



MAPME INITIATIVE

A community-driven initiative supporting project planning, monitoring, and evaluation in development cooperation through Earth observation and Geographic Information Systems



MAPME Community

is a space where researchers, sector experts, impact evaluators, field organizations, and funders meet, share experiences and best practices, raise questions and challenges, and collaborate on new tools, standards, and projects to promote the use of geospatial data, GIS, and Earth observation in the development sector.



MAPME Resources

are the tools, trainings, and standards developed by the MAPME community: the mapme.biodiversity package, code repositories, QGIS courses, the Project Location Standard, and technical guides. MAPME centralizes them in one place and makes them openly available, so no one has to rebuild what already works.



MAPME Projects

are joint work between institutions: the BETSAKA impact evaluation of protected areas in Madagascar, AFD-KfW evaluations of conservation support in Africa and Latin America, and a shared standard for the geolocation of development projects. We work at fostering new collaborations within the community.



MAPME Geo4Impact Event

is our conference on the use of geospatial data and tools in development cooperation. Geo4Impact 2025, at AFD headquarters in Paris, gathered 90 participants on site and 100+ online from 45 organizations for field experiences, hands-on demos, and deep dives into geospatial impact evaluation.

It's Open Source. And it's open to everyone.

Whether you are a project manager, GIS expert, researcher, thought leader, or simply an enthusiast eager to engage with the MAPME community, please reach out to:

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