

YouthMappers Code of Conduct



We value people: As we cultivate the next generation of mappers, we are mindful that our intent is to create a global map that is of the people, for the people, and by the people. We advocate for collaborative mapping that is grassroots and democratically based so communities can thrive.



We support community building: Capitalizing on web-based open geospatial technologies means that mapping can take place by anyone anywhere, making way for a virtual community of mappers. We intend to foster an international, interdisciplinary network so that students learn to contribute to an inclusive, global community, through virtual collaboration and peer-to-peer support, where a diversity of participants, perspectives, and abilities are celebrated.



We strive for quality: As we create and use new geospatial data, we strive to be diligent in our mapping and learning efforts. We equip ourselves with the necessary technical and personal skills necessary to be precise in our mapping and observe personal values; while coordinating with field validators to authenticate our work and remain supportive of the local community. As we aspire towards a robust learning experience for all participants, we aim for our contributions to support users in making informed decisions.



We adhere to open data: YouthMappers works to ensure that the data, information, and results we create are freely available for the greater public good particularly local populations planning for the welfare, resilience, and vitality of their communities. In this context, we demand adherence to practices of transparency that preserve academic integrity, including proper acknowledgement and citation of work.



We uphold ethical values, privacy, and security standards: We are grateful for the world in which we live, but we are mindful that our technological advancements come with a risk. Thus, we take privacy and security standards seriously and commit to protecting the identities of the people in the communities we map. Our campaigns are focused entirely on humanitarian and development needs; accordingly, we respect the privacy of individuals and information (including spatial) that may violate confidentiality. We also respect the social, cultural, and religious values of the communities we map. We will, therefore, refrain from creating data and information that is controversial and not in line with the widely shared values and principles of the community.



We believe in human dignity: We strive to create a culture of honor in both online and in-person communications. In exchanges between chapters around the world, respect for different cultural practices, norms, and values is paramount. We strictly forbid harassment of any kind. We take accusations of harassment seriously and commit to addressing reports in a timely manner. Reports should be made to: info@youthmappers.org.