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CADASTA FOUNDATION • 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Grounded in Rights

A Decade of Securing Land and Strengthening Futures

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Our Vision

A world where everyone enjoys secure land and resource rights that unlock opportunities for current and future generations.

Our Mission

To unlock the social, economic, and environmental benefits of equitable land tenure by providing mapping technology, training, and services to organizations representing and supporting tenure-insecure communities.

LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

Letter from the CEO

Dear Cadasta Friends and Supporters,

In 2025, Cadasta marked its tenth year, allowing us a milestone moment to take stock of what we've built and why it matters.

From the beginning, Cadasta's mission was never simply about technology or data. It has always been about something more fundamental: the right to belong, to be recognized, and to shape one's own future. Land and resource rights are central to that promise. They influence whether families can plan beyond the next season, whether communities can steward the places they call home, and whether future generations inherit stability or uncertainty.

Over the past decade, our understanding of how those rights are secured has deepened. We have learned that documentation alone is not enough. Rights endure only when community knowledge is respected, data is governed locally, and institutions can recognize and act on local evidence. That learning has shaped Cadasta's evolution from an early technology initiative into a trusted partner focused on strengthening the systems that make land rights real and usable over time.

In 2025, that purpose came into sharper focus. Even amid shifting political priorities, funding pressures, and climate disruption, the work at the local level never stopped. Communities continued to map their lands, strengthen governance, and assert their rights. Indigenous leaders protected forests through their own stewardship systems. Women and youth stepped into leadership roles. Farmers gained clarity and security over the land that sustains their livelihoods. These moments remind us that our role is not simply to deliver tools or training, but to help create conditions in which communities can move forward on their own terms.

This year also reaffirmed a truth that will define Cadasta's next decade. Land rights are inseparable from the challenges the world now faces. Climate resilience, cultural preservation, economic stability, and equality all depend on who holds land rights and whether those rights are respected. The future of our mission lies not in perfecting the mechanics of documentation, but in deepening what secure land rights make possible.

As you read this report, you will see the results of ten years of partnership, learning, and persistence across regions and contexts. You will also see an organization entering its second decade with clarity and resolve, focused on strengthening enduring land governance systems.

I am deeply grateful to our partners, donors, staff, and Board for their trust and commitment over the past ten years. Your belief in this mission makes this work possible.

Thank you for standing with Cadasta through a decade of progress and into the work ahead.



With gratitude,

Amy Coughenour Betancourt
President and CEO
Cadasta

LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Cadasta Community,

As Cadasta marks its tenth year, this anniversary offers an opportunity to reflect on the organization's evolution and its role in a rapidly changing global landscape.

Over the past decade, Cadasta has grown from an early-stage technology initiative into a trusted partner advancing land and resource rights across diverse political, institutional, and geographic contexts. That growth reflects a consistent commitment to pairing innovation with rigor by investing not only in tools but also in systems, governance, and partnerships that enable community-generated data to drive lasting outcomes.

This year, I was pleased to welcome five new members to Cadasta's Board of Directors: María Pía Hernández Palacios, Ana Teresa Fuzzo de Lima, Cristina Coc, Megan Wenrich, and Munehiko Joya, who also joins the Board as Treasurer. Together, they bring deep expertise spanning Indigenous leadership, land and environmental governance, climate finance, accountability frameworks, and institutional stewardship.

At the same time, we extend our sincere thanks to Tosca Bruno-van Vijfeijken and George Ombado, whose service on Cadasta's Board strengthened the organization's governance during a critical period of organizational growth.

As a Board, our responsibility is to support Cadasta's leadership in navigating uncertainty while remaining anchored in mission and evidence. Land and resource rights are increasingly recognized as foundational to climate resilience, economic opportunity, and social stability, even as the global environment for development and climate action continues to shift.

Ten years in, Cadasta is well-positioned for the work ahead. The Board remains committed to supporting an organization that continues to evolve with integrity and focus.



Sincerely,

Albert Hilaire Anoubon Momo
Chair, Board of Directors
Cadasta

A DECADE OF IMPACT

Cadasta's Journey

A decade ago, Cadasta was founded on a simple but ambitious premise. Communities excluded from formal land systems could strengthen their rights by documenting their land on their own terms. What followed was a decade of learning, adaptation, and partnership that shaped Cadasta's approach to supporting lasting land rights.

Early work demonstrated what participatory mapping could unlock. It also revealed the limits of technology alone. Secure land and resource rights depend on systems that can recognize community evidence, protect sensitive data, and translate local knowledge into legal and institutional outcomes.

Over time, Cadasta evolved in response. Strategic investments in platform capabilities, partner training, data governance, and institutional integration enabled the organization to move from isolated projects toward sustained impact at scale. Through periods of global disruption, including the COVID-19 pandemic and recent shifts in political and funding landscapes, Cadasta adapted its approach while deepening its focus on systems that operate across contexts and beyond individual projects.

As Cadasta enters its second decade, its impact reflects both scale and substance. Independent evidence shows that secure land rights reduce conflict, strengthen livelihoods, empower women, and support environmental stewardship. Just as importantly, the past ten years have clarified Cadasta's role as a partner in strengthening land systems that better serve communities and governments.



Village members in India using the Cadasta Platform supported by Cadasta partner Arch-Vahini since 2019.

A DECADE OF IMPACT

Cadasta's Ten-Year Evolution

2015–2017

Laying the Groundwork

Cadasta was founded with support from Omidyar Network and the UK Department for International Development (DFID; now the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, FCDO) to expand access to land documentation tools for communities excluded from formal land systems. Early pilot projects focused on participatory mapping using open-source tools. By the end of 2017, nearly 480,000 people and 80,000 households had been documented.

2018–2019

A Strategic Pivot for Scale

Cadasta transitioned to an Esri-based technology suite, prioritizing security, scalability, and interoperability. This period marked Cadasta's first large-scale implementation in India, a new strategy, and the appointment of a new CEO. By the end of 2019, the rights of 1.7 million people had been documented.

2020–2021

Resilience and Long-Term Vision

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Cadasta adapted rapidly by onboarding 25 new partners, launching an online Training and Support Center, and expanding remote implementation. In 2021, Cadasta set a long-term goal to catalyze land systems change to secure land and resource rights for 500 million people by 2040.

2022–2024

Deepening Impact Through Partnerships

Cadasta expanded work with governments and global alliances, supporting the issuance of nearly 180,000 formal land documents and documenting more than 30 million hectares. Independent evaluations of our work demonstrated that secure tenure reduces land disputes and improves economic outcomes.

2025

Ten Years of Measurable Change

By its tenth anniversary, Cadasta's cumulative impact reflected a decade of sustained partnership and learning, positioning the organization for its next phase of systems-level impact.

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By the Numbers

7.24M
people documented

1.5M
households documented

31.1M
hectares mapped and documented

182,000+
official land documents supported

5,394,000+
parcels documented

7,000
communities engaged

145
projects implemented

108
partner organizations

work conducted in

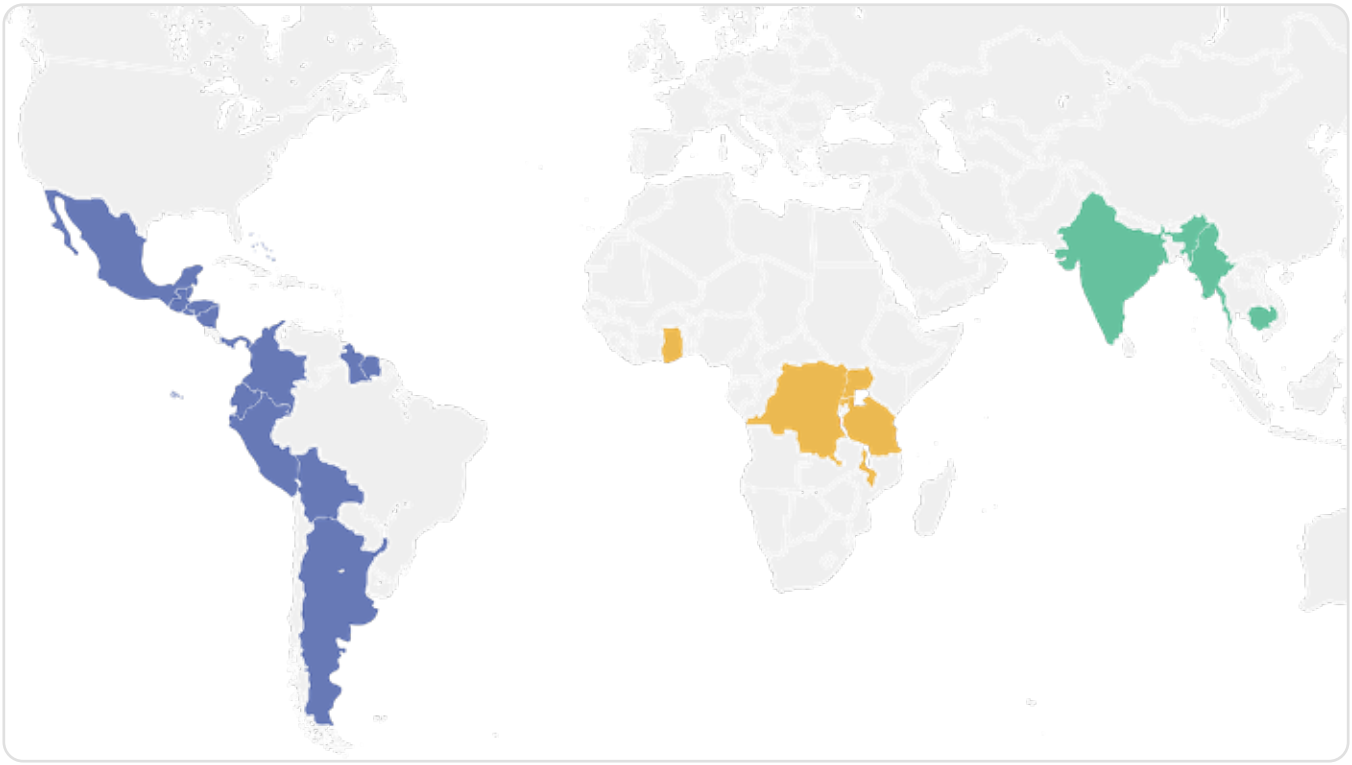
52
countries

27
government partners

A DECADE OF PROGRESS

Cadasta's Projects

Countries Where Cadasta Supported Projects in 2025:



Latin America & Caribbean Africa Asia

Latin America & Caribbean

Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Suriname, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda

Asia

Cambodia, India, Myanmar







2025: IMPACT IN ACTION

From Documentation to Systems

In 2025, Cadasta's work moved more decisively from documenting land to strengthening the systems that make land rights actionable.

Community-led documentation remains the foundation. But across geographies, the focus shifted toward ensuring that this data can be used by governments, institutions, and donors without losing its integrity, ownership, or context. This means strengthening not only how data is collected, but how it is governed, integrated, and applied in real-world decision-making.

Across contexts, a consistent pattern is emerging. When community knowledge is translated into credible, shared evidence, it does more than record land. It reduces disputes, clarifies rights, and enables action.

The examples below show how this shift is taking shape in practice, from community-led data collection to national land administration, from Indigenous governance to crisis response.

Climate, Data, and Systems at Scale

In 2025, Cadasta expanded its data solutions to help partners make better use of community-generated land data beyond individual projects. This work focused on strengthening the full data lifecycle—from aggregation and validation to visualization and use—while maintaining community ownership and control.

In the Tropical Andes, this took shape through support to an ecosystem partner working in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Cadasta aggregated, cleaned, and processed territorial data submitted by partner organizations and developed geospatial products to support portfolio-level analysis. The resulting data sets consolidated territorial information across multiple countries and projects, enabling partners to better visualize land tenure status and track progress across their portfolios.

Cadasta provided similar data solutions to ecosystem partners that fund and coordinate multi-country land rights initiatives. By designing and implementing integrated GIS workflows and products, Cadasta helped harmonize territorial and project data across portfolios. These systems enable partners to track indicators, visualize the footprint of their investments, and strengthen reporting to their own stakeholders.

As land and tenure data become more central to climate and development strategies, protecting the communities behind that data is essential. In 2025, Cadasta formally endorsed the Better Deal for Data Standard and expanded internal and partner capacity on data governance. This work reinforces consent-based data practices, safeguards sensitive information, and supports long-term stewardship.

Together, these efforts position Cadasta to play a stronger role in connecting community-generated data with the systems and tools needed to support more informed land and resource governance over time.



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Indigenous Leadership and Territorial Documentation



Cadasta CEO with territorial leadership of UNIPA, Colombia, October 2025

Cadasta's work in forested landscapes is grounded in supporting communities in documenting and validating their land and resource use through participatory processes. Across diverse contexts, the focus has been on providing tools and technical support that enable Indigenous Peoples and local communities to map their territories, strengthen evidence of their presence, and, where relevant, pursue formal recognition.

Through the Strengthening Land and Forest Rights Program, supported by UK International Development from the UK Government, communities identified and validated more than 4.5 million hectares of forested land. Over 300,000 hectares were submitted for formal recognition, and more than 100,000 hectares have been legally recognized to date. The program also supported the documentation of more than 518,800 people, nearly half of them women, and reached over 80,000 people through land rights outreach and awareness.

Participatory mapping played a central role across all geographies. By translating lived knowledge into structured, verifiable data, communities were able to clarify boundaries, surface and address overlapping claims, and strengthen the evidence base that can be used in engagement with governments and other stakeholders.

This is particularly evident in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where Cadasta worked with Solidarité pour la Promotion des Femmes Autochtones (SPFA) and local communities to support participatory mapping and boundary validation. Community members, neighboring leaders, and customary authorities came together to review mapped boundaries and formally validate them through signed agreements. These processes transform maps into shared, recognized records, reducing the risk of future disputes and strengthening the legitimacy of documented boundaries.

Similar approaches were used across other partnerships. Maya communities in southern Belize documented more than 25,000 hectares of ancestral land. In Ecuador, Indigenous federations resolved long-standing territorial conflicts across more than 100,000 hectares. In Myanmar, communities documented customary land use across large forested areas, thereby strengthening locally held tenure records.

Women and youth played a central role throughout these efforts, leading mapping activities, supporting data collection, and contributing to how information is maintained and used within their communities.

Together, these examples highlight the value of credible, community-generated data. While documentation alone does not resolve all land tenure challenges, it provides a critical foundation for communities to articulate their claims, reduce conflict, and engage with external actors from a stronger position.

Advising Governments for Improved Land Systems



Across many contexts, governments face a consistent challenge to create land systems that are accurate, accessible, and responsive to how land is actually held and used. Small gaps in data, processes, or valuation can slow recognition, create inefficiencies, and limit the effectiveness of land services.

In 2025, Cadasta provided targeted technical support to government institutions to strengthen specific components of land administration systems, focusing on practical improvements to data, workflows, and methodologies.

In Malawi, Cadasta supported the Malawi Land Productivity Project, funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), by assessing the costs of decentralized land services and developing updated approaches to ground rent valuation for public lands. This work aimed to make land-related fees more transparent and better aligned with actual land use conditions.

In Togo, Cadasta supported the Land Reform to Accelerate Agricultural Productivity project, funded by the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA), by testing and refining tenure methodologies in practice. This included simplifying processes for smallholder farmers and integrating gender-inclusive approaches to make land services more accessible and inclusive. By focusing on how systems function at the user level, this work helps make land administration processes more practical and responsive to the needs of rural communities.

In Uganda, collaboration with the Ministry of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development supported the documentation of more than 5,000 parcels for eventual Customary Certificates of Ownership. The focus was on improving how land information is collected and validated at the local level, helping ensure that documentation aligns with government requirements while remaining accessible to customary communities.

Together, these examples show how targeted, technical interventions can strengthen how land systems function in practice, improve data quality, reduce friction in administrative processes, and support more consistent and equitable service delivery.

Securing Rural Livelihoods and Farmer Resilience



Field teams collect and verify parcel information in Kirehe District, Rwanda, where Cadasta and its partners are correcting boundary errors and updating land records through the Agricultural Systems Change project. The work will expand to Kayonza and Nyagatare districts.

These system improvements have direct implications for rural livelihoods, where unclear or insecure land tenure can limit farmers' ability to plan, invest, and manage their land over time.

In Rwanda, Cadasta partnered with Landesa and the Rwanda National Land Authority through the Rwanda Agricultural Systems Change Initiative, funded by Co-Impact. The focus was not on issuing new rights, but on strengthening the quality and completeness of existing land records by documenting missing land attribute data.

In practice, this meant working with farmers and local authorities to correct and update parcel-level information to ensure that land records more accurately reflect how land is held and used. With clearer and more reliable documentation, farmers have greater confidence in their land tenure. This clarity reduces the risk of disputes and increases farmers' willingness to invest in their land, whether through improved agricultural practices, soil management, or longer-term planning. While access to government programs and extension services does not always depend on formal title, more accurate records strengthen how these services are delivered and used in practice.

Humanitarian Housing



The importance of reliable land and housing data becomes even clearer when working to improve living conditions at scale, where accuracy, consistency, and equity directly shape who is reached and how.

Across Latin America and the Caribbean, Cadasta partnered with Habitat for Humanity International to strengthen housing programs through GIS-enabled data systems. This regional effort aims to replace 100,000 dirt floors with safe, concrete surfaces by 2028, improving health, safety, and dignity for families across ten countries.

Cadasta strengthened the data foundation behind this work by standardizing household data, improving GIS mapping accuracy, and building a unified monitoring, evaluation, and learning system. These improvements increased assessment capacity by 3.5 times, enabling faster identification of households and more efficient program delivery.

This work also reinforces the link between housing improvements and tenure security. By documenting upgrades and linking them to reliable data systems, families gain stronger evidence of their occupancy and investment, supporting greater stability over time.

Together, this collaboration shows how stronger data systems can translate into tangible improvements in daily life, turning incremental upgrades into scalable pathways toward safer housing.



CADASTA'S INFLUENCE BEYOND PROJECTS

Driving Thought Leadership and Global Advocacy

In 2025, Cadasta deepened its role as a global thought leader and advocate, ensuring that community-led, evidence-informed perspectives shaped international conversations on land, climate, and development.

Cadasta launched the Mapping Change webinar series to showcase the work of our partners representing Indigenous Peoples and Local communities. Sessions in June featured partners from Ghana and Belize, highlighting how community-led mapping strengthens tenure security while supporting biodiversity protection and climate resilience. September sessions focused on Myanmar and Colombia, demonstrating Indigenous leadership in forest protection and territorial governance amid escalating environmental pressure.

Cadasta also expanded its public voice through targeted media and thought leadership. Highlights included an op-ed by CEO Amy Coughenour Betancourt in SustainabilityX discussing the link between secure land tenure and effective climate action, a Geospatial World interview exploring Cadasta's use of geospatial technology to advance land rights and gender equity, and a ten-year anniversary feature in ArcNews reflecting on Cadasta's evolution and achievements.

Throughout the year, Cadasta engaged in major international forums, including Climate Week NYC, the World Bank Land Conference, the Global Land Forum, the International Land and Development Conference, and the Skoll World Forum. Across these spaces and through our publications and social media engagement, Cadasta consistently advanced a core message that secure land and resource rights are foundational to climate resilience, biodiversity protection, and social justice.

From Data to Decisions

Community-generated data is increasingly being used not just to document land, but to inform decisions and resolve disputes. It is increasingly used to resolve disputes, inform decisions, and shape the systems that govern land, climate, and development outcomes.

Cadasta's role is evolving alongside this shift, from supporting individual projects to strengthening the data, systems, and partnerships that make secure land and resource rights durable at scale.



Cadasta team with at RED Mocaf in Mexico City, October 2025

CADASTA'S INFLUENCE BEYOND PROJECTS

Three Pillars for the Next Decade

As Cadasta enters its second decade, the organization's focus shifts from simply demonstrating what works to embedding land tenure security within systems that endure. Guided by its 2026 strategy, Cadasta's work will be anchored around three interconnected pillars across forests, farms, and coasts.







PILLAR ONE

Bring Land Into View

Strengthen Participatory Mapping and Monitoring for Tenure, Livelihoods, and Climate

Cadasta partners with frontline organizations and communities to map, secure, and monitor lands through technology, training, and expertise. These participatory efforts support land-use plans, livelihood opportunities, and climate actions. Frontline organizations and communities are better equipped to understand their rights and data, track progress, monitor threats, and manage resources.

Where: Climate and biodiversity hotspots in forests, agricultural, pastoralist, coastal, and protected lands in the Congo Basin, East and West Africa, Amazon Basin, Southeast Asia, and Mesoamerica.

Strengthening Land and Forest Rights — ***UK International Development • 12 countries across Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia.*** This project provides critical support to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPs & LCs) to secure their land, forest, and resource rights. In partnership with 13 organizations across 12 countries (Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia), Cadasta provides grants, technology, training, and technical assistance to map, document, secure, and monitor land and resource rights. By strengthening organizational technical capacity, the initiative bolsters forest tenure and climate outcomes.

Community Mapping for Land and Climate — ***Swedish Postcode Lottery • Argentina, DRC, and Papua New Guinea.*** Cadasta will continue working with partners to strengthen community land documentation and data systems—helping communities move toward formal recognition and long-term tenure security. In Papua New Guinea, in partnership with Cool Earth, we will support a Rainforest Lab model to map and secure conservation deeds that recognize Indigenous Peoples' rights, improve forest monitoring, and support community-led stewardship.

Securing Land Rights of Indigenous Pygmy Peoples with Legal Land Documents — ***Jacob Futura Foundation • Democratic Republic of the Congo.*** Cadasta will work with SPFA to complete final data validation for nine community lands—an essential step toward formal recognition and enforceable rights. We work with the National Land Reform Commission (CONAREF) to support dialogue, clarity, and alignment on evolving legal frameworks, strengthening shared understanding and accelerating community land recognition and stewardship.

PILLAR TWO

Turn Maps Into Rights

Enable More Inclusive and Effective Land Systems

Cadasta partners with land agencies, local governments, and communities to strengthen land administration by building capacity to use bottom-up, digital tools for mapping, land use planning, and tenure formalization.

We support efforts to link community-generated data to national land information systems, helping governments recognize land rights more efficiently and equitably while improving transparency, service delivery, and long-term system performance.

Where: Sub-Saharan Africa

Scaling Community Land Rights in Uganda — ***Rising Tide Foundation • Uganda***
The project will finalize district-level validation of Customary Certificates of Ownership (CCOs) and, in partnership with Uganda's Ministry of Land, support their full integration into their National Land Information System. This step strengthens legal recognition, aligns with national systems, and ensures community land documentation is secure, usable, and built to last.

Agricultural Systems Strengthening Project — ***Landesa • Rwanda***
In collaboration with the National Land Authority and Landesa, the project will finalize data processing for title holders who need boundary corrections or missing information addressed. This work strengthens the accuracy, integrity, and legal reliability of land records—ensuring they can be trusted and upheld.

Land Reform for Agricultural Productivity — VNG International • Togo
This Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact project (2022-2025) supported the Government of Togo in developing and testing approaches to map rural landholdings to increase farmer productivity and strengthen land systems. In 2026, our team will document the status of work and provide practical recommendations for the Government of Togo to consider as it explores future funding to carry the effort forward.

PILLAR THREE

Power Progress With Data

Increase Access to Critical Data Solutions and Services



Cadasta provides geospatial tools and data services to civil society partners, re-granting organizations, and donors working on land rights and climate outcomes across sectors and regions. By using geospatial tools and data analysis, Cadasta builds partners' capacity to track progress, visualize impact, and make better decisions. We also create new solutions to respond to evolving needs in areas such as land tenure, deforestation monitoring, conservation, land use planning, biodiversity tracking, blue commons, and other sectors.

Cadasta is positioned to provide technical support to implement large global commitments, such as the $1.8 billion International Land Tenure Pledge made at COP30 in 2025 by the Forest Tenure Funders Group. Similar opportunities are the Tropical Forest Forever Facility and the Forest Climate Leaders' Partnership (FCLP), which aims to recognize and sustainably manage at least 160 million hectares of Indigenous Peoples', local communities', and Afro-descendant communities' lands by 2030.

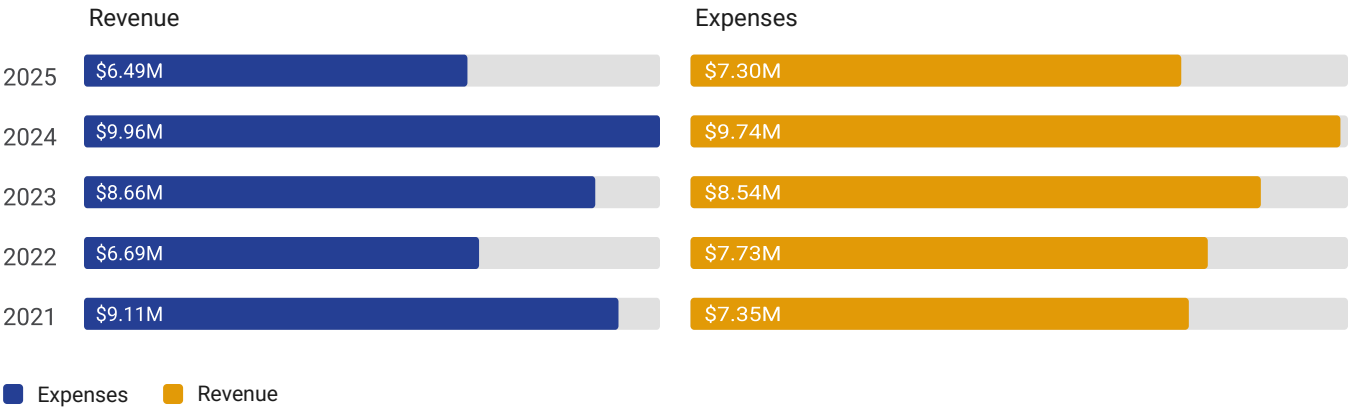
Where: Global

Data Solutions for Ecosystem Partners — We will provide integrated geospatial and data management solutions to ecosystem partners, including Tenure Facility and others, to strengthen evidence generation, coordination, and impact tracking across global tenure and climate portfolios. By aligning field-level documentation with standardized indicators, interoperable data systems, and high-quality spatial analysis, we will support partners in measuring progress, informing advocacy, and driving more strategic investments in Indigenous and community land rights.

Finances

Cadasta is committed to financial transparency and responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us by our donors and partners. Figures below are drawn from Cadasta's FY2025 financial statements (fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, in USD).Complete audited financial statements are available upon request and at cadasta.org

Revenue & Expenses, 2021–2025



FY2025 Expenses by Function

Program Services	**86.7%**
Management & General	**8.5%**
Development	**4.7%**
Fundraising	**0.1%**

FY2025 Support by Source

Government & Multilateral	**39.8%**
Earned Income	**30.8%**
Foundations	**16.6%**
Other	**7.8%**
Individual Donors	**5.0%**

Total FY2025 support: $2,169,197

FINANCES

Organizational Information

FY2025 Financial Position

$2.31M
total assets

$298K
total liabilities

$2.01M
total net assets

Statement of Activities (FY2025 vs. FY2024)

Support & Revenue	2025	2024
Grant Income	$996,983	$3,271,017
Contract Revenue	$925,828	$1,467,618
Contributions	$171,792	$101,769
Interest & Other Income	$74,972	$123,398
In-Kind Software	$4,322,047	$4,997,500
Total Support & Revenue	**$6,491,622**	**$9,961,302**

Expenses	2025	2024
Platform Development	$4,617,321	$5,397,849
Partnership Development	$939,273	$2,355,475
Operations	$757,959	$772,080
Program Management	$403,470	$1,105,495
Business Development	$346,913	$72,782
Finance	$151,105	$32,951
Communication & Thought Leadership	$81,336	$0
Total Expenses	**$7,297,377**	**$9,736,632**

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	$2,267,638
Accounts Receivable	$5,000
Prepaid Expenses & Deposits	$27,428
Interest & Other Income	$8,582
Total Assets	**$2,308,648**

Liabities & Net Assets	
Accounts Payable	$68,472
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	$52,553
Refundable Advance	$176,749
Total Liabilities	$297,774
Net Assets	$2,010,874
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**$2,308,648**

Statement of Cash Flows

Cash used by operating activities	$(578,569)
Cash used by investing activities	$(3,478)
Cash from financing activities	$2,029
Net Decrease in Cash	**$(580,018)**
Cash, Beginning of year	$2,847,656
Cash, End of year	**$2,267,638**

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 (USD). Complete audited financial statements are available upon request and at cadasta.org.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Our Supporters & Partners

Cadasta is grateful for the support, commitment, and partnership of our donors, supporters, and partners. Thank you for supporting our efforts to advance land and resource rights and build more equitable, sustainable communities.

Institutional Donors & Contractors

- Founder's Pledge
- IRS COVID Fund
- Jacobs Futura Foundation
- John Templeton Foundation
- Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN)
- Landesa
- Lantmäteriet
- Livelihood Impact Fund
- Martin Family Foundation
- Millennium Challenge Account (MCA)
- Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
- Nelson S. Talbott Foundation
- Swedish Postcode Lottery Foundation/Svenska Postkodlotteriets Stiftelse
- Tenure Facility
- Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI)
- Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)
- Rising Tide Foundation
- Talbott Family Foundation
- UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

Individual Donors

- Albert Momo
- Alison Edwards
- Amy Coughenour Betancourt
- Angela Coughenour
- Anne Rakunas
- Boris Zamyatin
- Brian Brock
- Chris Locke
- Christopher Vincent
- Claire Buxton
- Deborah Coughenour
- Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez
- Elizabeth and Frank Blake
- Francis and Christine Martin Family Foundation
- Frank Pichel
- George Yashon Ombado
- Harriet R Congdon
- Jackie DeCarlo
- Janis VonQualen
- John Gillespie
- Juliet Ezechie
- K Kingston
- Kelly Liang
- Laura Bierema
- Leslie Weiner-Leandro
- Maria Marealle
- Maria Pia Hernandez
- Mary Beth Adams
- Megan Carnell
- Megan Wenrich
- Michael Baker
- Minna Jia
- Molly McGettrick
- Munehiko Joya
- Sarah Crozier
- Stephen Shannon
- Tosca van Vijfeijken
- William Abrams

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Our Partners

Implementing Partners

Implementing partners that work directly with communities and governments.

- Action Research in Community Health-Vahini (ARCH-Vahini), India
- Association of Saamaka Traditional Authorities (VSG), Suriname
- Cambodian Indigenous Peoples Alliance (CIPA), Cambodia
- COLANDEF Land and Property Rights, Ghana
- Confederación de las Nacionalidades Indígenas de la Amazonía Ecuatoriana (CONFENIAE), Ecuador
- Fundación para el Desarrollo en Justicia y Paz (FUNDAPAZ), Argentina
- GeoIndígena, Panama
- Habitat for Humanity International, The Bahamas, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic.
- Julian Cho Society (JCS), Belize
- Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN), Myanmar
- Landesa, Rwanda
- Realm of Nature Based Actions (RNBA), India
- Solidarité pour la Promotion des Femmes Autochtones (SPFA), Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT), Tanzania
- Ujamaa Foundatio, Uganda

Strategic, Advisory & Research Partners

Partner organizations that support systems-level change, advisory services, research, and shared data infrastructure.

- Global Land Alliance | Malawi
- International Land and Forest Tenure Facility (Tenure Facility) | Global
- Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) | Global
- United States Geological Survey (USGS) | Guyana

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

The People Behind Cadasta



Programs

David Palomino, Program Specialist

Diana Kyalo, Program Specialist for East Africa

Esaie Dufitimana, Program Specialist

Jean-Marc Placide, Program Manager (through April 2025)

Leah Kellenberger, Program Manager

Mickey Tennis, Program Assistant

Oscar Kamuhinda, Field Manager for Agricultural Systems Project in Rwanda (since April 2025)

Pano Skrivanos, Senior Manager for Community Land and Climate

Samuel Mboh, Project Specialist for West and Central Africa

Theodomir Mugiraneza, GIS Specialist at Tenure Facility (through April 2025)

Wambayi Wabwire, Land Administration Advisor

Operations

Boris Zamyatin, Controller

Jean Carla Costas, Operations Coordinator

Kelly Liang, Senior Director of Finance

Minna Jia, Project Finance Analyst (through July 2025)

Business Development

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