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
   China $68.06 USD

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)

- Grant (Goods & Services): 16%
- Concessional Loan: 84%

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

- Grant (Cash): 1%
- Grant (Goods & Services): 68%
- Concessional Loan: 21%

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