Land rights are powerful. They break cycles of poverty, improve food security and nutrition, increase livelihoods and agricultural productivity, and contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation. Yet nearly one billion people worldwide experience land tenure insecurity, meaning they find it likely that they will be evicted from their land within the next five years. Secure land rights are foundational for human prosperity.

Three Year Goal

By 2026, Cadasta will impact 40 million people in 30 countries by:
Enabling Indigenous Peoples’, Afro-descendant Peoples’, and Local Community partners to map, document, and strengthen land tenure rights for three million people living on 15 million hectares in climate hotspots in 25 countries; and catalyzing more inclusive, responsive land systems for 37 million people through government advisory and support services in five countries.

Strategic Priorities

- Prioritize Indigenous Peoples’, Afro-Descendant Peoples’, and Local Communities’ Land Tenure in Climate Hotspots
- Integrate Services to Support More Inclusive, Responsive Government Land Systems
- Increase Quality, Impact, and Cost-Effectiveness
- Accelerate Growth and Test Scaling Pathways
Core Interventions

Community-led Land Tenure and Climate Initiatives

Cadasta deploys technology, training, technical assistance, and grants to local partners, including earth defenders, Indigenous Peoples, community rightsholders, and civil society organizations, to bolster community-led approaches to mapping and securing tenure rights as a key strategy for mitigating climate change and fostering thriving communities.

Services that Bridge Collaboration

Cadasta provides advisory and implementation services to governments seeking to achieve more effective, responsive, and inclusive land systems and approaches as the foundation of a prosperous, stable, and sustainable economy.

Government Advisory and Support Services

Cadasta serves as a bridge between communities and governments working collaboratively to implement land tenure initiatives and create more responsive land services.

What Sets Cadasta Apart

Cadasta is the only global NGO that has helped document the rights of 7 million people by working with 108 partners across 5,166 communities covering 24.5 million hectares of land in 49 countries. We are different from other organizations in how we deploy our resources and our team's unique skills and expertise. We offer:

New Approaches to Land Rights Recognition at Scale: We are experts in GIS technology and community-led mapping, delivering scalable, cost-effective solutions for land rights recognition and administration across diverse partners and geographies.

Training & Secure Data Control: We directly support partners and communities with training and high-quality, secure GIS technology that ensures our partners own and control their data. Our technology features robust privacy protocols and is supported with customized training to meet partner needs.

Bridge Between Community and Government: We bridge community and government efforts to strengthen land tenure rights, ensuring our approach aligns with local needs and priorities.

Global Network & Thought Leadership: Our expertise spans several sectors, including land administration, geospatial technology, land rights for IPs, ADPs, and LCs, and related international development sectors. We extend our networks and support to partners to build a strong movement for global impact and change.

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