Extent and Forms of Donor Proliferation and Coordination in Kenya

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Introduction
A team of researchers consisting of Prof. Dorothy McCormick, Prof. Winnie Mitullah, and Mr. Erick Manga, all of the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, has undertaken a research project on Donor Proliferation and Coordination in Kenya. Phase One of the project has addressed two research questions: First, to what extent has there been a proliferation of donors and projects? And second, to what extent has there been co-ordination of donors and projects, and what form has it taken? The work was undertaken for two sectors in Kenya for the period 2000-2005. This brief report summarises the work done to date, which has consisted of literature review, data collection, data analysis, and dissemination of the findings of Phase One.

Literature Review
A partial review of literature around donor proliferation and coordination was carried out in connection with preparing the research proposal. The five-month period of Dorothy McCormick’s Visiting Fellowship at IDS provided an opportunity for a much more intensive review. Some of this is reflected in the working paper that was presented at the DRC Annual Meeting in Brighton and again at the dissemination workshop in Nairobi. Further work is being done, which we plan to develop into a conceptual paper to be co-authored by Dorothy McCormick and Karuti Kanyinga later this year.

Fieldwork
The main fieldwork for the Kenya portion of the study of Donor Proliferation and Coordination was carried out between December 2006 and May 2007. The work had two distinct parts: a set of semi-structured interviews of donors and relevant government officials and the compilation of project data for the period 2000 to 2005 from the files of the External Resources Department in the Ministry of Finance.

Although Phase One of the project is essentially finished, fieldwork is continuing on both fronts. The team is continuing to interview additional donors and government officials to fill gaps in information regarding the extent of proliferation and coordination, and we are now compiling 2006 and 2007 project data.

Analysis
Analysis of the data on 2000-2005 was carried out jointly by Dorothy McCormick in Sussex and Winnie Mitullah and Erick Manga in Nairobi. Quantitative analysis consisted of summarising project information, including donors, implementing agencies, and collaborators for the two sectors. Its main focus was to establish the extent of project and donor proliferation. Qualitative analysis focused on the
interviews and secondary sources of information. Qualitative data were used both to complement the quantitative analysis of proliferation and to establish the extent and nature of donor and project coordination.

**Dissemination**

The main output to date has been a working paper. A draft of the paper was first presented at the DRC Annual Meeting in June 2007. This draft was revised in early July. This revised version was presented to stakeholders at a half-day workshop in Nairobi’s Utalii Hotel on 26 July 2007. The 32 participants included representatives of government ministries, donor agencies, NGOs, and the academic community. Ministries represented were Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour and Human Resource Development, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Planning and National Development. Donor agencies included USAID, UNICEF, UNDP, DFID, Japanese Embassy, and Trocaire. Other participants included representatives of the Governance, Justice, and Legal Sector (GJLOS) project coordination office, the NGO Practical Action, the micro-finance institution K-REP, the local chapter of the Society for International Development, the media (Kenya Broadcasting Corporation), and academics from the University of Nairobi and the Kenya Institute of Public Policy and Analysis.

The Director of the External Resources Department of Kenya’s Ministry of Finance gave the keynote speech and remained to participate in the day’s discussions. The research team presented the paper, which had been made available in electronic form before the workshop. The presentation was followed by a substantial period for questions and comments from the floor. Notes from this session provide further input which has been used to revise the paper once again.

The second revision of the paper is being submitted to the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi, for inclusion in its working paper series. Once accepted, the paper will be posted on the Institute’s website and produced in hard copy.