



Transparency and Co-ordination in Action

Country-led use of technology and geo-data improves development transparency, avoids work duplication

As part of its cloud-based Aid Management Platform, the government of Malawi is using geospatial interactive maps to better understand who is doing what development work and where. These data-driven, online maps correlate development activities by donor, type of work and poverty rates in Malawi's 28 districts.

The platform replaced an excel spreadsheet that was accessible to a few Ministry of Finance staff with a system easily shared between and updated by the Ministry and international donors.

The Aid Management Platform and geospatial data bolster Malawi's efforts to build on its existing development cooperation systems, while utilizing new technology tools. This country-owned approach will also allow Malawi to contribute robust data to global monitoring exercises.

This technology supports Malawi's Development Cooperation Strategy and is helping the country move towards transparency and country-owned development goals squarely in line with the Busan

Agreement. In Malawi, this manifests as country-owned development cooperation, increased transparency, better understanding of which donor is supporting what and where, in particular improving donor coordination to avoid duplication of efforts.

Malawi's Aid Management Platform, as part of its overall Development Co-operation Strategy, helps the country to address challenges it continues to face, including fragmented development support, and increasing mutual accountability to produce development results.

The country's geospatial interactive data map compiles projects from more than 20 development partners working in all 28 districts of Malawi. Other countries that have implemented Aid Management Platforms include Burkina Faso, the DRC, Nepal and Kosovo.

A forthcoming Malawi government panel will report about the results of using geospatial mapping data to inform development co-operation decisions; look for more information in 2014 on this.

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