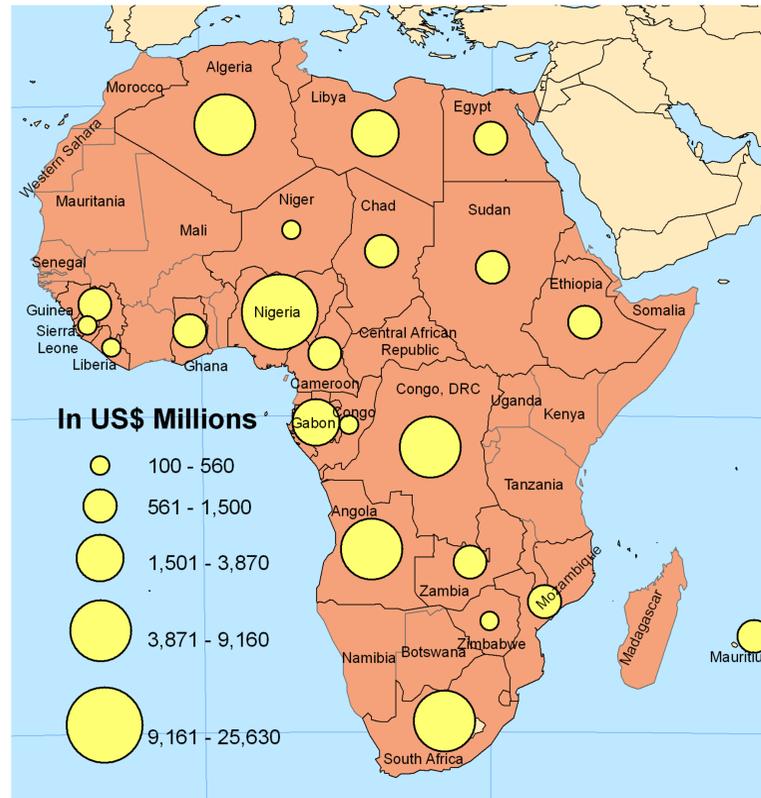


Chinese Investment in Africa: Good or Bad?

Maps show Correlation with GDP, Corruption, & the Human Development Index

Chinese Direct Investment in Africa



Overview

Accusations have been flying that Chinese investment in Africa disregards human rights, supports corrupt regimes, and may further stunt human development on the continent. This project examined the key observations that we can make about China's \$75 billion of direct investments in Africa from 2005-2010.

Analysis

The maps present investment data as yellow bubbles overlaid on the following indicators:

Human Development Indicator: China's actions are accused of hindering human development (life expectancy, education, and income) in Africa, which is home to the poorest countries in the world.

Conclusions

Will human rights and development be helped or hurt due to China's greater intervention in Africa? The jury is still out.

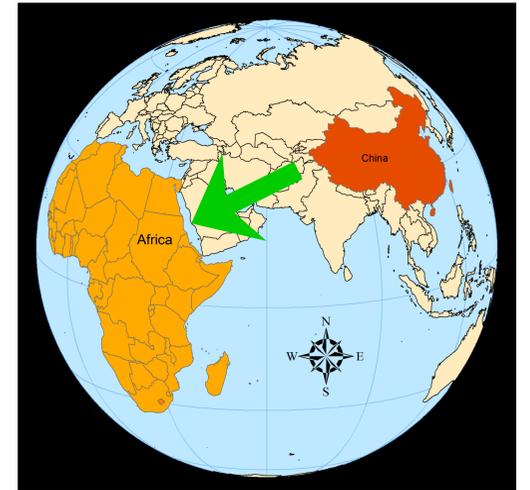
The correlation between these factors was not clear in this study. Therefore, the final poster design is intended to present the questions that are being asked, and the

This project aims to reveal trends or patterns, but does not draw conclusions. The audience is encouraged to ask such questions as: Is China more likely to invest in countries with a lower human development index? In countries with a higher GDP? With more or less corruption? Is this investment good or bad for Africa?

Corruption Index. Corruption data is based upon such factors as frequency and/or size of bribes) in the public and political sectors.

GDP. Many credit China with bringing needed money and (sometimes) jobs to a continent that often suffers for lack of investment.

Investment Flows: \$75 B



Argument: China's Investment is Good for Africa

"China has boosted employment in Africa and made basic goods like shoes and radios more affordable."

"China's money has paid for countless new schools and hospitals."

"China is Africa's biggest trading partner and buys more than one-third of its oil from the continent."

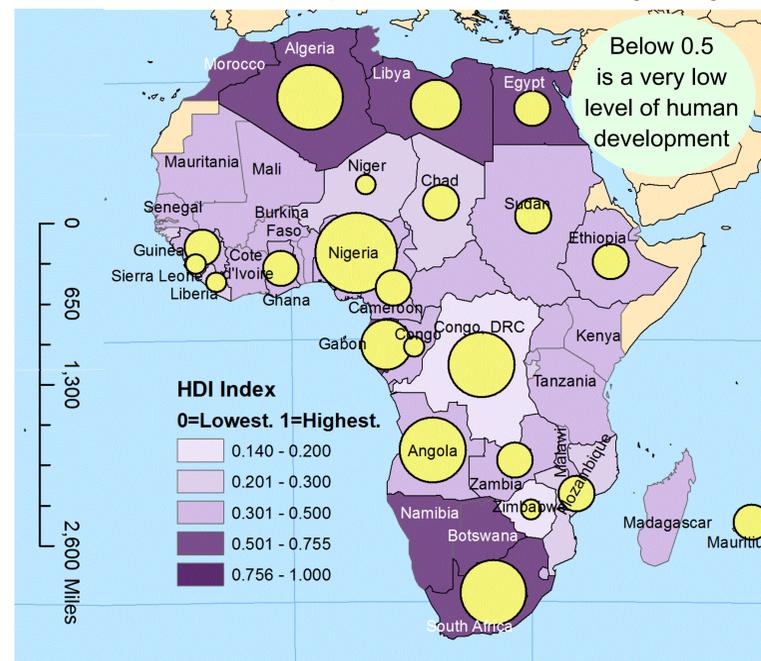
Argument: Chinese Investment is Bad for Africa

"Hundreds of textile factories across Nigeria collapsed in recent years because they could not compete with cheap Chinese garments."

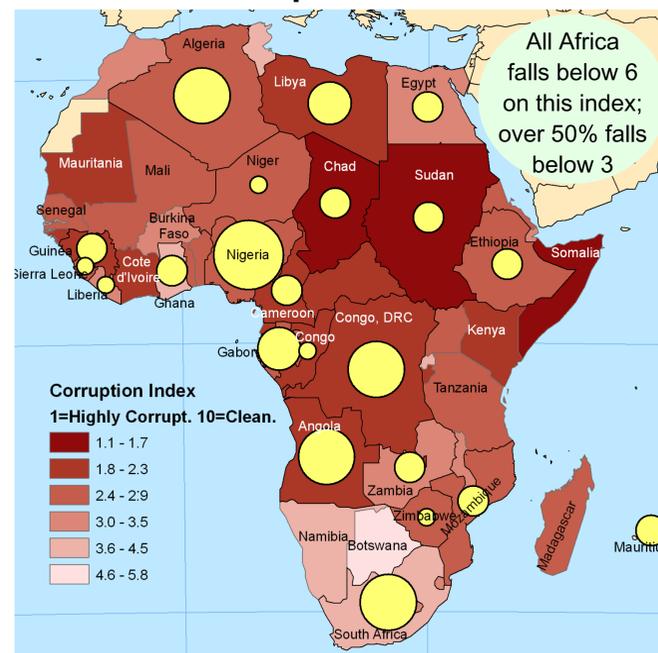
"When cases end up in court, witnesses are intimidated."

"China is seen as hoarding African resources."

Human Development Indicator (HDI)



Corruption Index



Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

