

The Missing Maps project aims to map the world's most vulnerable commununities: areas that are affected by natural disasters, poverty, epidemics, and other crises. Through remote mapping and fieldwork with local volunteers, we aim to put 200 million people "on the map" by 2021.

## Do's And Don'ts When Writing About Missing Maps

- **Do:** Mention OpenStreetMap
- **Do:** Acknowledge the local community's role in production
- **Do:** Properly attribute and acknowledge the contributions of the Missing Maps community
- **Do:** Make language choices that address a community's vulnerabilities
- **Do:** Provide context and be respectful when including visual media

- **Don't:** Call it OpenStreetMaps or Open Street Map
- **Don't:** Remove the community / local organization's importance in the decision making process
- **Don't:** Think we can do it all on our own without each others support
- **Don't:** Refer to a community's perceived socioeconomic status
- **Don't:** Remove agency from people or communities. People are not props and their images should not be used in the abstract

**Golden Rule:** Treat others how you would like to be treated. Always keep in mind how you would feel if this was a picture/article about someone you care about.