

## Vanuatu Snapshot

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Population: 266,100 (2013)

GDP: \$798 million USD (2013, current)

Total aid from China (2006-)

\$218.69 million USD

Total number of Chinese aid projects (2006-)

19

### Top 3 donors (2006-2013)

1	Australia	\$346.11 million USD
2	New Zealand	\$97.03 million USD
3	Japan	\$86.55 million USD
	<i>China</i>	<i>\$68.06 USD</i>

### Context

China established diplomatic relations with Vanuatu in 1982. Under Prime Minister Serge Vohor Vanuatu recognised Taiwan for 7 days in 2004 before he was ousted (for that decision) and Vanuatu resumed ties with China. In mid-2011, Vanuatu again used the threat of switching allegiance in an attempt to get more support from China. Vanuatu is attracting increased interest from Chinese companies – although there are concerns about the deals and promises some are offering when lobbying for projects. It is a pertinent example of Chinese aid being driven by individual Chinese actors rather than simply being a top-down policy.

### Top 3 sectors (number of projects)

Other Social Infrastructure & Services (5)

Transport (4)

Education; Government & Civil Society (3)

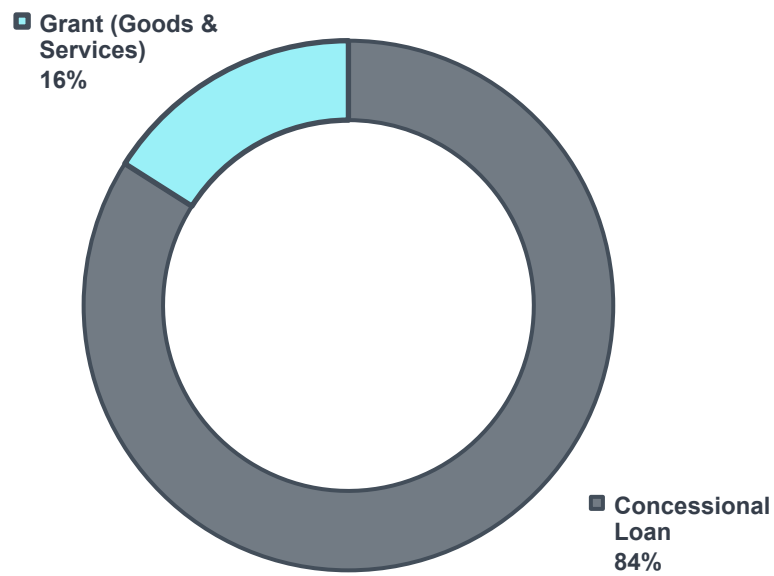
### Top 3 sectors (% of total Chinese aid)

Transport (73%)

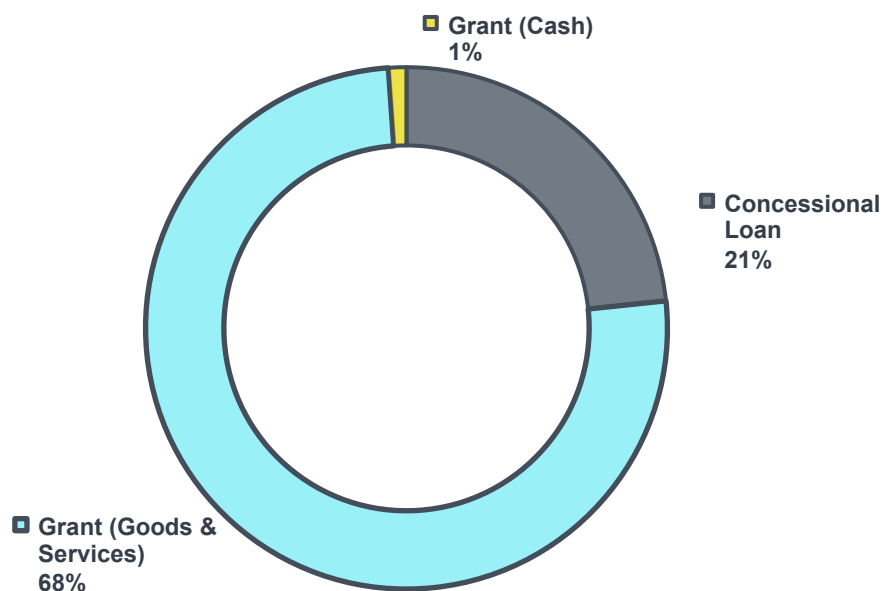
Communication (13%)

Other Social Infrastructure & Services (7%)

### Chinese aid by type (as % of total value)



### Chinese aid by type (as % of number of projects)



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