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Better representing the recipient receipts of development finance – deriving comprehensive data on "Development Resource Inflows"

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#### The starting point

Increased complexity of the development finance landscape at country level calls for a better understanding of **how developing countries manage this new diversity of sources and how the international community can help them manage this diversity most effectively** 



#### Need to better track all financing sources and instruments

available at country level (beyond ODA)- part of the HLM mandate to work on exploring new ways to represent "recipient benefit" of development finance.



#### A case study approach

 Case study countries: Ghana, Senegal and Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste

(Interviews with key stakeholders: government officials in central and line agencies, development partners, CSOs, etc)

 Case studies are illustrative and findings are not necessarily extendable to different economic, political and governance contexts



#### Some key findings from the case studies

- 1. More options and more finance are welcome
- 2. Countries do not have (yet) a strategic approach to managing development finance and a comprehensive overview is lacking
- **3**. There is limited interest in involving non-traditional development partners in co-ordination mechanisms.
- 4. Governments had similar preferences regarding the characteristics of development finance flows, but different approaches towards concessionality
- 5. Little is known about philanthropic assistance and climate finance is modest and demand-constrained



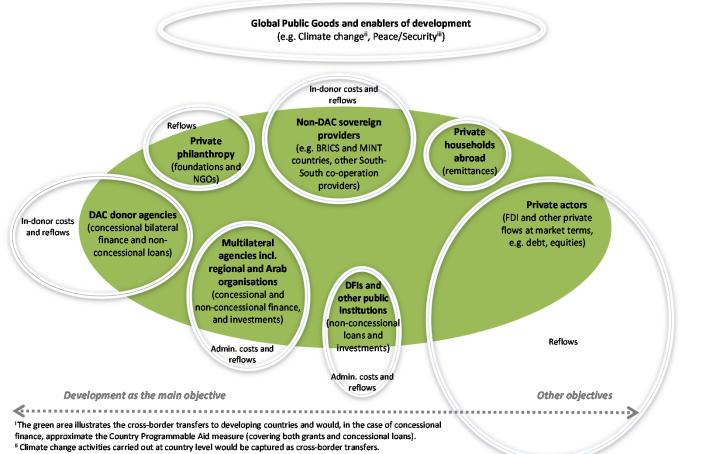
# Why do we need a comprehensive measure of development finance from partner country perspective?

The measure could help:

- partner countries have a more strategic approach to financing their development priorities, beyond aid;
- create an incentive for a variety of new and existing providers – sovereign and non-sovereign – to increase their contribution to resource inflows for development (nb: TOSD being a provider country measure);
- assess the impact of different sources/instruments of development finance and cross-country learning;
- positively contribute to forthcoming discussions on how a post-2015 measurement system can best provide comprehensive and transparent information on external resource flows for development, as perceived by developing countries.



### A blueprint of the external financing architecture from developing countries' perspective



Peace-keeping and peace-building activities would be generally captured at regional levels, and therefore difficult to capture as cross-border flows at country level.

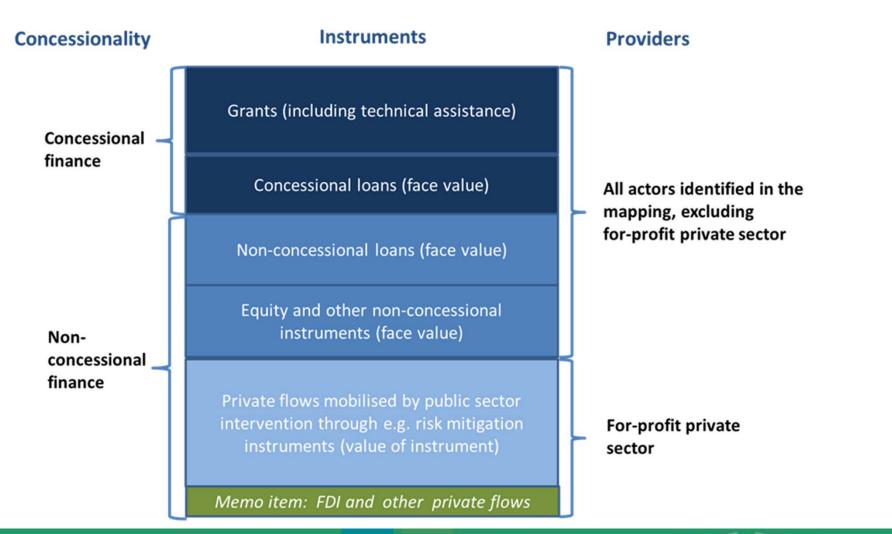


## Guiding principles for identifying the components of a statistical measure

- Only cross-border flows would be relevant.
- Flows would be measured on a gross basis.
- Official flows, private flows mobilised by public sector interventions and flows from private philanthropy would be considered.
- Loans would be recorded at face value and classified as either concessional or non-concessional (IMF).
- Measures are based on instruments, not on actors.

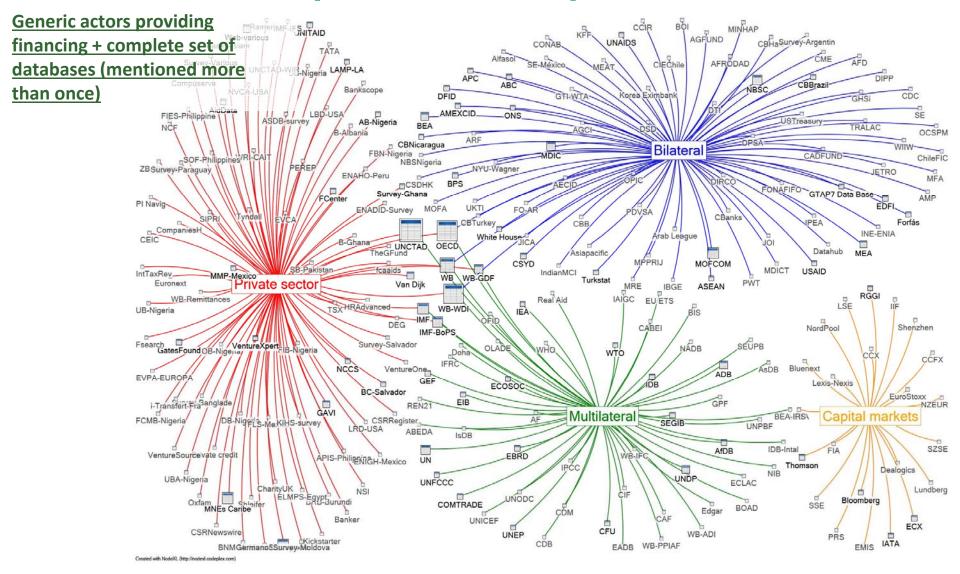


#### **Emerging statistical measure of development finance from a developing country perspective**





#### International statistics on development finance are greatly fragmented, noncomparable, often partial



### Status of data availability for external finance flowing to developing countries

Categories of actors	Actors Instruments	DAC donor agencies	DRs	Other public institutions	Non-DAC sovereign providers	Multilateral agencies	Private Philanthropy	Private Sector
All actors identified in the mapping, excluding for-profit private sector	Grants (including TA)		•••		•••		••	
	Concessional loans	$\overline{}$			•••		•••	
	Non-concessional loans				•••	•••	••	
	Equity and other non- concessional instruments				•••	••	•••	
For-profit private sector	Private flows mobilised by public sector intervention	work in progress	work in progress	work in progress	work in progress	work in progress		work in progress
	<b>Memo: FDI and other private flows at market terms</b>							

= Not applicable



### **Questions for discussion**

- What would be the features of a statistical measure of development finance beyond ODA that would help partner countries take a strategic approach to the financing of their development priorities? Could that measure be limited to resources that partner countries can directly access or to resources mobilised from external official interventions?
- How to create incentives for different actors to provide data needed to populate such a statistical measure?
- Could such a measure significantly enhance transparency and form the basis for better assessing impact and effectiveness of different sources and instruments of development finance?







