De-mystifying Geospatial Technology

A case study on capacity-building in GIS & GPS

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Context: Kibera Informal Settlement

"The world possesses the resources and knowledge to ensure that even the poorest countries, and others held back by disease, geographic isolation or civil strife, can be empowered to achieve the MDGs."

Ban Ki Moon (UN Secretary General, 2010)

Everything that happens...happens *somewhere*

This photo essay discusses **capacity-building** for **geographic information systems(GIS)** and **global positioning systems(GPS)** for technical and managerial level staff from *Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company* (NCWSC), *Water Sanitation for the Urban Poor* (WSUP), and the *Umande Trust*. (Kibera Informal Settlements, Nairobi, Kenya: June – July 2010)GPS

Kibera Informal Settlement

Conditions:

- Shallow bed-rock and very high housing density mean domestic latrine pits are shallow and difficult to access for emptying
- Communal toilet blocks are being built – but still significant levels of open defecation and sewage
- Broken sewerage and water mains, and poor drainage spread disease
- Illegal, unregulated water connections make problems worse

Challenges:

- Locating municipal pipes for maintenance and improvement
- Locating leaks and illegal/unregulated connections
- Keeping track of water usage for planning and revenue purposes
- Updating existing maps to match what's on the ground

How can GIS & GPS help WASH Practitioners?

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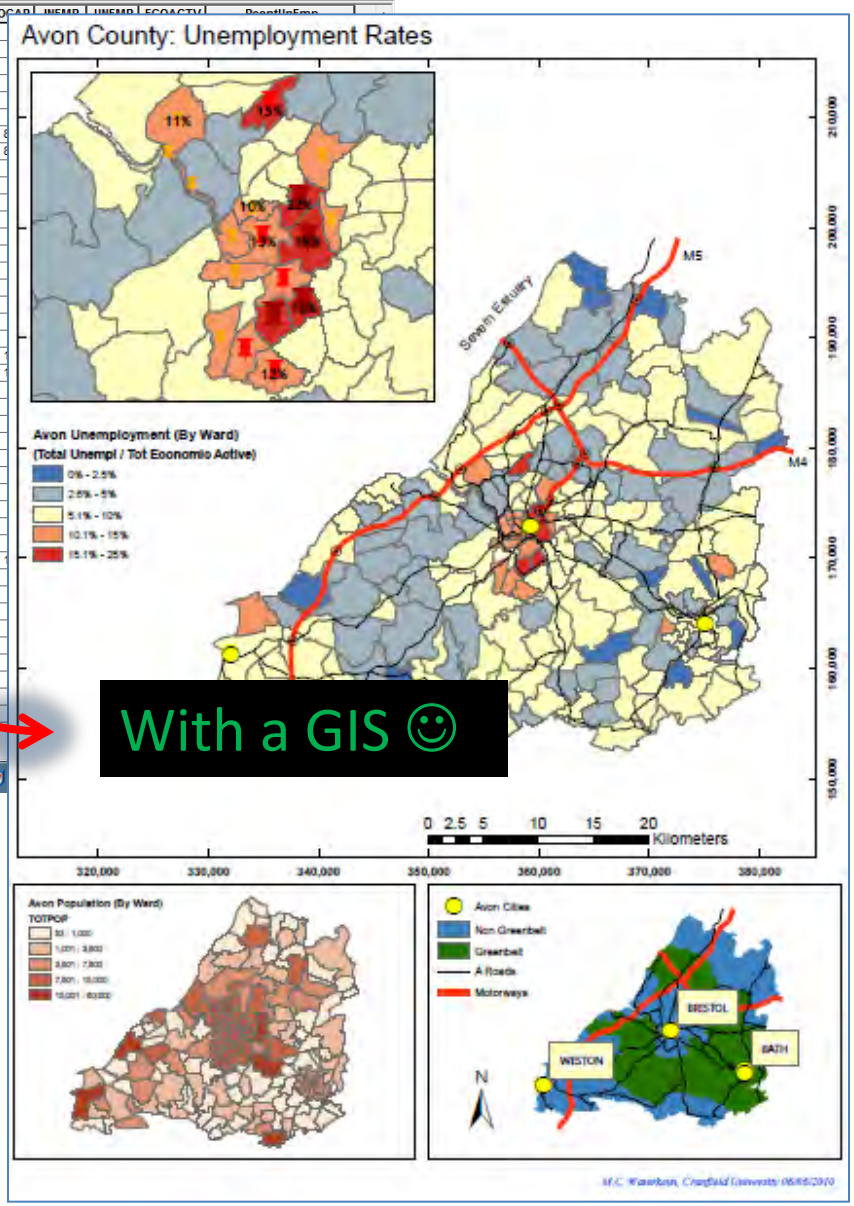
Without a GIS ☹

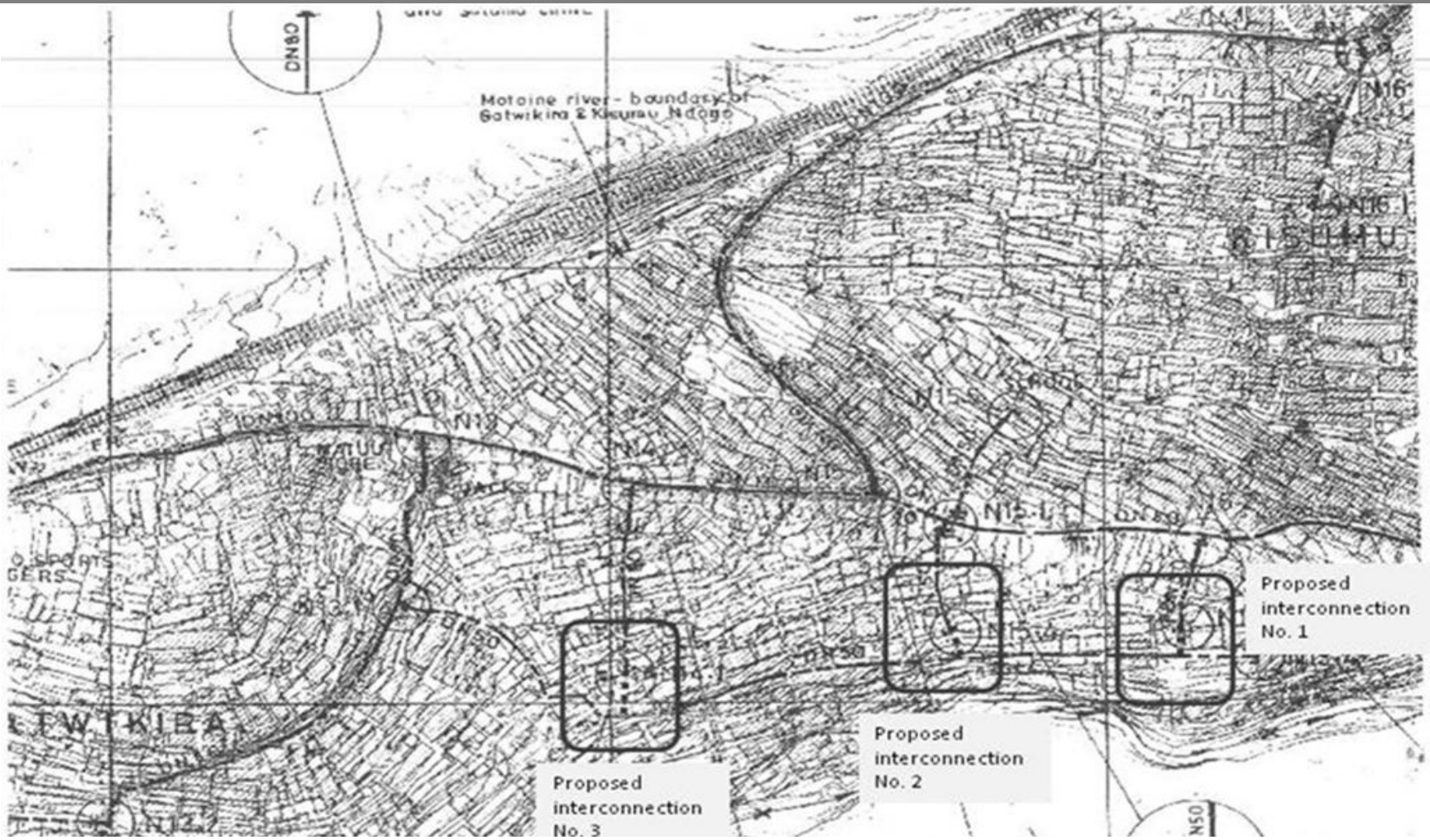
With a GIS ☺



- GIS (Geographical Information System) allows us to collect the key information and represent it as a map...
- GPS (Global Positioning System) is a very quick, and relatively accurate way to collect coordinates and to navigate in the field...

A picture (or a map) says a thousand words...

Pre-training Capacity:
Map used by WSUP, Umande & NCWSC (Nairobi Water) project staff in a Community Liaison Meeting

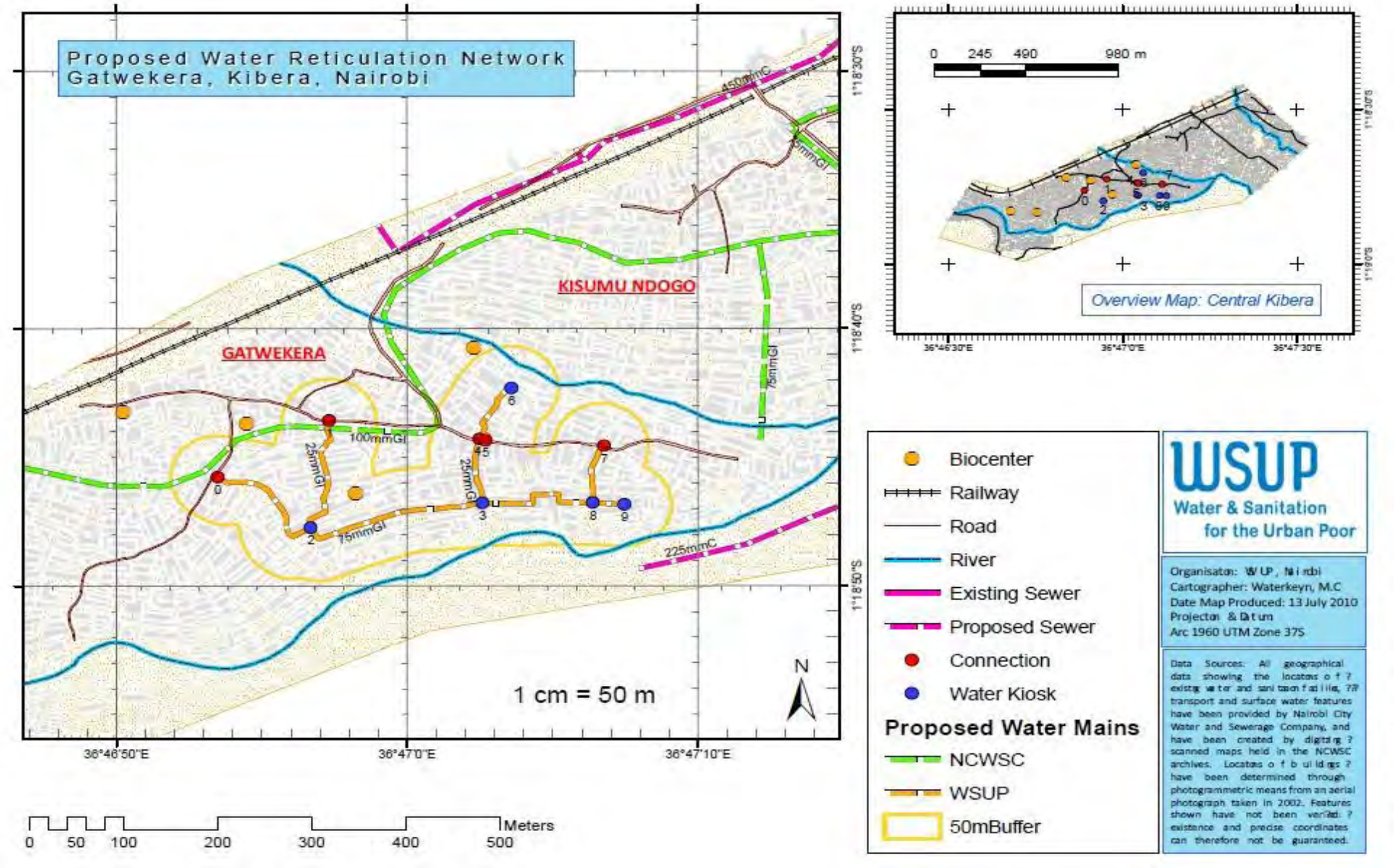


Proposed pipe layout on a traditional map of the township: no scale, legend and few labels of existing and proposed features. This poor quality and out of date map misses all the key features needed to orientate the reader, to accurately locate features. It does not illustrate the proposed WASH scheme clearly.

Capacity building for GIS & GPS will help the project WASH staff to create and update new maps that clearly illustrate any proposed WASH project.

Target Mapping Capacity:

To create a clear map of existing and proposed infrastructure –archive data is used from the NCWSC database with ArcGIS software. This is geo-referenced with satellite images from Google Earth and new GPS data collected on-site with basic hand-held GPS devices.



Mapping Capacity Building Workshop:

Training was carried out in one intensive week. It included an overview of GIS & GPS applications and limitations; class demonstrations and tutorials in ArcGIS specifically on a current WASH project; as well as learning how to collect and verify GPS data collected on a site visit to Kibera.

Participants were 19 WASH practitioners from Nairobi Water (NCWSC), the Umande Trust, and Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP) including civil engineers, field technicians, surveyors, project managers and sociologists. They worked in groups to share ideas (and laptops!).

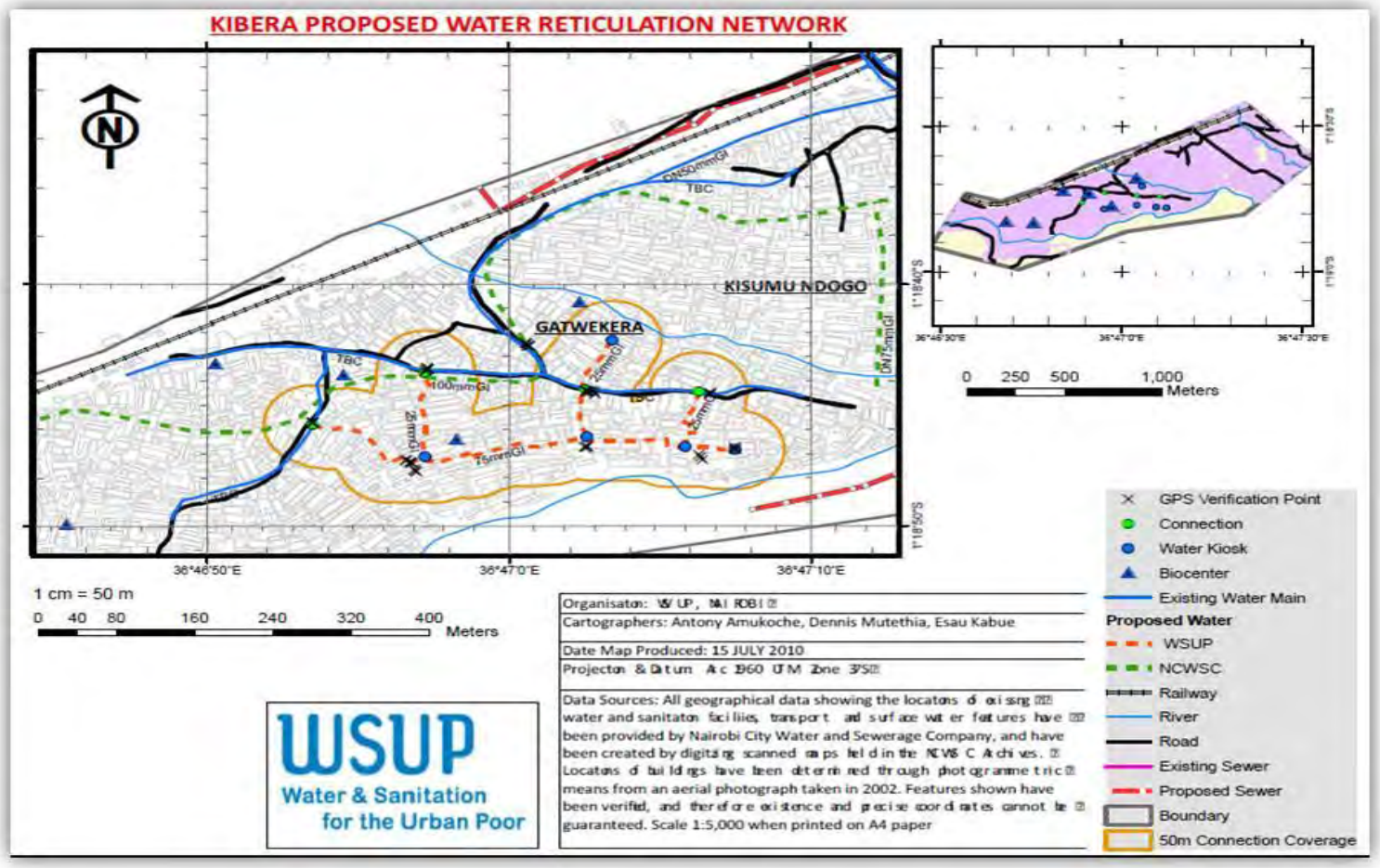
Training Programme:

GIS Capacity Building Workshop Timetable

Location:		Conference Centre [Hotel]	Conference Centre [Hotel]	Site [Kibera]	Conference Centre [Hotel]	NCWSC and Umande Offices
Start-Finish	Day:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00hrs-10.30hrs	Session 1	Intro Presentation: Fundamentals of GIS and GPS	Tutorial 3: Georeferencing Images & Error Checking	[Site Visit] GPS Navigation	Workshop: Site Data Input & Consolidation and Extension Exercise	Trouble-shooting Session [Umande Office]
10.30hrs-12.30hrs	Session 2	Tutorial 1: Data Management in ArcCatalogue		[Site Visit]: GPS Surveying		
Lunch						
13.30hrs-15.00hrs	Session 3	Tutorial 2: Map Making in ArcMap	Tutorial 4: Adding Data Layers, Digitizing Images & Buffer Zones	Private study/ office work	Individual map preparations	Trouble-shooting Session [NCWSC Office]
15.00hrs-17.30hrs	Session 4				Group feedback session	

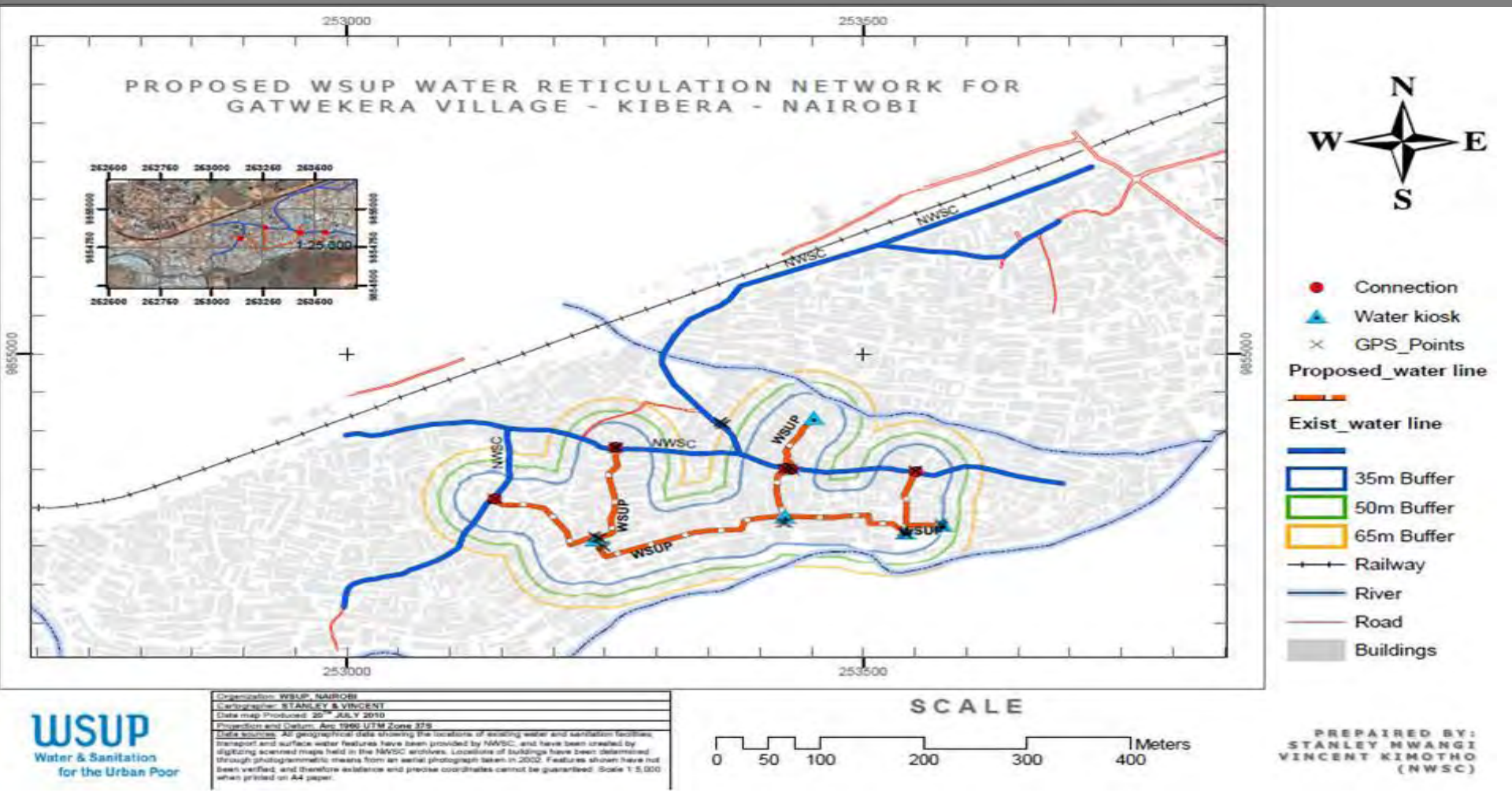
Capacity Building Results:

This map was submitted by one of the groups and is of similar standard reached by all the participants. The map demonstrates that the *TARGET CAPACITY* was reached. They learned how to navigate and collect data using a GPS; understand the limitations of the technology and the risks involved in 'blindly' using secondary sources of geospatial data. They made clear project maps with all the features a reader needs to independently orientate themselves and identify key features.



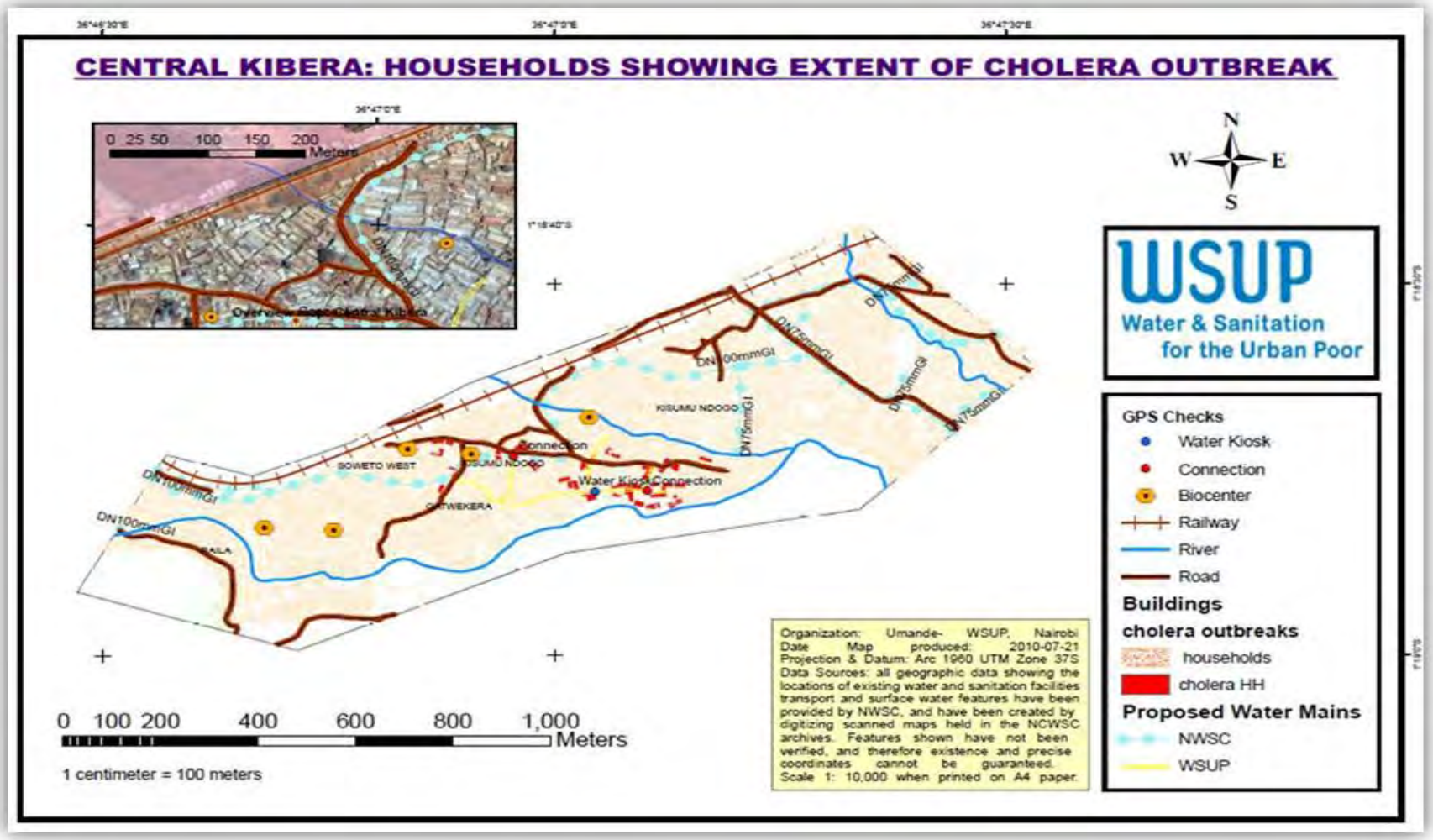
Some individuals struggled with particular areas namely, georeferencing of satellite images taken off Google Earth, and using the ArcGIS Digitising and Editing tools. However, though the interactive approach each group was able to collectively produce a map that met the key targets of the capacity building programme.

Exploring the Limitations of GPS & GPS:



Some groups explored additional applications of GIS & GPS. This map by some NCWSC staff shows the implications of having a 15m GPS reading error when calculating which households can be included in the proposed 50m *Social Connection Policy*. The scheme will only subsidise the connections for households that are within 50m (households outside this line would need to pay for pipe connections). Just as adding 2" onto the edge of a 7" pizza doubles the size of the pizza, the error of 15m on either side of a radial 50m threshold could have riotous implications!

Exploring other Applications of GPS & GPS:

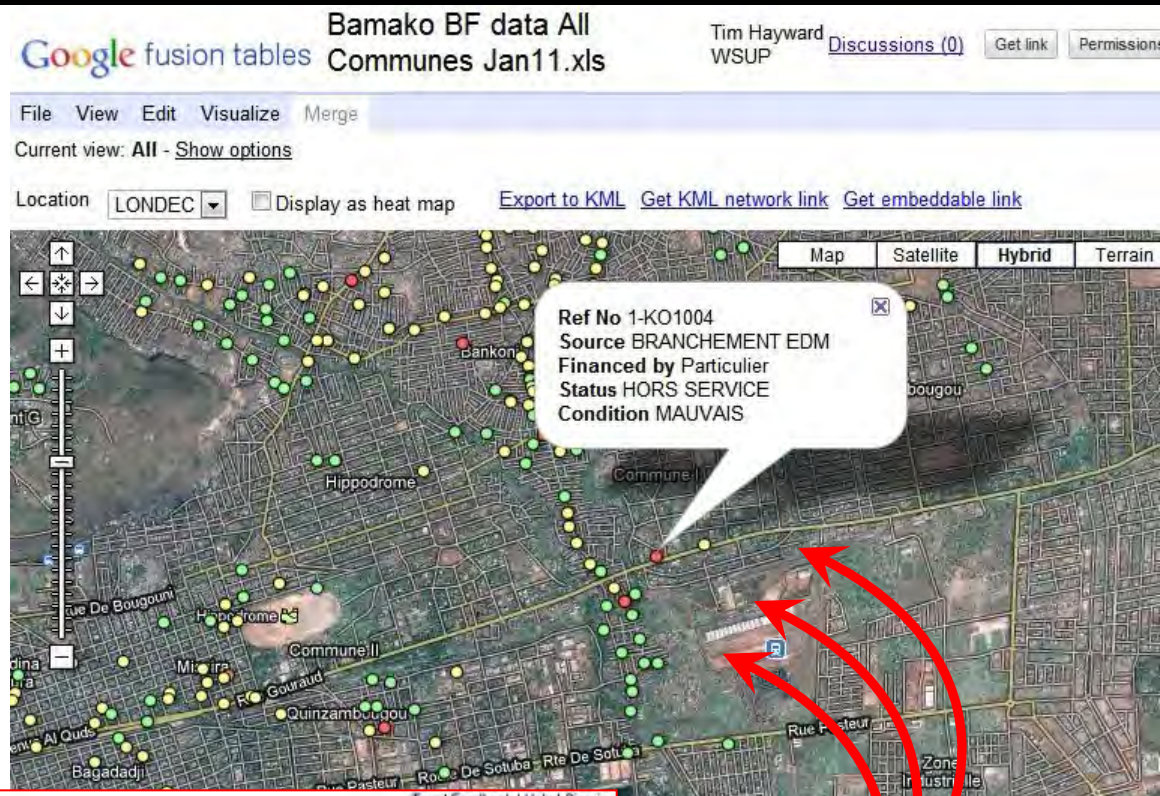


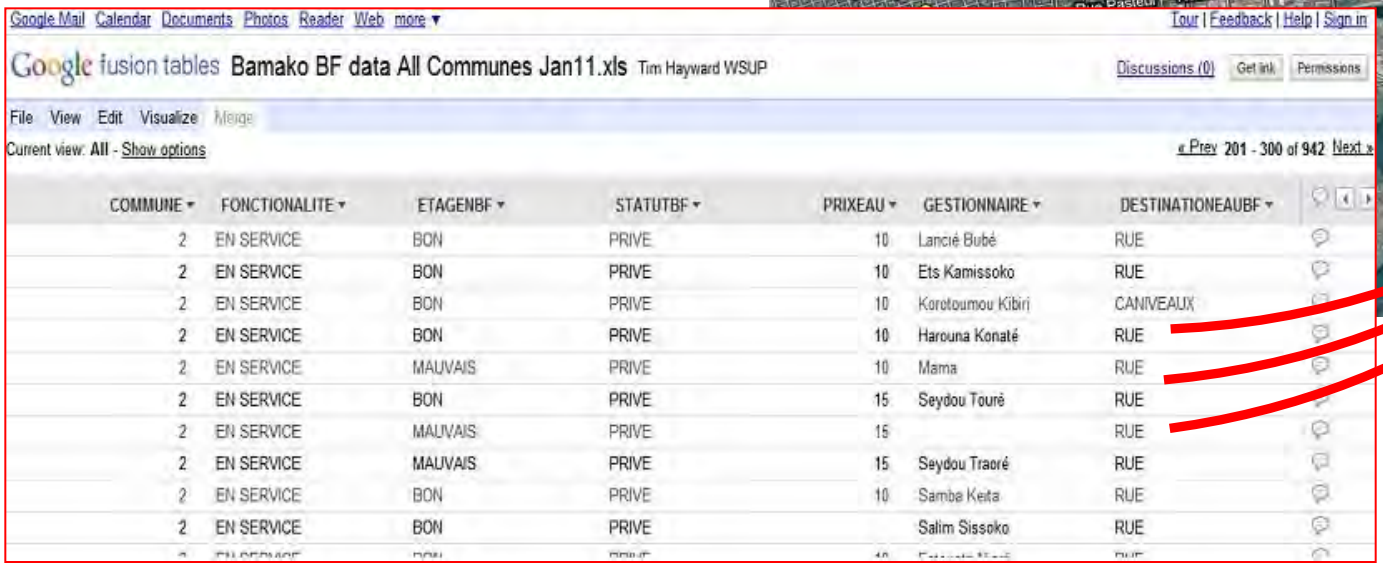
This map was created by the team from the Umande Trust after the course. It represents health data geospatially – allowing them to track health indicators in their project area.

This map is a hypothetical *Cholera Outbreak Map.* Cholera is still a significant risk to the urban poor living in Kibera, so the use of GIS and GPS to trace and arrest an outbreak must surely be seen as an essential application of this technology by WASH practitioners.

And elsewhere in Africa... Water Point Mapping in Bamako, Mali (WSUP)

Mapping of all public water points around the city of Bamako. A new free software from Google has been released called Fusion Tables. It can represent on Google Maps large amounts of data stored on an Excel spreadsheet. It's very simple to use, free, and allows the user to represent and very efficiently send large amounts project data via email by simply sending the link to fusion tables stored online.





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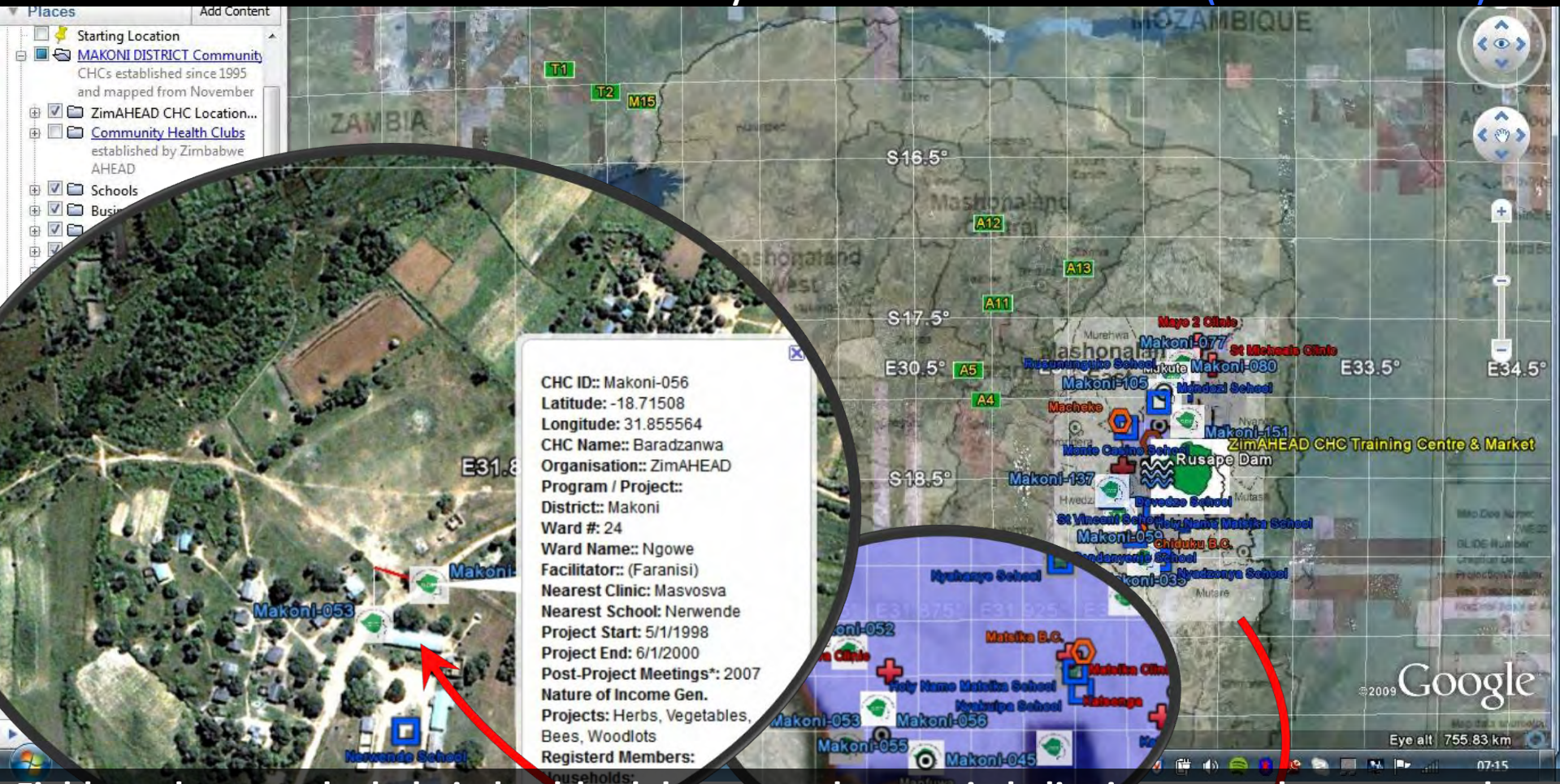
And finally, in Zimbabwe...

Locations and social data from 164 Community Health Clubs in Makoni District (Zimbabwe AHEAD)



Field workers marked their health clubs on a photocopied district map; these were then located more precisely on Google Earth (not driving around the bush with GPS). The project map of the district was overlaid using a simple tool in Google Earth. Data from household surveys (indicators of water and sanitation uptake, membership numbers, project dates, Income Generating Projects etc) were entered on an Excel spreadsheet and transferred to Google Earth via a Google Fusion Table. A sophisticated map on a detailed satellite image – storing and representing vast amounts of data in a clear and user-friendly manner!


Speak your mind with maps!
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Tropic of Cancer
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