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Abstract

The book examines all forms of transnational state aid (bilateral and multilateral) from the perspective of both donor and recipient states (mainly countries in Africa, the Arab World and South and South-East Asia). It also analyses the less-studied transnational private aid, presenting the roles of international NGOs (Médecins Sans Frontières, World Vision, Caritas, CARE, OXFAM, ACTIONAID etc.), large private charitable foundations (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, Carnegie Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, etc.) as well as migrants' remittances which are considered by the World Bank and other international organisations as

important forms of assistance. The book's chapters examine the complex motives of donors (self-interested or altruistic) and present debates on aid effectiveness with reference to both the preconditions for giving aid (such as economic and political conditionalities) and the findings of major empirical studies. The role of multilateral institutions such as the European Union, the World Bank and regional development banks is also examined. Finally, a separate chapter critically presents the history of Greek development assistance (from Greece's contribution to the reconstruction of Western Balkans in the 1990s to the refugee crisis of 2015-6).

