

Transparency gets graphic

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Earlier this month I wrote about the [improvements of data transparency](#) of AusAID and teased out the potential of the newly available data found in the Green Book by providing a few [interactive graphs](#). Using a separate (online and free) [visualisation tool](#) I have mapped the same data onto a world map. Click the image below to take a look.

As I stated in my previous blog post, these sorts of visualisations really only scratch the surface of the data that AusAID has already made public. Even more exciting is the prospect of donor agencies using and developing similar tools as a medium to present more of their own data, particularly down to the project level.

As usual DFID is one step ahead of the curb and has recently released a beta version of their '[Development Tracker](#)' database. Aid data geeks can quickly lose hours exploring its content. Owen Barder blogs about two particularly important aspects (traceability and the use of open source IATI standardised data) of the new database [here](#). With developments like these 2013 is certainly shaping up to be a breakthrough year for aid open data and transparency initiatives!