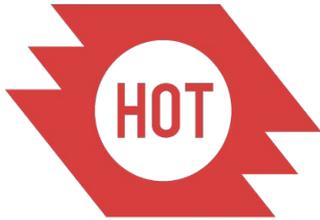


# Uganda Open GIS Community Mapping 'Hyper-Local' Refugee Data



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# Open Mapping and Sustainable Community Capacity



HOT's objective is split between capacity building and map creation.

## Two main engagements:

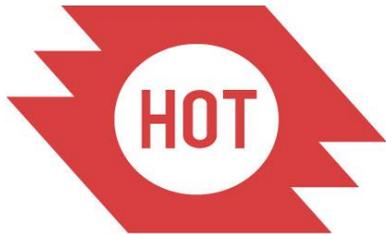
- Collaborative inter-agency data-sharing. **Embedded Trainings** in partner organisations, GIS tooling and data sharing through OSM.

## And:

- HOT engages and trains participants from both **Refugee and Host Communities** as community surveyors under HOT/UNHCR's established standard Data Indicators.

## Result:

**Comprehensive, community-verified maps for operational precision, monitoring, and accountability.**



## Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team

Step 1

Remote volunteers trace  
satellite imagery into  
OpenStreetMap



Step 2

Community mapping  
to add local data



Step 3

Mapped information used  
to plan risk reduction and  
disaster response activities



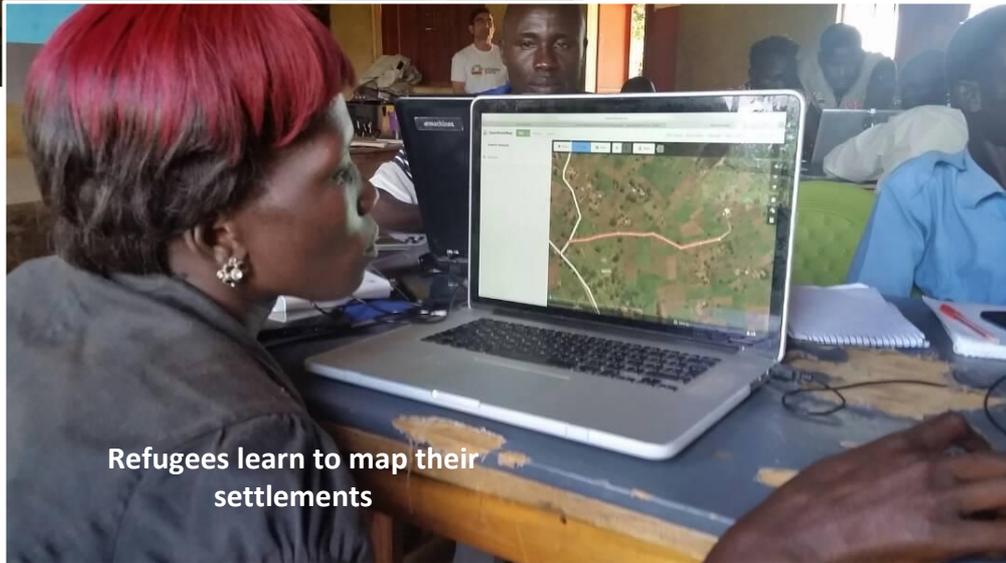
# Remote Mapping



# Refugees and Partners learn to map Settlements



- **OSM** as the standard.
- Sharing as the Standard.
- Sensitive/Confidential data split at source.
- **Geographical Data Only on OSM.**



Refugees learn to map their settlements

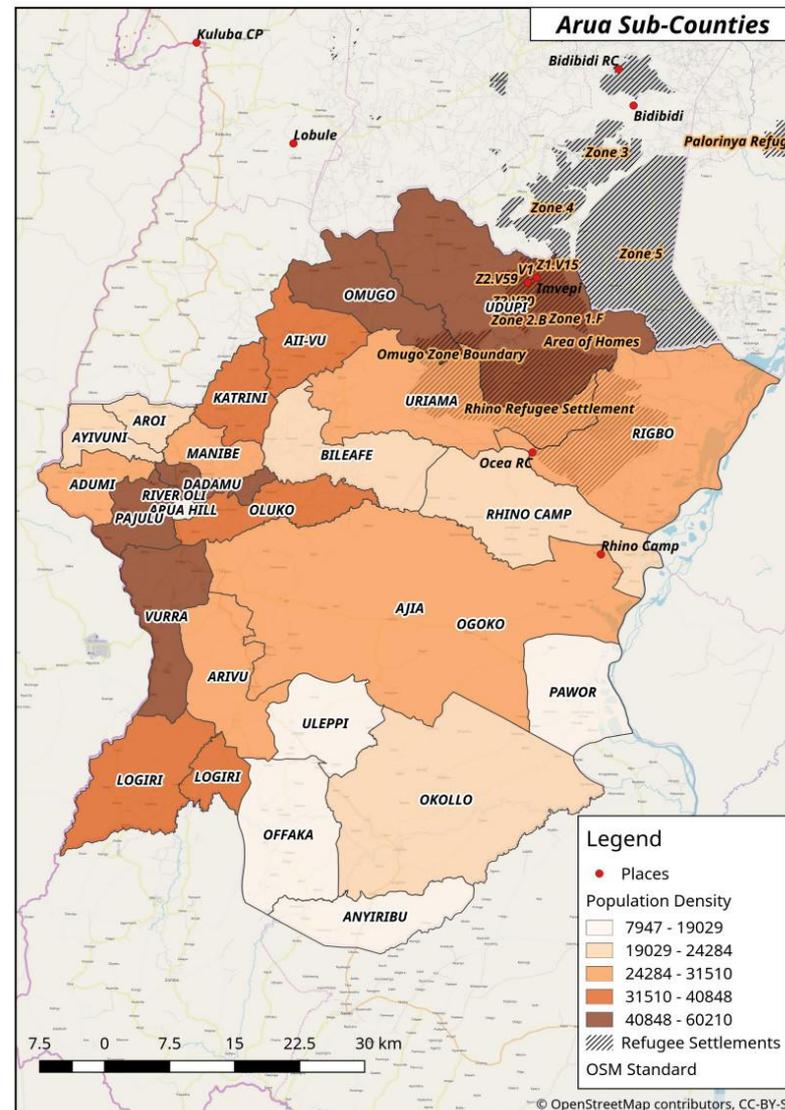
**Sustaining Partner AND community Capacity by: Collaborative Base-Map Updating, through Public Engagement**



## Mapping all Hosting Sub-counties in Arua District.

### SURVEYS:

- Community
- WASH
- Health
- Education
- CBI
- Social/Other

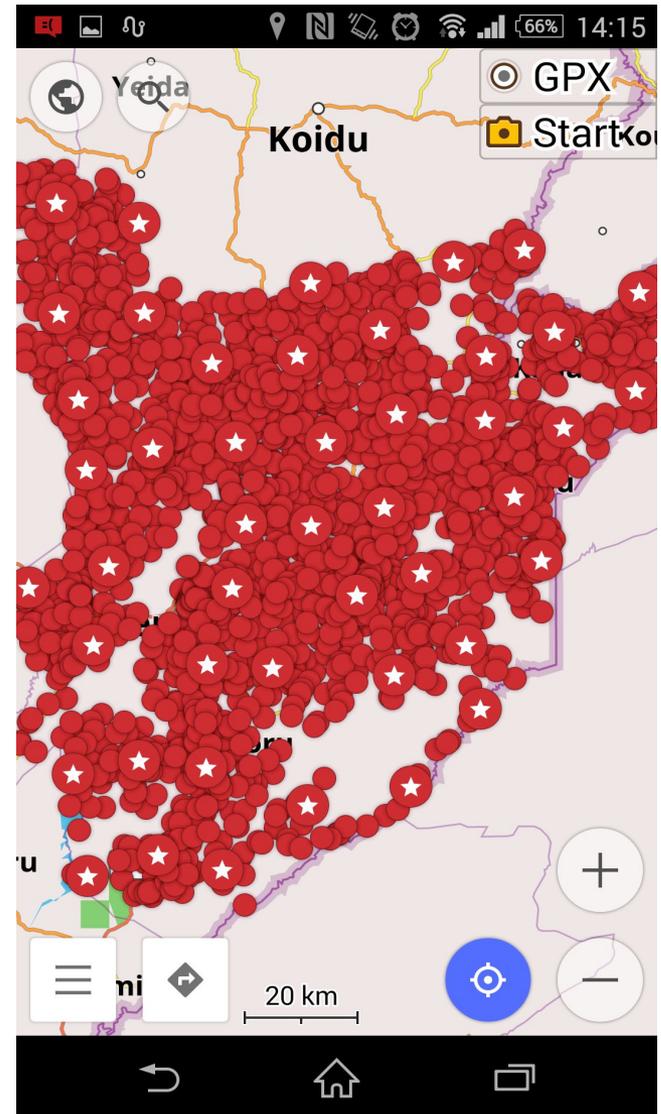
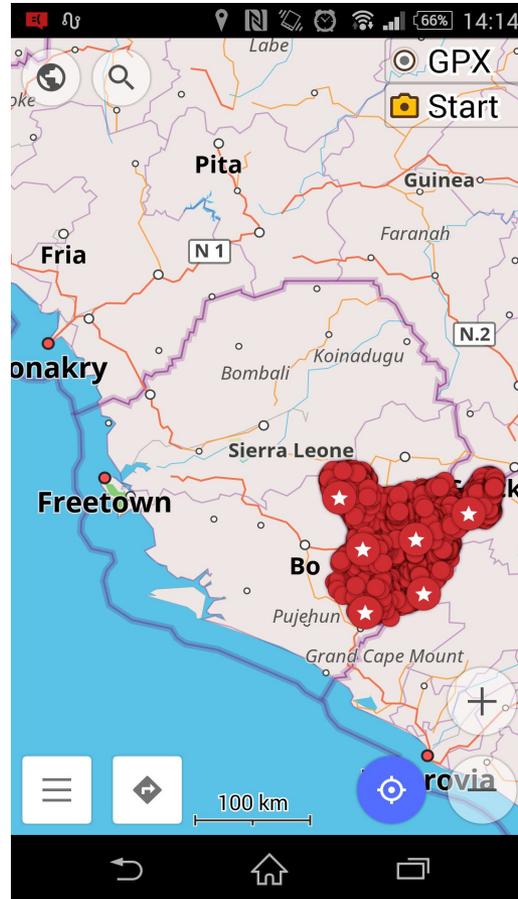


# Field-Strategising for Arua - OSM basemap print-out.

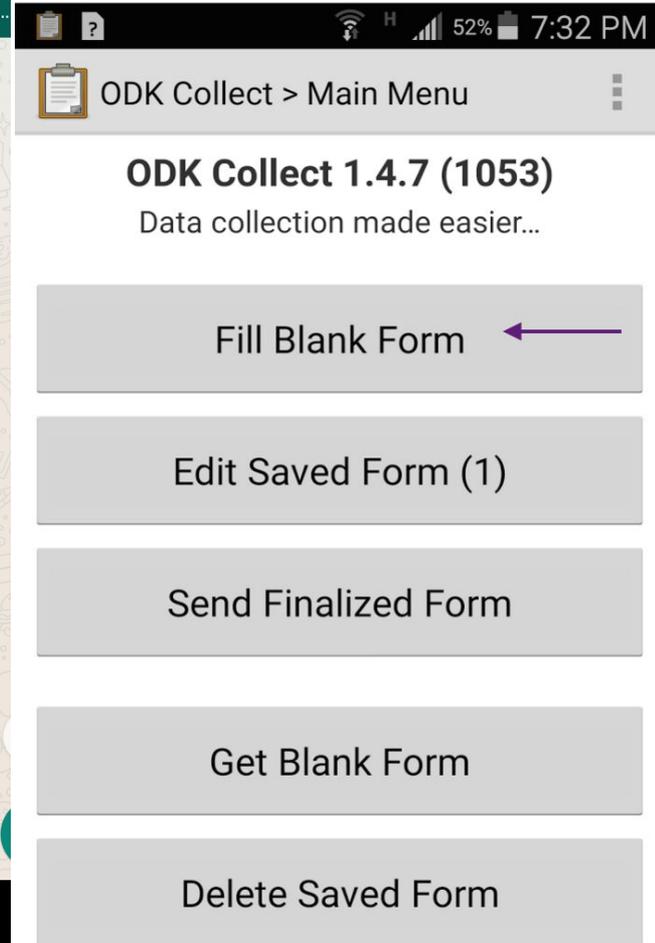
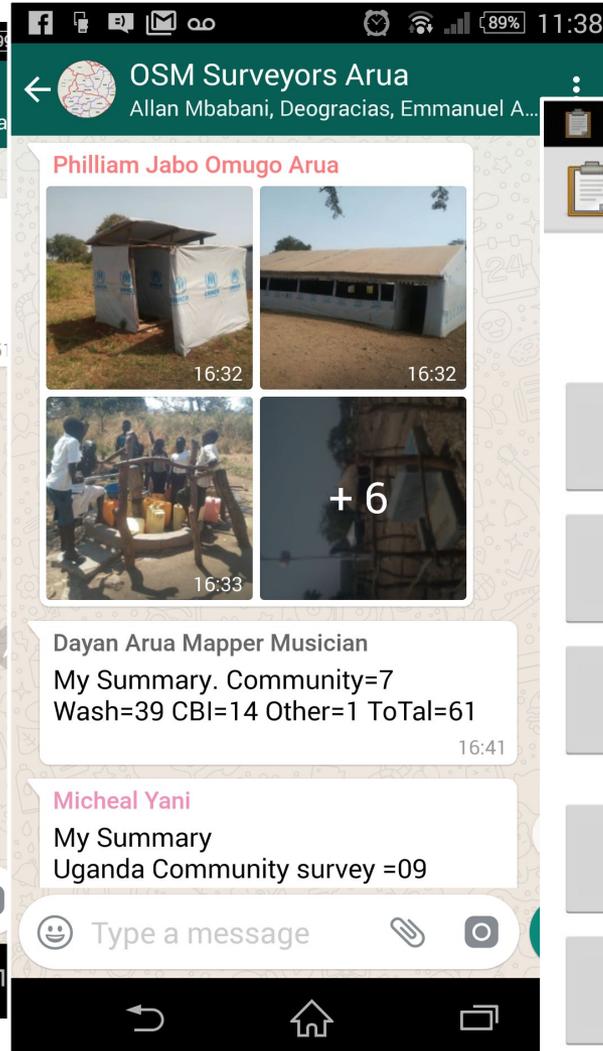
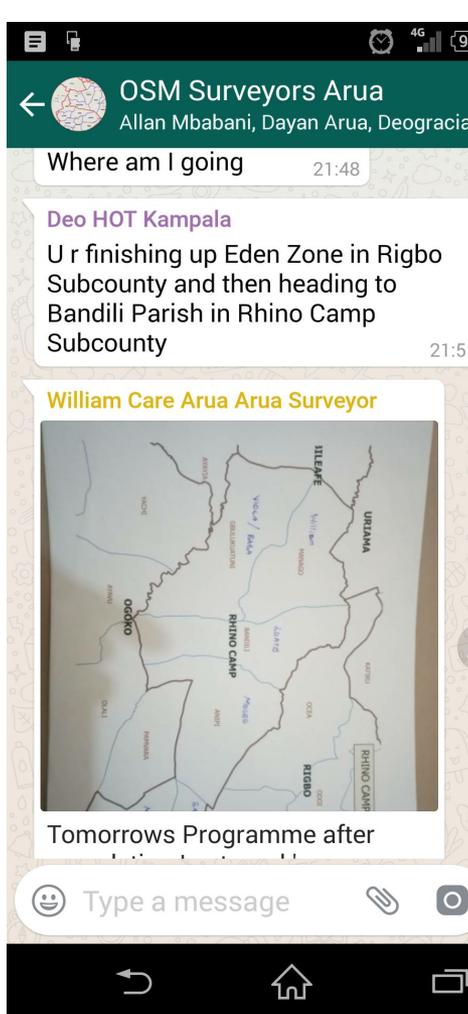


**The shared map evolves, fed by multiple and continued data sources**

# Data Across Devices, Stored Offline



# Mobile Data Collection tools - ODK and Kobo



# Server Visualisation Daily Survey Monitoring



The screenshot displays the KoboToolbox web interface in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://kobo.unhcr.org/#/forms/aS3TTXvuCPmFRx6p9mvmY3/data/m>. The page title is "Uganda\_Community\_Survey\_v10" and it indicates "267 submissions".

The interface is divided into several sections:

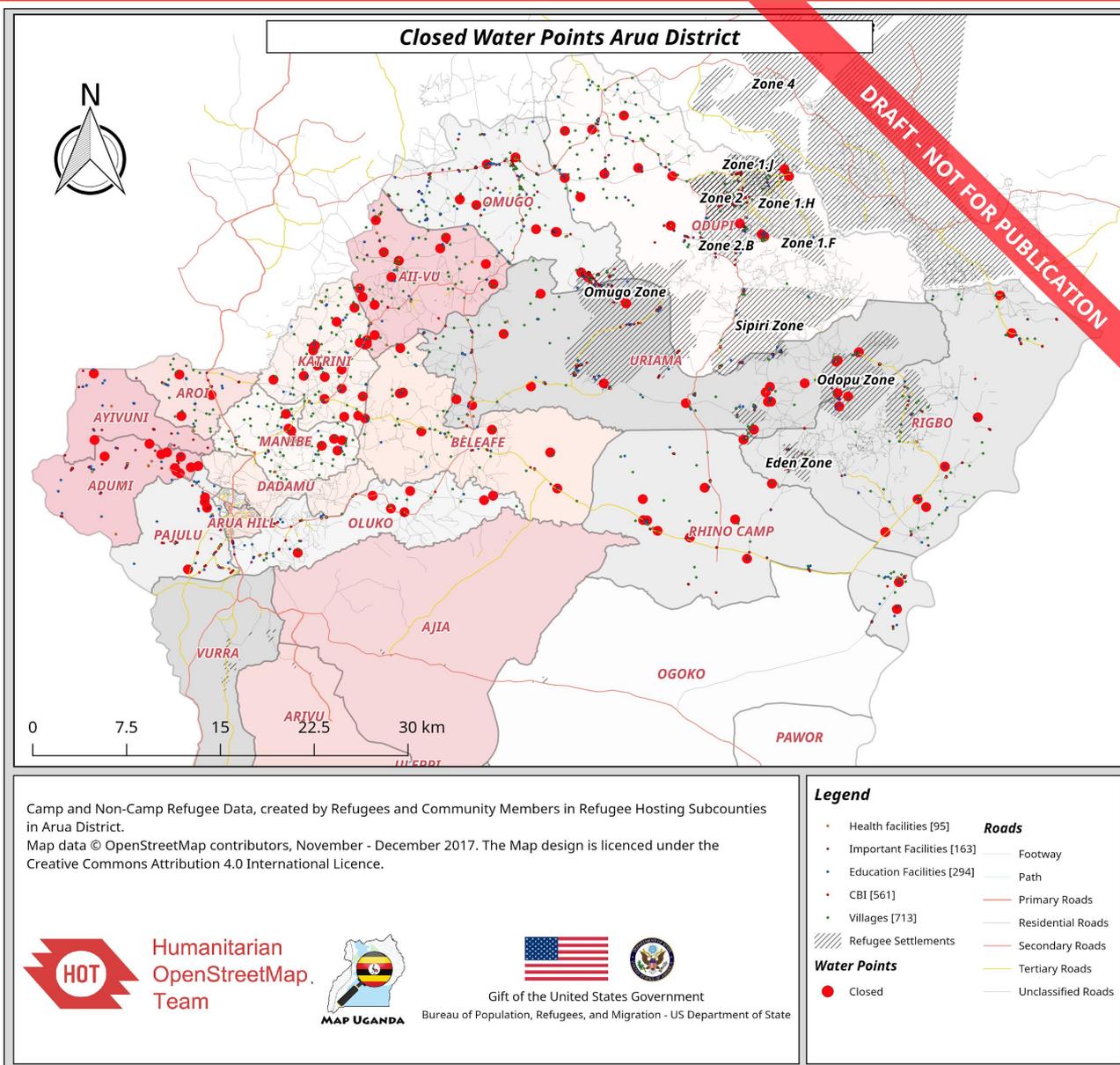
- Navigation:** A vertical sidebar on the left contains icons for various tools and a "NEW" button.
- Form Management:** A list of forms is shown, including "Deployed" (9), "WASH\_Facility\_Form\_v...", "Uganda\_Community\_S...", "Uganda\_Community\_S...", "WASH\_Facility\_Form\_v...", "Education\_Facility\_For...", "CBI\_Facility\_Form\_v08", "Health\_Facility\_Forms...", "Other\_Important\_Facili...", and "OSM\_Arua\_Mapping\_R...". Below this are "Draft" (0) and "Archived" (7) sections.
- Data Visualization:** A central map of Uganda is displayed with a "DATA" tab selected. The map shows a dense cluster of red circular markers in the central region, representing survey data points. Labels on the map include "Yumbe", "Koboko", "Oleba", "Ovujo", "Abia", "Ariwara", "Arua", "Vura", "Acha", "Abario", "Aling", "Achimari", "Aliba", "Esia", and "Endrebamvuku".
- Map Controls:** The map includes a "View By" dropdown menu, a "back to project" button, and a "Leaflet" logo in the bottom right corner.

HOT is committed to assisting partners to manage data, and commit geo-specific point and line data to OSM.

Government agencies are key stakeholders of spatial data.

Development partners, local NGOs, CBOs, and CSOs, as well as citizens, participate and play a vital role in the process of collecting, using and maintaining data.





## Non-Functioning Water Points in Arua

## CONTENT VERIFICATION - COORDINATING OPEN CITIES

- Community Mobilisation
- Community-Verified
- Upskilling, Sustained, Inclusive

## PARTNERS SKILLING

- Familiar and Inclusive Technology
- Broad Complete dataset accessed by all through ODK, XLS
- GIS skillsets across sectors and Agencies
- Field Feedback, Community Advocacy

