

1.1 Mapping POI with ODK + KoboToolbox Server

The following workflow showcases the tools and processes used in a simple field mapping project used by a local NGO to integrate into existing programs using OpenDataKit and KoboToolBox Server.

Project Overview

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The Open Cities Africa Accra project sought to make Alogboshie and its environs resilient to natural disasters, especially flooding. The project involved the remote mapping of Alogboshie, Akweteyman and Alajo. These are areas of focus in a larger resilience project, Greater Accra Resilience and Integrated Development (GARID), and are all located along the Odaw River which is prone to floods. Alogboshie is a community that is plagued by perennial flooding affecting its residents and those in neighboring communities. The area is usually flooded in the months of June and July during the peak times of the rainy season. The effect of the flood on human life in the community is huge. Often after floods, some community residents are displaced.

The Open Cities Accra team - led by Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT), Mobile Web Ghana and OpenStreetMap Ghana (OSM Ghana).

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Status: Complete

Tools used:

Tool Type	Tool	Use
Software	ODK	Field data collection surveys
	JOSM	Digitization, creation of .osm layers for OMK set-up, data cleaning following data collection
	QGIS	Creation of field assignment areas, creation of maps following data collection

Tool Type	Tool	Use
Hardware	KoboToolBox	Cloud server to share forms and receive field data
	Tecno C9	Smartphones used for field data collection

Field Mapping Workflow

1. Technical Set-up

- Remote digitization through HOT Tasking Manager
 - For this, we used
- Development of data model (in coordination with project partners and stakeholders)
- Creation of ODK
- Set up a KoboToolbox Server for use in downloading forms and receiving field data

2. Field Mapping

- Field mappers grouped into teams with leaders
- Use of ODK (full survey) and OSMAnd (tracking field movement) by field mappers on a daily basis
- Uploading field data to POSM/online ODK server on a daily basis
- Download data from the server
- Manually divide downloaded data into small sections that can be cleaned in a few hours
- Data cleaning and upload procedures
 - Data cleaning in JOSM
- All mapped data was uploaded to OSM, and was later used to develop map products to be used by stakeholders
- Download data from OSM via QuickOSM
- Creation of maps in QGIS using Print Composer & Atlas