The Lowy Institute Pacific Aid Map is an analytical tool designed to enhance aid effectiveness in the Pacific by improving coordination, alignment and accountability of foreign aid through enhanced transparency of aid flows.

The Pacific Aid Map team has collected data on close to 13,000 projects in 14 countries from 63 donors from 2011 onwards.

Visit the website on pacificaidmap.lowyinstitute.org
Australia remains the Pacific's most important provider of aid. Despite cuts to the broader aid budget, the Pacific has been insulated and now makes up one third of Australia’s aid program. Together, Australia and New Zealand are responsible for more than half (55%) of all aid to the Pacific region.

The narrative of Chinese aid dominance in the Pacific Islands is overstated. China has only invested 8% of all aid to the Pacific over this period, though it has committed a lot more. China does operate distinctly, focusing on status projects and infrastructure lending that inflate its presence in the region. The average project size from Australia and New Zealand is one tenth that of China.

The Asian Development Bank and World Bank are honouring their commitments to scale-up their investment in the Pacific, with more to come as they aim to triple investments over the next five years.

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