TRENDS IN CHINA'S LENDING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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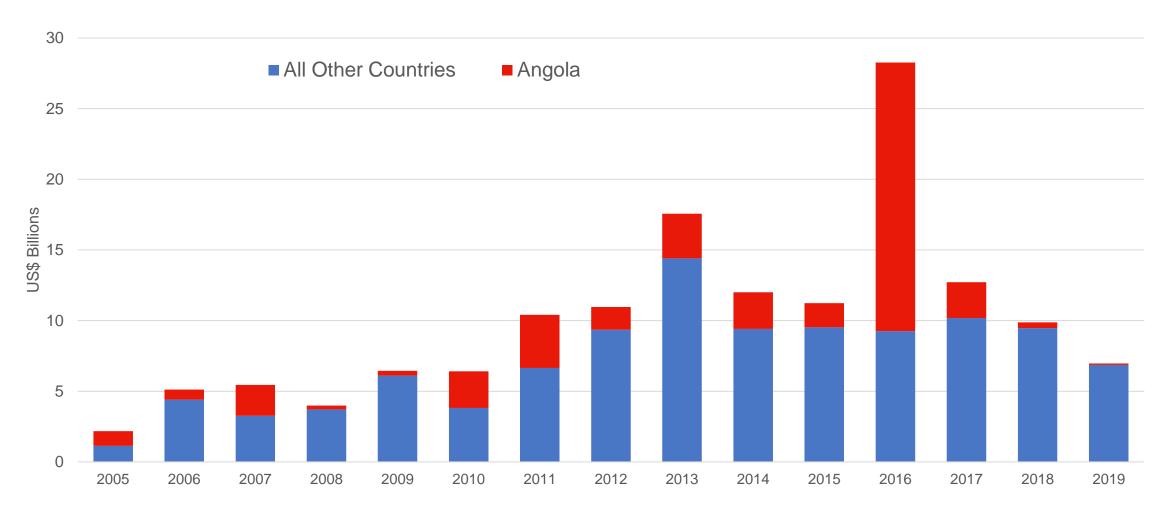








Chinese Loan Commitments, Africa







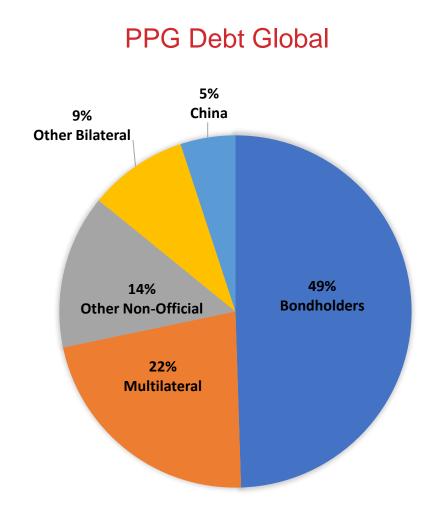
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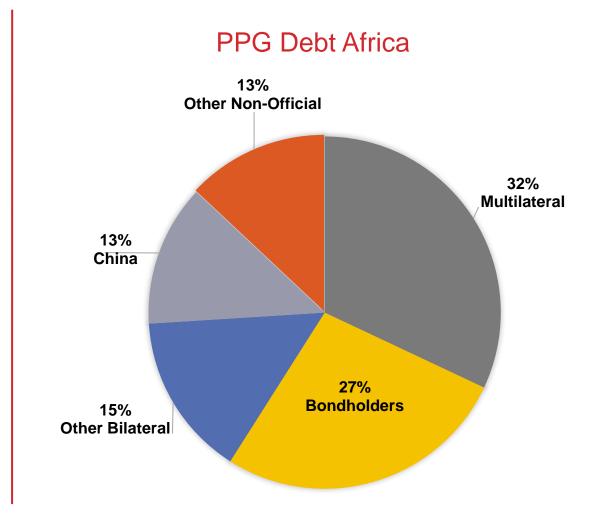
Not "China" but Multiple Chinese Lenders

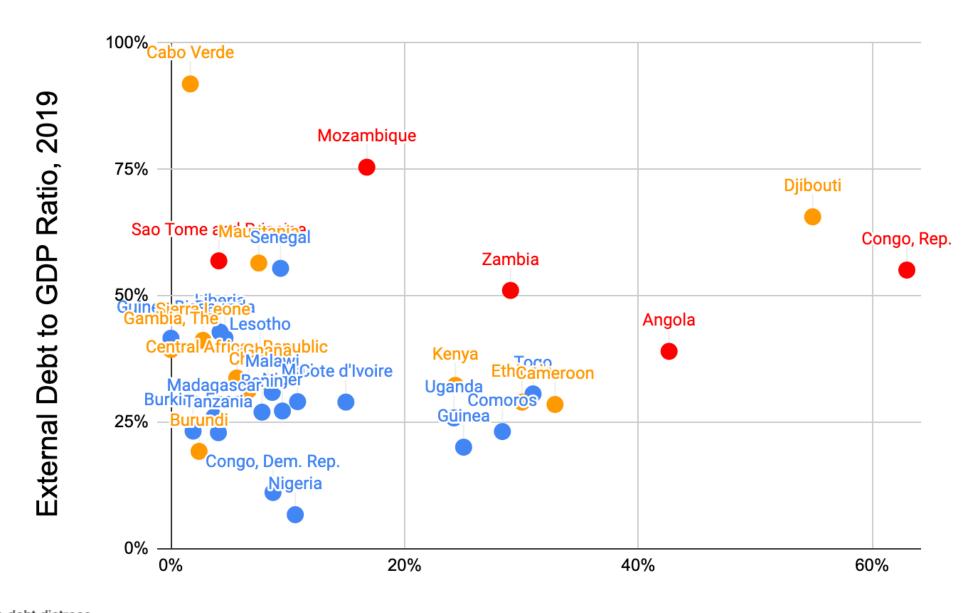
- China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA)**
- China Eximbank**
- China Development Bank**
- Industrial and Commercial Bank of China**
- Bank of China
- And 25 other banks and companies

^{**} Have participated in Covid-19 era debt relief

International Debt Statistics, 2019 World Bank





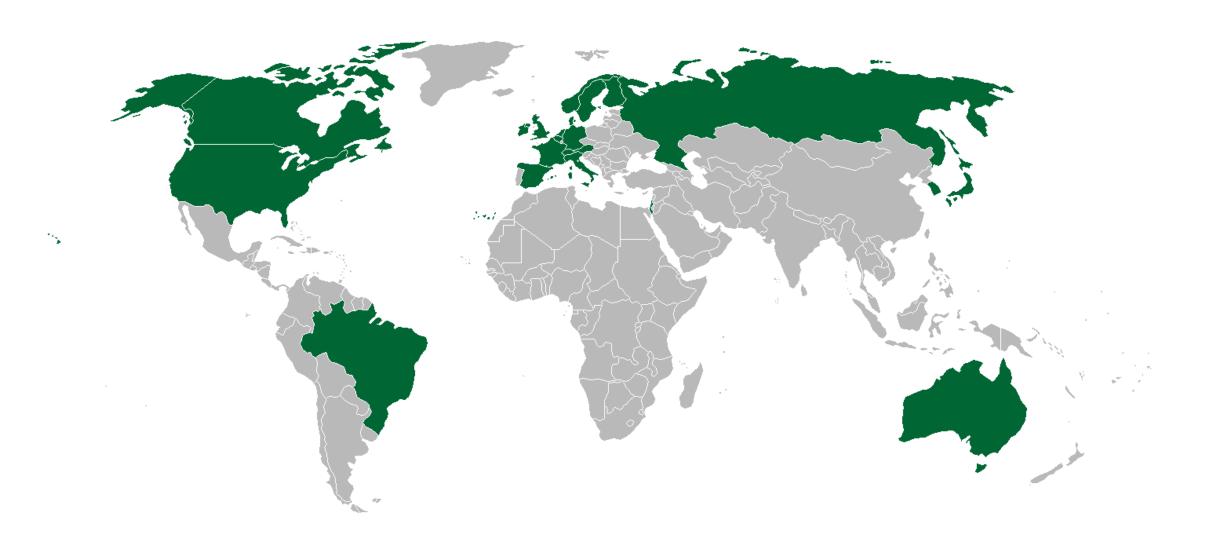


Currently in debt distress

Debt to All China as % of Total External Debt, 2019

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How China Got Sri Lanka to Cough Up a Port





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The Chinese 'Debt Trap' Is a Myth

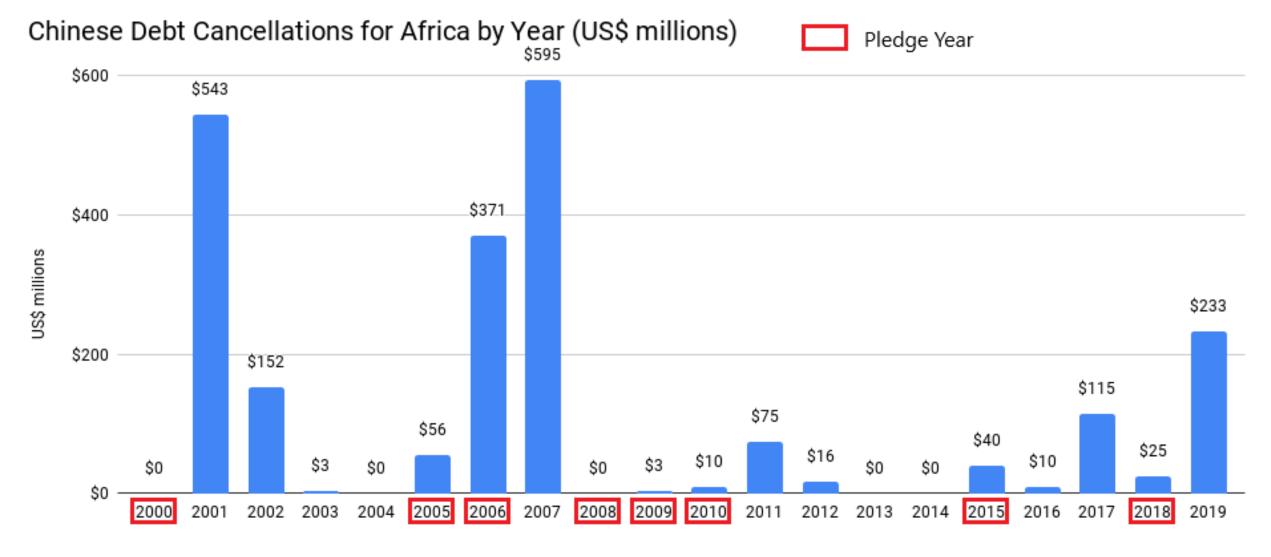
The narrative wrongfully portrays both Beijing and the developing countries

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Chinese Debt Relief 2000 - 2019

- Multiple lenders, relief negotiated separately
- Tailored solutions, frequently project by project
- Extending maturity common
- Write-offs only for interest-free loans (except Cuba, Iraq)
- Refinancing is rare
- No asset seizures







Source: SAIS-CARI Data

Ad hoc: China Eximbank 17 Africa Debt Restructuring cases 2000-2019

| Treatment | Reprofiling of debt service payments within original maturity | Short Maturity Extensions (e.g. 3-7 years) | Longer Maturity Extensions (e.g. 10-20 Years) | Maturity Extension and Interest Rate Reduction | Specific Details Unknown |
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| Cases | Mozambique (2017), Cameroon (2019) | Cameroon (2002), Zimbabwe (2007, 2010, 2012), Niger (2018) | Ethiopia (2018) | Zimbabwe (2003, 2004), Seychelles (2011), Republic of Congo (2019), Djibouti (negotiations ongoing) | Benin (2004), Sudan (2012), Chad (2017), ROC (2018) |

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Chinese Covid-19 Era Debt Relief: \$7.6 billion

- 1. G-20 DSSI (Eximbank) 23 countries
- Forum on China Africa Cooperation/FOCAC (CIDCA) debt write-offs for interest-free loans – 15 countries
- 3. Ad Hoc (China Development Bank and ICBC)

Ecuador: \$891 million in relief.

Angola: \$6.2 billion

Venezuela: \$3 billion (unconfirmed)