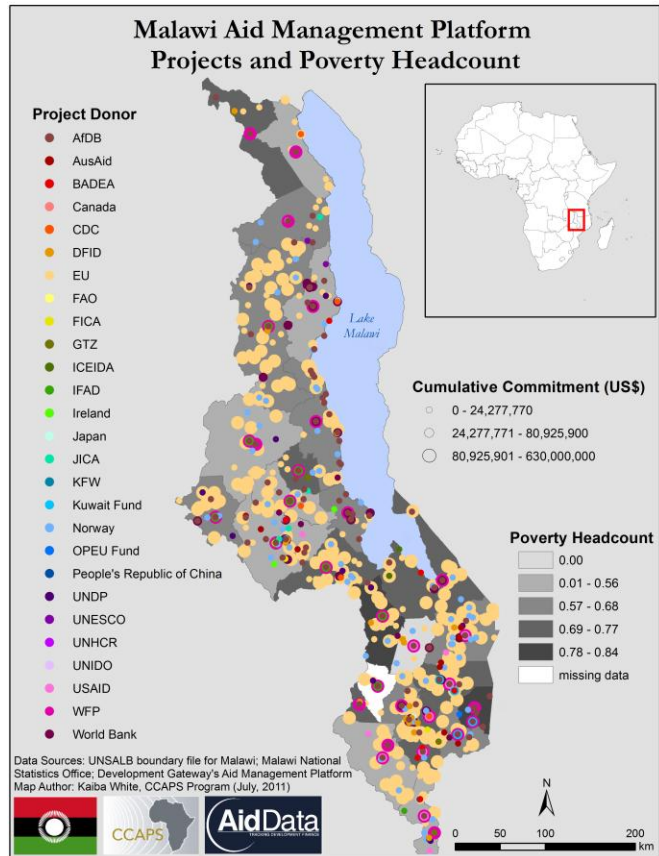


Open Data for International Development

The AidData program, with its partners, is working on a number of initiatives to make aid information more comprehensive and transparent. One of these initiatives is **geocoding**, or recording the location of aid projects at the sub-national level, which enables visual tracking of where the money is flowing.

Mapping aid information enables a better understanding of the allocation of aid within a country, highlighting any potential financing gaps, and displaying inequities of aid distribution. Once mapped, geocoded aid information presents development stakeholders with a simple platform for analysis and planning.



What is AidData?

AidData is a collaborative initiative that makes information on international development assistance more transparent and accessible to a wide range of stakeholders. AidData's team is engaged in a variety of innovative projects to geo-enable and crowdsource aid information, improve the quality of research on aid distribution, and impact and develop web and mobile apps and custom data solutions for development organizations. In addition, the AidData.org portal provides access to a searchable database of more than one million development finance activities, as well as other related datasets.

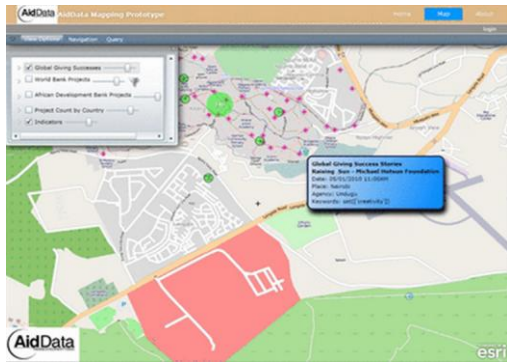
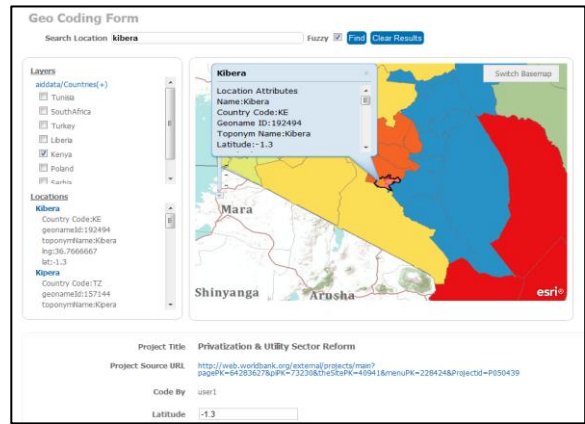


AidData increases aid transparency by providing tools, visualizations, services, and data related to development finance.

Geocoding Initiatives and Tools

AidData worked with Uppsala University’s Conflict Data Program to develop a comprehensive **geocoding methodology** that is both rigorous and flexible enough to be applied to all development aid projects. The methodology is referenced in the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) data standard and can be downloaded for use by any organization at <http://open.aiddata.org>.

The methodology was extended through the **Mapping for Results initiative**, a partnership between AidData and the World Bank Institute that resulted in geocoding roughly 2,500 World Bank projects. The partnership is now moving toward in-country mapping and focusing on sustainability, and AidData has developed a toolkit (*image right*) to make it easier for donors to track geographical information on an ongoing basis. AidData has also worked with the **African Development Bank** to geocode all of its projects approved from 2009-2010.



To demonstrate the power of geo-enabled aid information, and with support from Esri, AidData created **Development Loop** (*image left*). This prototype web application incorporates data on donor projects, overlaid with development statistics such as poverty rates and local project success stories reported by GlobalGiving. Future versions will allow users to update project data from anywhere in the world via web and mobile applications.

Following these initial projects, the **Ministry of Finance of Malawi** partnered with AidData, Development Gateway, and the Climate Change and African Political Stability program at the University of Texas, in collaboration with the World Bank Institute. The Ministry of Finance led the efforts to geocode the aid activities of more than 30 donors within Malawi’s Aid Management Platform (*image on reverse side*). For aid donors, this will enable better coordination and harmonization of aid efforts. The geocoded dataset will be made public and will be used by the Malawi Ministry of Finance to generate aid reports, catalyze new conversations with its donor partners, and improve aid effectiveness at the local level across the country.

Geocoding Partners

