changes to mitigate deforestation and the impacts of climate change;
- Increasing access, rights, and capacity building opportunities for women and youth;
- Securing financing to map, secure, protect, and sustainably manage community land.

In Cadasta’s experience, there is still a big gap between national laws and implementation of land titling for communities. Our goal is to work closely with communities on implementation – together, finding the right solutions and approaches to move from ideas to concrete actions that protect Indigenous and community land and resource rights.

Co-Creating Solutions

Cadasta is a technical service organization that provides land expertise and technology for communities looking to secure and defend land tenure, and achieve sustainable management outcomes. Since 2015, Cadasta has strengthened the land and resource rights of over 6 million people through strategic partnerships, training a global network of nearly 100 partners in 46 countries. Worldwide we have helped communities document over 21.5 million hectares of land and secure nearly 180,000 land documents. We are actively expanding our partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Alliances to dramatically scale up implementation of land titling and monitoring.

“Ever since I received my title, I started developing my land. I am now rearing goats and have started a poultry farm with turkeys, ducks and hens. This would not have been possible without a land title because land in my community is widely fought over and once you cannot show evidence that it is yours, it is easily grabbed. I greatly thank Cadasta for bringing this chance to the people of Ivukula community. My hope is that more people can be reached with your program so that our community can develop.”

~Mugabe George Wandera
We provide the following services to communities to directly meet local needs:

**Land Titling and Documentation**
Cadasta supports partners’ efforts to secure formal titling and improve land governance, while protecting data privacy and security and involving full participation of youth, elders, and women. We can also be a bridge between communities and government land agencies by providing technical advice to help improve the alignment between land administration systems and realities on the ground.

**Community and Partner Training and Capacity-building**
Cadasta’s team has years of expertise closely accompanying communities across the world and provides hands-on and customized training on data collection, data management, monitoring, survey design, land administration and land rights awareness, and community inclusion strategies.

**Technology for Mapping and Monitoring Territory**
With Cadasta, you can access technology to map lands to advance tenure efforts, monitor and report on encroachments and threats, build community-based forest monitoring systems, and much more.

**Storytelling, Advocacy, and Data Empowerment**
Cadasta can help you build interactive maps, dashboards, and web templates to monitor activity, share data, and create community stories for high impact advocacy and visibility.

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