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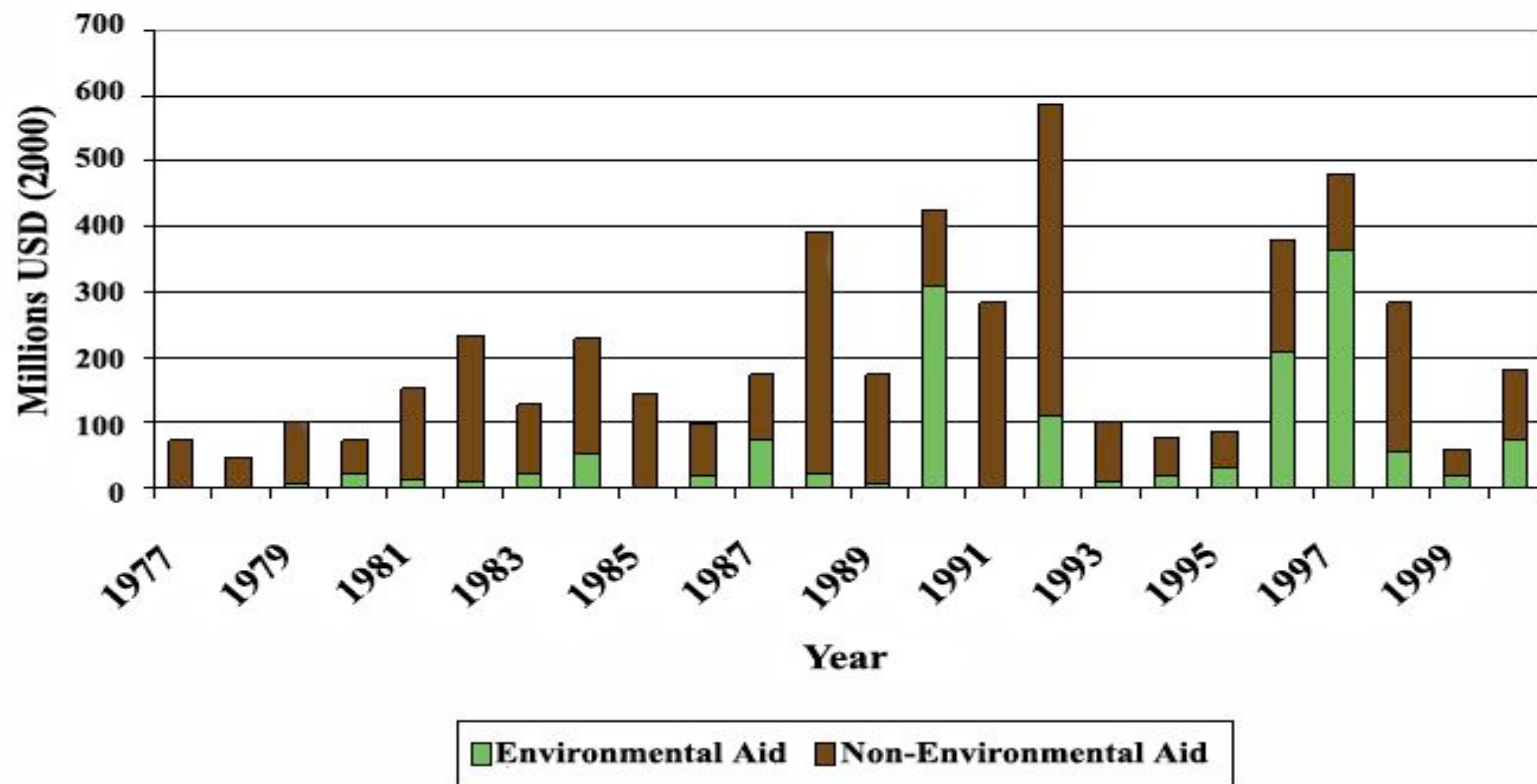
- Our Mission
 - To create and make public a comprehensive statistical database of past and present development finance project information from governments and IGOs.
 - Enable **student-faculty research**
- Our Funders and Partners
 - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
 - William & Flora Hewlett Foundation
 - National Science Foundation
 - NSF-Minerva (Department of Defense CCAPS Project)
 - World Bank (WBI & GFDRR)

Origins of AidData/PLAID

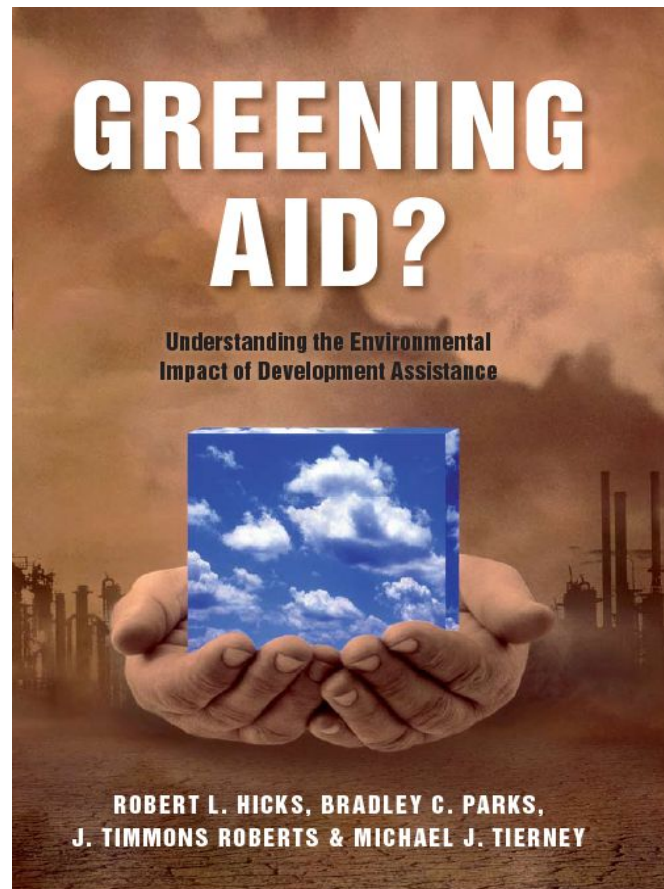
- Honors Thesis 2003: Bilateral Aid and Environment
- Let's Write a Book!
- Serious Data Problems: Scope and Accuracy
- Collected it to answer research questions
- Real-Worlders also saw value in better data
 - Coordination → Less Waste/More Effective Aid
 - Transparency → Accountability → Reduced Poverty
 - Planning → Recipient Governments and NGOs
 - Ammunition for NGO do-gooders (ONE, PWYF)

Why Project Level Coding?

PLAID Coding of the CRS Forestry (31220) Sector



Research Output (2008)



Questions Addressed in Book

- Is environmental aid going up or down?
- Who gives the most environmental aid? Why?
- Why do some countries delegate aid allocation to IOs?
- Are multilateral donors better at targeting environmental aid?
- Which recipients get the **type** of aid they want most
- Case studies and econometric models
- Who Cares? Post Kyoto cooperation mechanism

Broad Trends Over Time

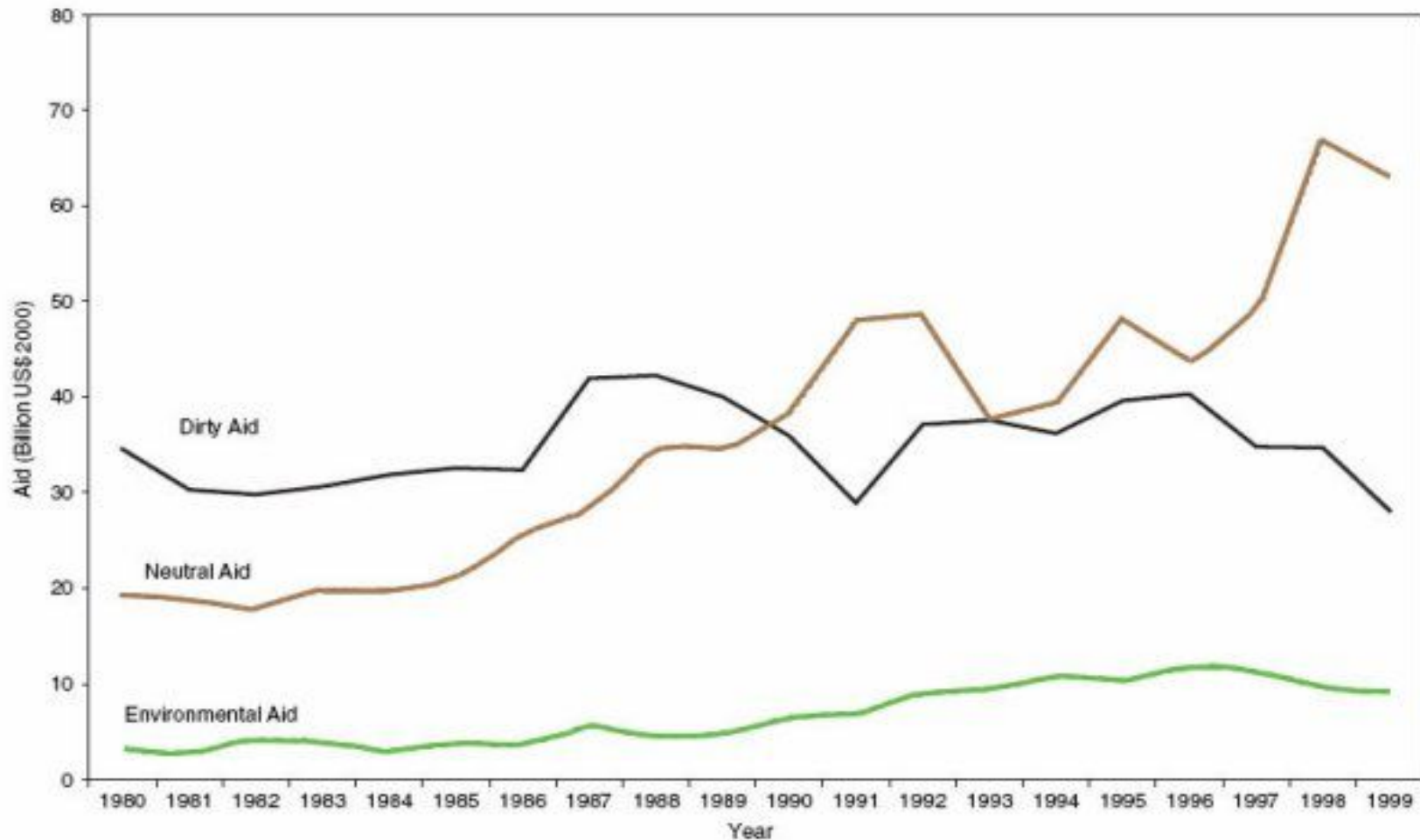
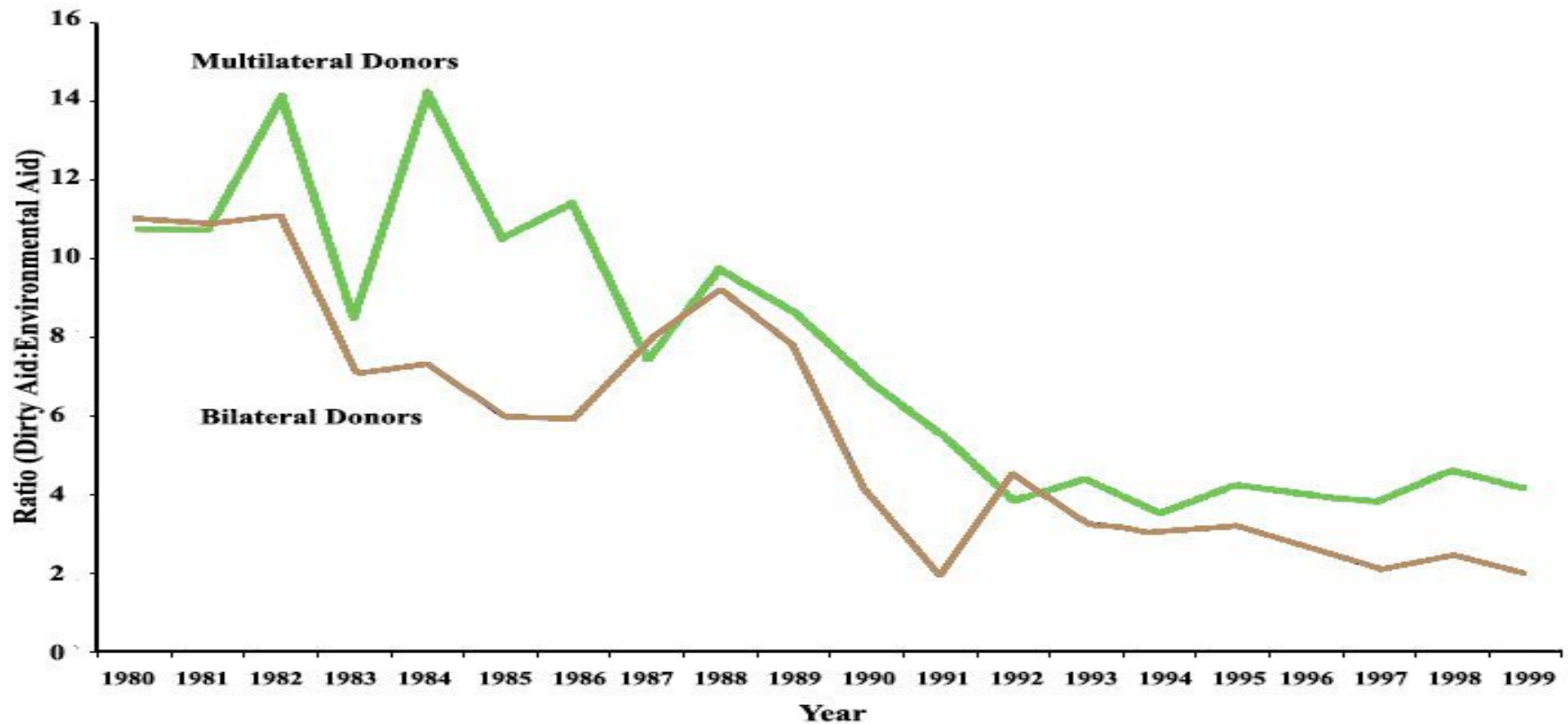


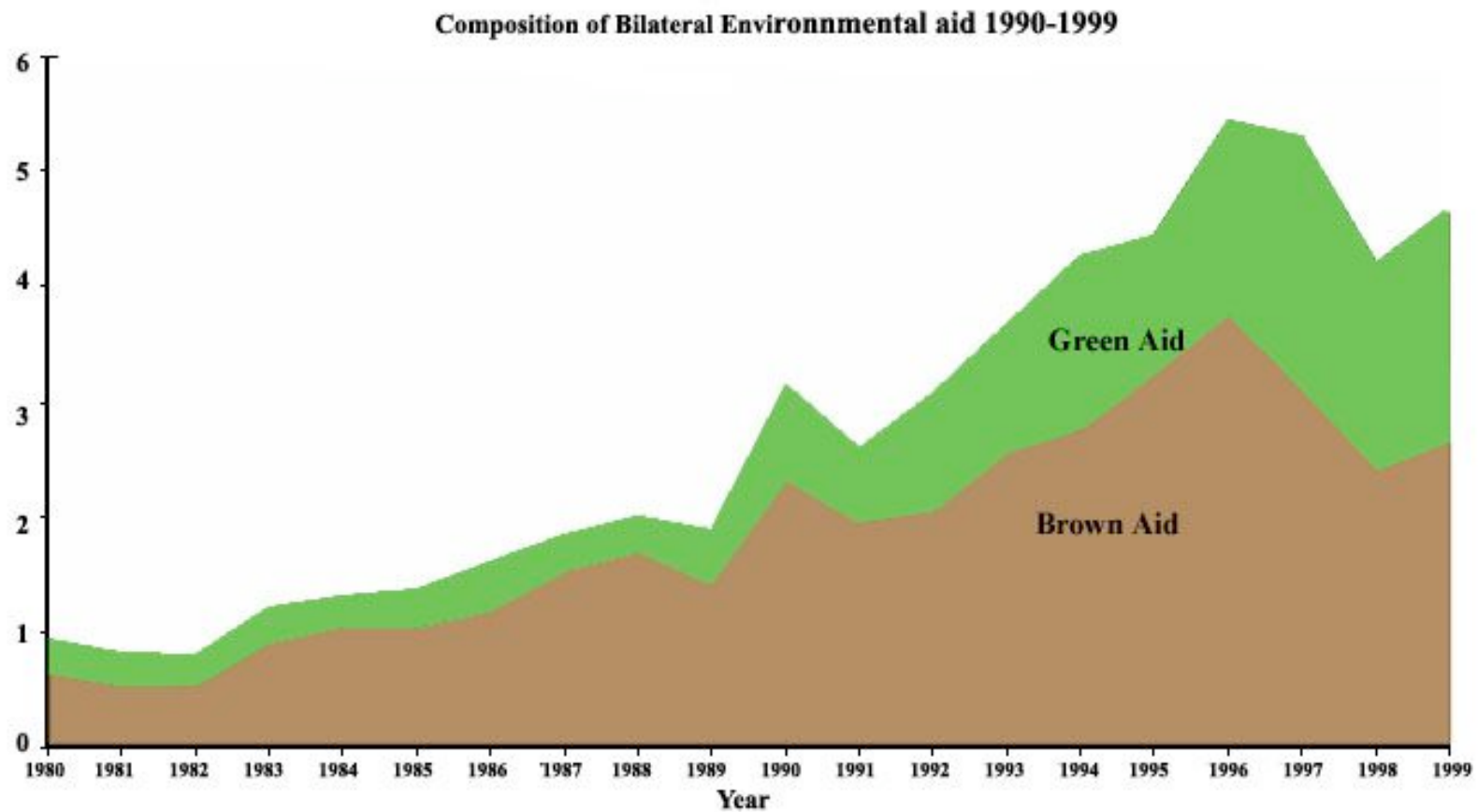
Figure 2.2. Total aid flows, bilateral and multilateral agencies combined, 1980–1999, comparing total funding for projects with likely positive environmental impacts, likely negative impacts ('dirty'), and those neutral or uncertain in impacts

Aid is Greening

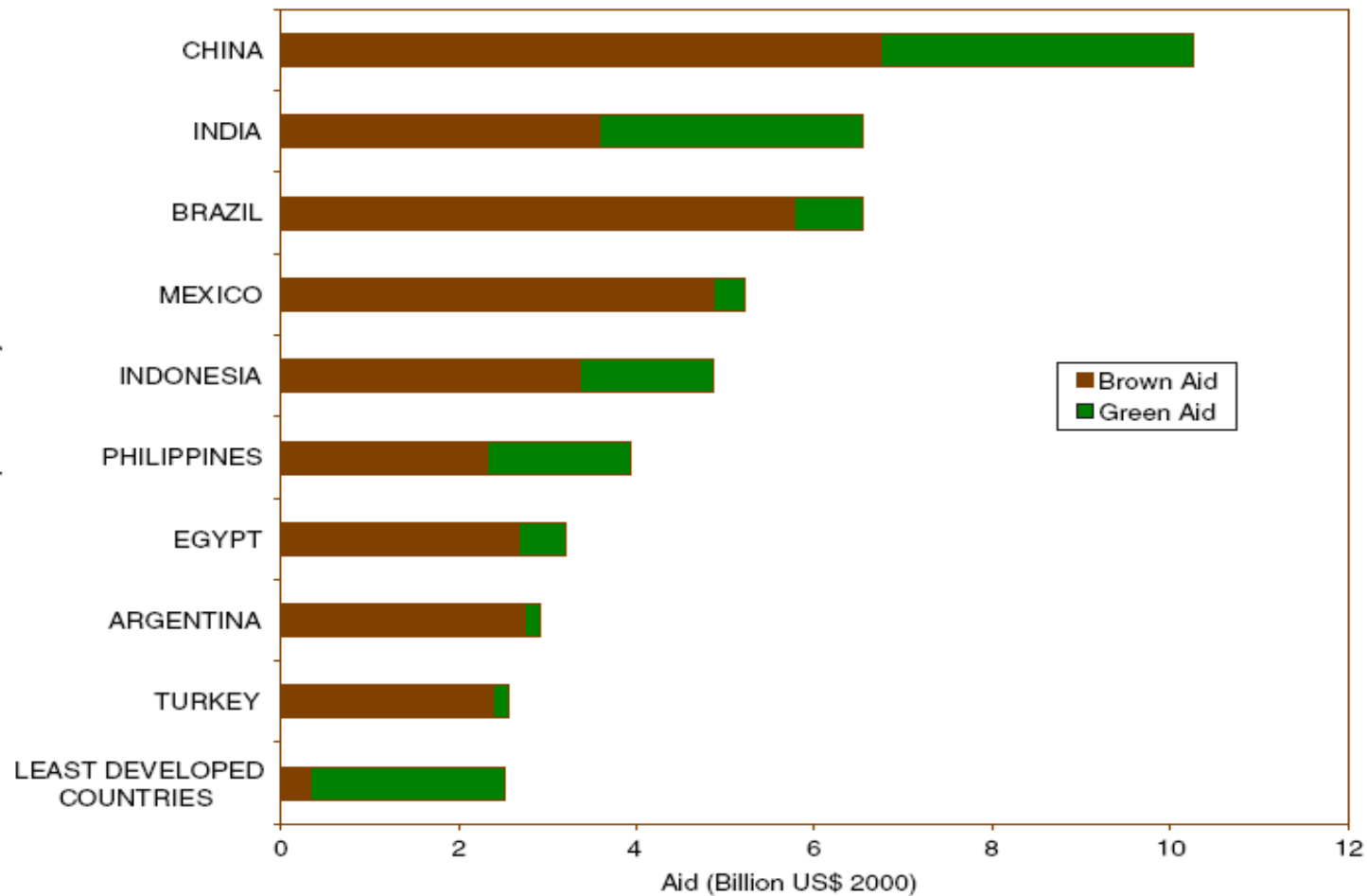
Ratio of Dirty Aid to Environmental Aid, (1980 - 1999)



Bilateral Environmental Aid 1980-1999



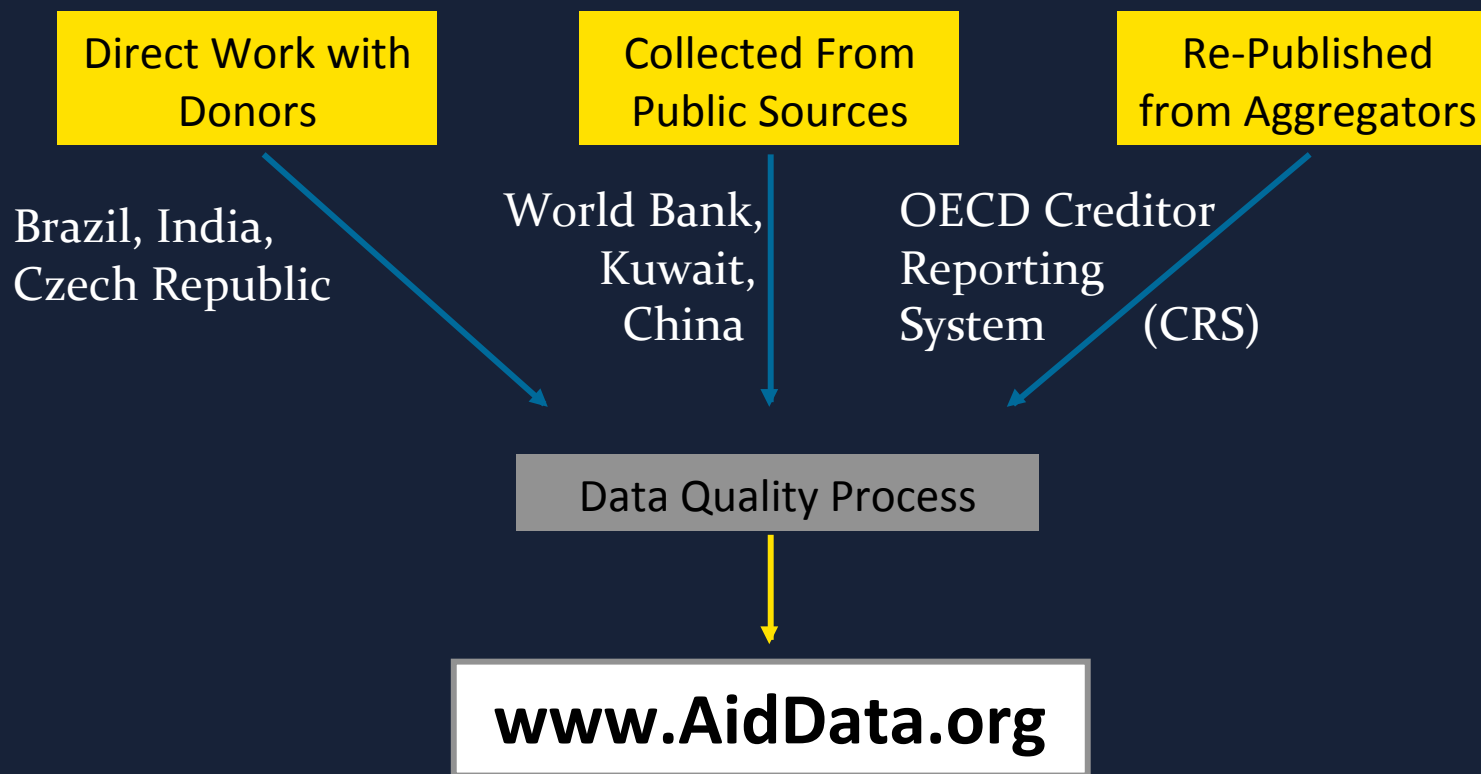
Who Gets What They Want?



Improving Aid Information

- Increase the **Value** of Aid Information
 - Improve descriptions of aid activities
 - Maintain or improve data quality
 - Make aid information accessible to all
 - Foster timeliness in aid reporting
- Increase the **Coverage** of Aid Information
 - Publish non-traditional donors such as Brazil and India
 - Include flows not classified as Official Development Assistance (ODA)
 - Future Expansion into private and foundation aid
 - Future Collection of forward-looking data

How AidData Collects Information



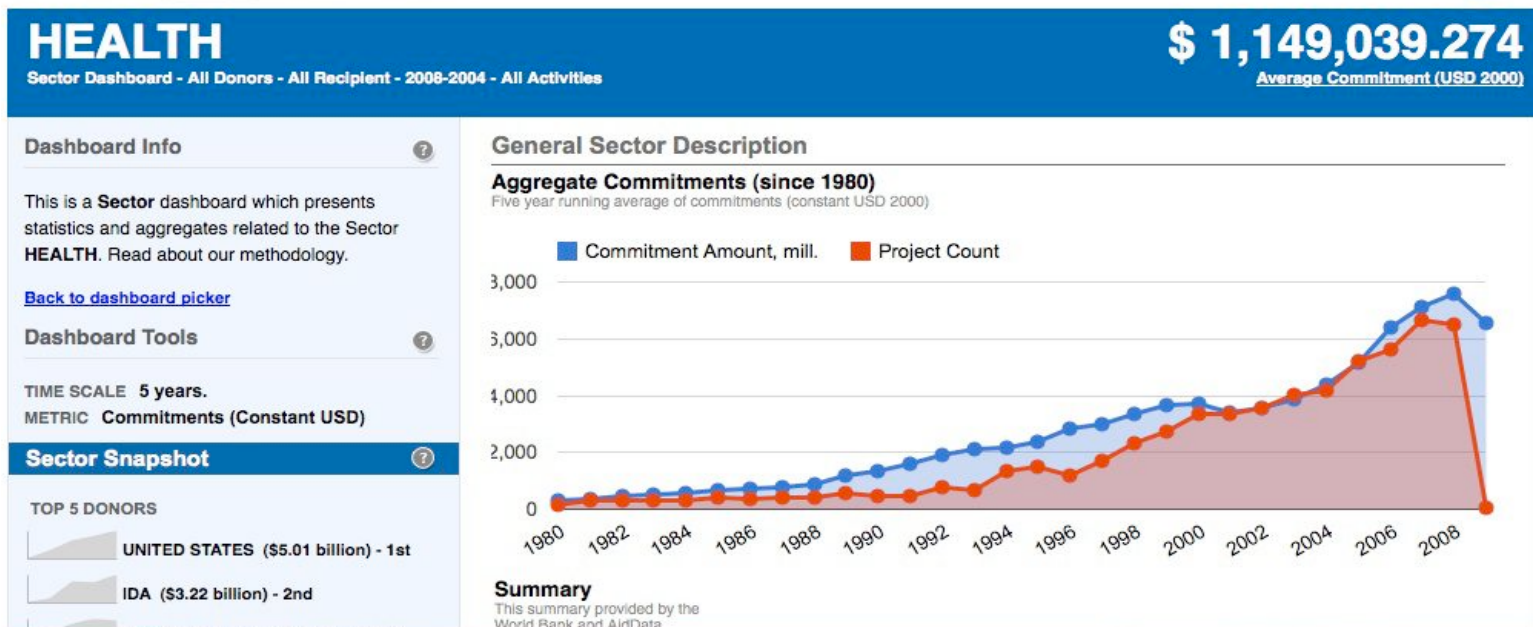
New Initiatives Going Forward

Academic Research - *And* – Real World Applications

- Aid in hard times
 - Aid and Civil War
 - Climate Finance for mitigation/adaptation
 - Behavior of Non-Traditional Donors (EX: ISDB)
 - Sectoral Aid Effectiveness (Ex: Democracy Assistance)
 - *World Development SI*
- Dashboards
 - Crowd-Sourcing
 - Geo-Coding
 - Mobile Applications
 - Recipient Data Integration (AMP)
 - Donor Services
 - Forward-looking Data

Sectoral Dashboards

- Providing consumable information for all users-- including policy makers, students, citizens, reporters, and development practitioners.
 - Broad sector trends and detailed information



Crowd-Sourcing

- Targets traditionally underrepresented sources of information
 - Gives a voice to field workers, policy makers, researchers, journalists, and aid beneficiaries
- Provides bottom-up development information
 - Users can upload comments, links, photos, impact evaluations, and other project documents.
- Gathers information for greater transparency, better monitoring and evaluation, and better aid coordination
 - Links aid flows to the field-level outcomes and community felt-impacts



Juice factory in Tanzania sitting idle and empty

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- *This juice factory is “supposed to process juice concentrate from organic fruit in Northern Kilimanjaro! It has NOT done so. It lies idle despite OUR shouting for Agricultural development!”*
- *~Ctemu*



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Property Regularization Project

Funded by [United States](#) - [MCC](#) in [Nicaragua](#) in [2008](#)

\$5,918,542.70

Commitment Amount in USD 2000

Implemented by: [Donor Government/Extending Agency](#)

Description: Land Tenure/Reform - Property Regularization Project (Compact Activity) for Cadastral Mapping Activity.

COMMITMENT	DISBURSEMENT	TOTAL COST
Nom. Amt: \$7,400,000 USD	Nom. Amt: \$1,742,751 USD	[No Data]
Const. Amt: \$5,918,542 USD	Const. Amt: \$1,393,857 USD	

DONOR PROJECT ID	CRS ID	AIDDATA ID	DATA SOURCE
06MCC00052	2006006736	29816380	OECD CRS

Project Contacts

DONOR	RECIPIENT
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AidData Purpose & Activity Codes

ACTIVITY CODES	PURPOSE CODE
31130.04: Land surveys	31130: Agricultural land resources
43040.04: Land use and management	
15105.01: Government and civil society	

CRS Codes and Markers

PURPOSE CODE
15140: Government administration

CRS Thematic Markers



Recent Comments on Project

C. Ford (15 May): AidData's very sparse description of this project could be significantly improved by using project-level information on MCC's website (here and here). According to MCC, "the Property Regularization..." [\[More\]](#)

J. Smith (16 May): MCC conducted extensive analytical work to project the estimated economic benefits of land titling and property registration in Nicaragua. Recent studies in Nicaragua show that regularizing property rights through land titling and property registration have been associated with a 30% increase in asset values and a 10% increase in the... [\[More\]](#)

Witness for Peace Nicaragua Team (20 May): Mr. Smith provides a very clear and compelling rationale for this project, but unfortunately none of these estimated benefits will ever be realized by low-income individuals living in the district of Leon. Due to the circumstances... [\[More\]](#)

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AidData Community Content

Donor Contributed Content

- Millennium Challenge Compact with Nicaragua (PDF)
- Projected Long-Term Results (Ext. Link)

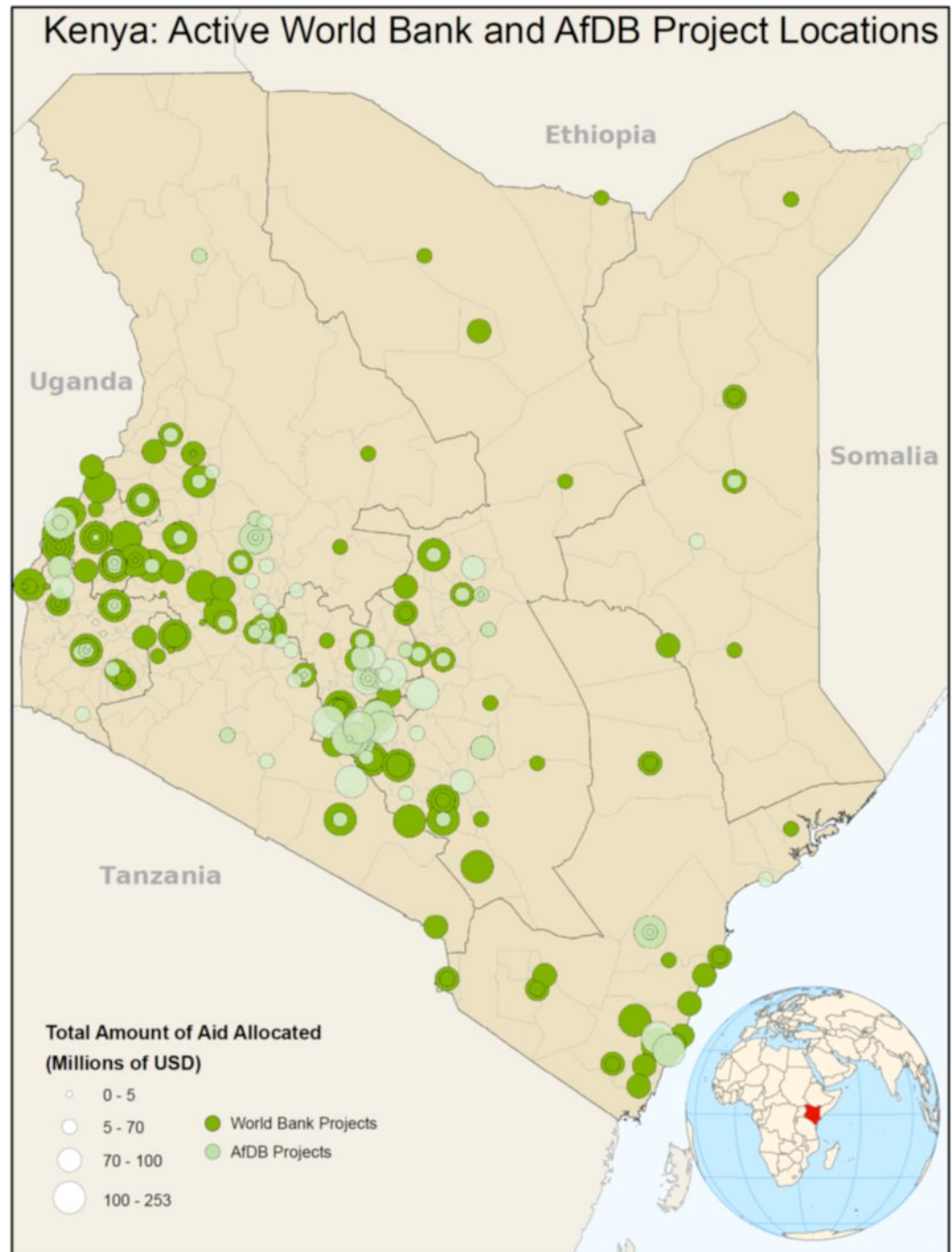
Geo-Coding

- 2010 Partnership with the World Bank
- How we help
 - Tag exact location of aid projects
 - Enables Coordination (Floods in Pakistan)
 - Show over- and under-served areas
 - Make aid information accessible to non-experts
- Increases transparency and Enables Research
 - Locate areas of greatest need
 - View locations of off-budget projects
 - Decreases duplication and waste
 - Spatial Econometric Analysis

Aid & Coordination

Locations of Active World Bank and AfDB Projects

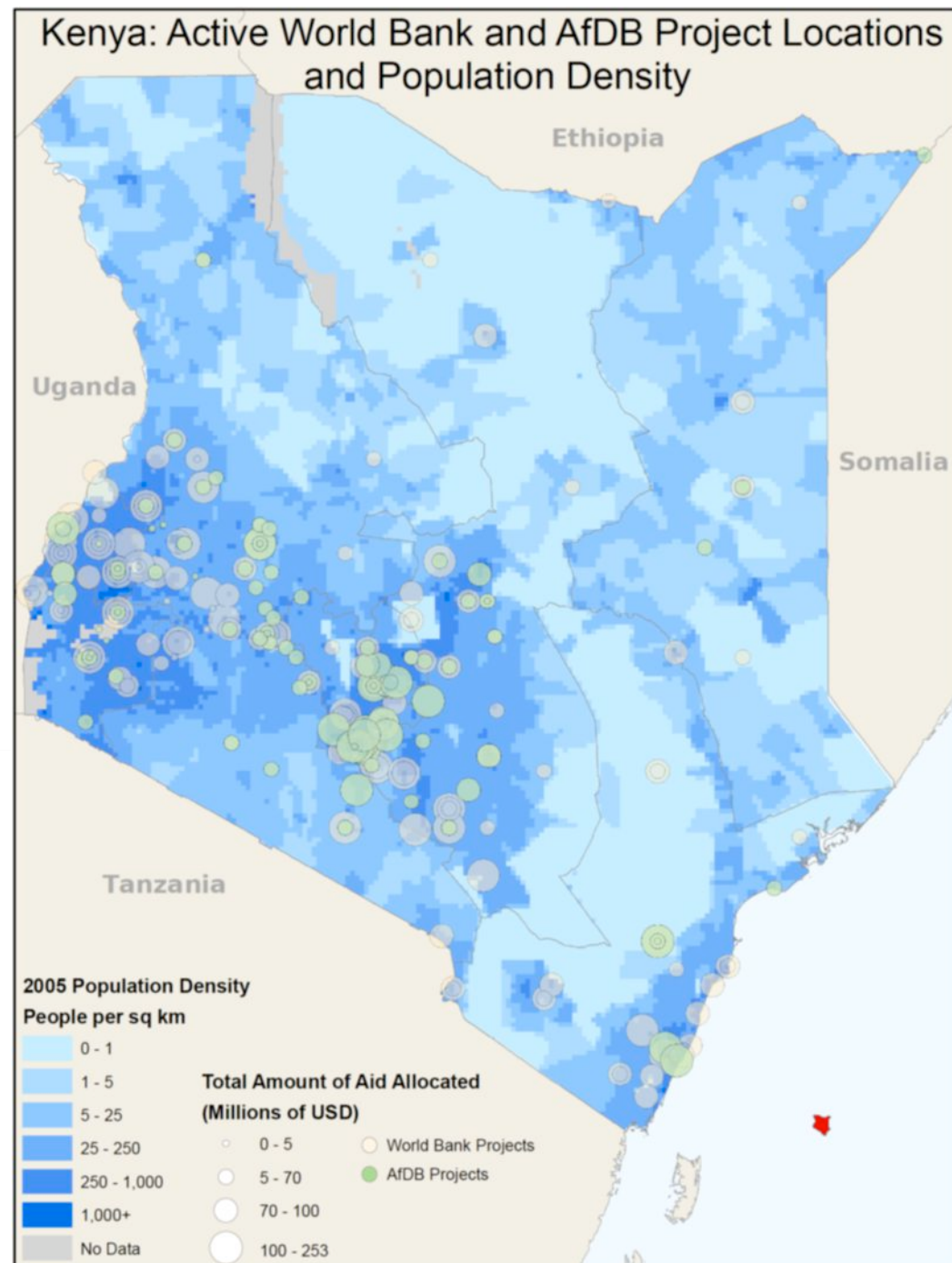
- Donor agencies can use geo-coded data identify other donors working in their area and sector



Aid & Population

World Bank and AfDB Projects Mashed with Population Density

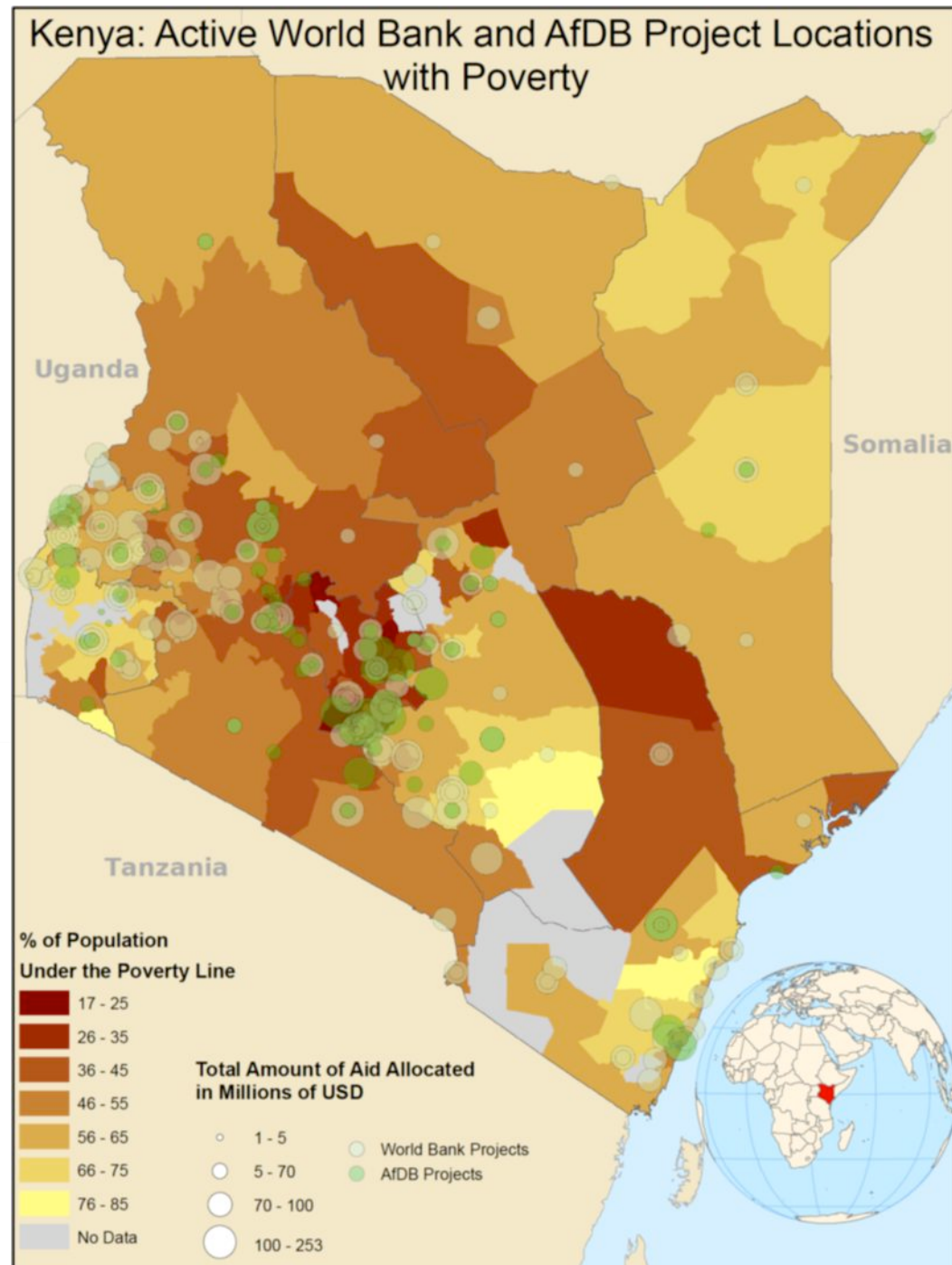
- Notice many high-population areas in the north and east have no active projects, while the west and south have many projects



Aid & Poverty

World Bank and AfDB Projects Mashed with Poverty Rates

- Notice many high-poverty areas are receiving little to no aid projects from the World Bank and AfDB



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