



YouthMappers Code of Ethics

The mission of YouthMappers is to cultivate a generation of young leaders who will create resilient communities and define their world by mapping it. In this spirit, we commit to the following guiding principles.

WE VALUE...people. As we cultivate the next generation of mappers, we are mindful that our ultimate intent is to create a global map that is *of* the people, *for* the people and *by* the people. We support a spirit of collaborative mapping that is grassroot and democratic 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. Our intent is to foster this international, interdisciplinary network so that, through virtual collaboration and peer-to-peer support, students learn to contribute to an inclusive, global community where a diversity of participants, perspectives and abilities is 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 virtues while coordinating with field validators to authenticate our work and remain faithful to the local context. As we aspire towards a robust learning experience for all participants, we aim for our contributions to be able to support users to make informed decisions.

WE ADHERE...to open data. YouthMappers works to ensure that the data, information, and results we create is freely available for the greater public good, particularly local populations planning for the welfare, resilience and vitality of their own communities. In this context, we

demand adherence to practices that preserve academic integrity, including proper acknowledgement and citation of work and transparency in practices.

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 do not come without risk. Thus, we take privacy and security standards seriously and commit to protecting the identities of the people in the communities where we map. Our campaigns are focused entirely on humanitarian and development needs and, 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: mappers.vpr@ttu.edu.

This code of conduct applies to all YouthMappers spaces, both online and off.

YouthMappers participants are responsible for adhering to this code at all times; anyone who is found violating this code may be sanctioned or expelled from these places at the discretion of the leadership team.

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