



HOST AN MSF MAPATHON

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Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) knows that the people most vulnerable to humanitarian crises are often among the hardest to reach. That's why we joined the Missing Maps initiative, a program which addresses the need humanitarian organizations have for maps of the areas where we work.

MSF offers Canadian companies the opportunity to host a Mapathon, an engaging event where your employees will be able to map a wide geographical area using OpenStreetMap. By hosting a Mapathon, your employees can volunteer their time and skills to help MSF continue providing emergency medical care where its needed most.

The photos seen here are from MSF's malaria project in Burundi in 2020. The project used data collected at mapathons for a systematic approach to spraying houses with insecticide. Indoor residual spraying is an important technique for malaria prevention and it was a key factor in an 80 per cent decrease of cases in Kinyinya district. Equipped with geolocation devices, the team is able to track their daily progress of houses sprayed.

An MSF team after treating a house. Burundi, 2020. ©Richard Malikonge »



“[With geographic information] we have an exact vision of the number of houses, the topography and the paths available, so that we can plan the interventions and follow the progress day by day.”

-Dr. Hippolyte Mboma, MSF's malaria project manager in Kinyinya district



YOUR MAPATHON



A Mapathon is a customizable experience for your employees. We are excited to work with you to create a unique and engaging team event.

Mapathons generally last between one to two hours and can be customized to fit your company's needs. Your employees can benefit from learning new skills and hearing from an MSF staff member about the impact their work has on MSF projects. We are excited to host a Mapathon in your office or virtually and our team will work with you to customize a Mapathon for the size of your team.



Your Mapathon can include:

- An introduction to MSF and Missing Maps
- A talk from an MSF staff member about their experiences working at an MSF project
- Training on mapping techniques
- Time to map an MSF project

« A thank you photo from the MSF Chad Emergency Response Unit for the Missing Maps volunteers who supported the measles vaccination campaign in Am Timan, Chad. 2019. © MSF

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