Project –OSM Booster Grant

Report – OSM Workshop- Mapathon

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Topic of the training	OSM - Mapathon
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Training Venue	Center for Information Communication Technology
Date (s)	19th and 20th of June 2023
Participants	Workshop one - 55 Students of EUSL Workshop two - 55 Students of EUSL

Introduction

Information is powerful. With good information and the right understanding. Individuals and communities are better able to improve their lives and make good decisions about the future. There are many people and organizations that make decisions that affect our lives. Good information allows higher educational institutions and their students and academics to make better decisions for themselves and their communities. And hopefully make our lives better. Maps are a good way to convey information. Maps are visual symbols of our world. They can often demonstrate an idea better than words. This, in turn, can help us answer important questions. *Where is the closest hospital or school? Who has the least access to these facilities? Where is poverty the most problematic? Or where the probability of pest attack in crops is high,* Questions like these can often be best expressed with maps, and maps can help find solutions to these questions.

In the two days of the OSM Workshop, first off, all participants reviewed from the beginning, which means they learned about OSM tools and software available, such as ID Editor and JOSM. They might also review maps.me and GPS Essential to collecting data and contributing to the map. And cleared their doubts.

In the workshop session, all asked their doubts and got clear on OSM.

The workshop focused on how to train others. This means that TOT (Training OF Trainers) is the main objective of this session.

Through this workshop, we formed a trainer team of people who had previously received training from the OSM Booster Grant.

Objective of the trainings

1. Clear all doubts about OSM's Basic knowledge and create an OSM trainer.
2. Learn the order of a training session.
3. Mapathon
4. Training for trainers.
5. Selection of mappers for future activities of the booster grant

Description of the training.

Methodology

One-on-one training environment to energize individual and group work. Learning by doing exercises and real-time mapping concept pitching exercises

We created a task in HOTM and mapped those days. And cleared our doubts. With a group discussion, we learned more about OSM. Through this, selected mappers will train trainers.

Key Result.

1. Mapped on HOTM and increased digitizing
2. Created trainers for training.
3. Selected mappers for future activities of OSM

Some captures from workshop days.

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