

# SYSTEMS MAPPING TOOL

A tool for mapping the interactions between stakeholders, institutions and external factors.

## WHY USE THIS TOOL?

By mapping the systems contributing to and affected by a challenge, you will be able to understand the community's context. This will also enable you to consider the dependencies and limitations of the problem and solution-space.

## WHERE CAN YOU FIND THIS TOOL?

You can find more information on this and other tools from Institute without Boundaries at [institutewithoutboundaries.ca](http://institutewithoutboundaries.ca)

## HOW TO USE IT

1. List the interactions between stakeholders and institutions within your city systems.
2. Analyze the external factors affecting these stakeholders and institutions that you've previously identified.
3. Once completed, use a separate sheet of paper to map the interdependencies, connections and gaps between all the elements.

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Objective: To map the interactions within the systems in your city.

**STEP 2 - PERSONALIZE YOUR CONSIDERATIONS: EVALUATIVE**

**STAKEHOLDERS**  
List the stakeholders impacted by the system.

**INSTITUTIONS**  
List the institutions within the system.

**EXTERNAL FACTORS**  
List the external factors affecting the people and institutions of the system.

In a separate sheet, map how the listed items interact with one another to identify interdependencies and gaps.