



DACOTA REMOTE MONITORING

DACOTA (DAta **CO**llection-**T**ransformation-**A**nalysis) is a remote monitoring system designed to support organisations working in fragile, low-access, or high-risk environments. It enables structured oversight of project implementation across multiple partners and locations, providing reliable, verifiable evidence of on-the-ground progress. DACOTA helps make changes visible and ensures that project data is easy to access, share, and use, even when physical access is limited.

WHY THIS MATTERS

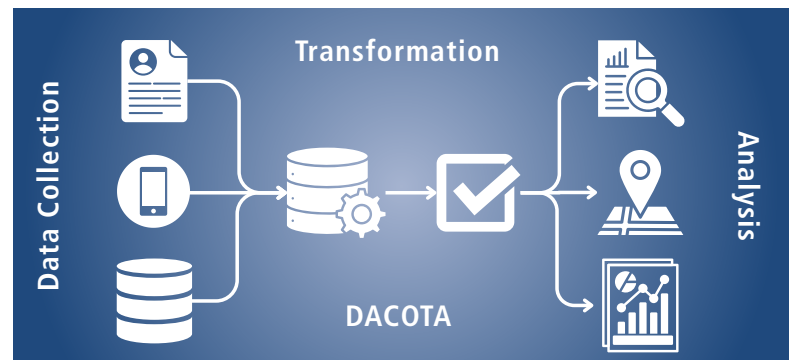
Organisations operating in remote or high-risk environments often face:

- Limited ability to physically access project sites
- Fragmented data across multiple partners and contractors
- Difficulty verifying field activities and reported results
- Increasing reporting and audit pressure from donors

In many cases, monitoring relies on a combination of surveys, field visits, photos, and reports, often managed across different tools and formats.

WHAT DACOTA DOES

DACOTA provides a single, structured system to collect, consolidate, and verify project data across all partners and locations.



KEY CAPABILITIES

- **Multi-partner oversight** – Standardised reporting across implementing partners and field teams in one system
- **Geographic visualisation** – Interactive maps showing where activities are implemented
- **Evidence verification** – GPS- and time-stamped photos and documents linked to specific activities
- **Offline data collection** – Data can be collected in low-connectivity environments and synchronised later
- **Dashboards & activity tracking** – Clear overview of project progress across partners and locations
- **Support for third-party monitoring (TPM)** – Integration of partner-reported data with independent verification inputs
- **Beneficiary tracking** – Structured tracking of participants and beneficiaries, linked to activities and evidence
- **Audit-ready reporting** – Structured data and traceable evidence for compliance and donor reporting

WHAT THIS ENABLES

- Clear visibility across dispersed project locations
- Stronger verification and cross-checking of field activities
- Easier access to evidence for programme managers and auditors
- Improved coordination across partners and contractors
- Increased accountability and transparency

WORKING WITH DACOTA

DACOTA can be used as a:

- Monitoring system for multi-partner programmes
- Supporting platform for independent verification (TPM) providers
- Evidence and reporting system for donor-funded project

SELECTED REFERENCES

Afghanistan

Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR)/ Food Security in Intact Ecosystems (FinE) project (GIZ)

Ethiopia

Sustainable Land Management project (KfW)

Democratic Republic of Congo

Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management Programme (GIZ)

Cameroon

Rural Development Support Program – PADER (GIZ)

South Sudan

GIZ South Sudan Portfolio (GIZ)



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