Sustainable Financing of Infrastructure in Emerging Economies

- Closing the Gap -

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Sustainable Financing of Infrastructure

Outline

I. Infrastructure in development
II. Infrastructure spending worldwide – the state of play
III. Infrastructure financing in emerging economies – needs and sources
IV. The role of the private sector
V. Tapping private savings through institutional investors
VI. The way forward
What do we mean by “infrastructure”?  

- Transport  
- Electric power  
- Water and sanitation  
- ICT  
- Social infrastructure (hospitals, prisons)  
- Extractives (oil, gas and mining)  
- Real estate

Hard Infrastructure = $2.5 trillion/year
Infrastructure is essential for development

Infrastructure is a major part of investment expenditure in the economy

Determines country’s success
• Diversifying production
• Expanding trade
• Coping with population growth
• Improving environmental conditions

Raises productivity
Lowers production costs

Reduces poverty
• Through inclusive growth
Infrastructure Spending Worldwide 1992-2013
(Annual average as % of GDP)

Global spend: 3.5% of world GDP

India: 4.9%
Emerging Asia: 3.6%
Africa: 3.1%
Latin America: 2.4%

Apart from India, G24 invests less than the global average

Some regions are dramatically under-endowed -- Africa literally a continent in the dark

- Africa has 15% of world population but only 3.2% of world generating capacity
- Only one in three Africans have access to electricity
- More than half the world’s people without electricity are Africans
  - 635 million out of 1.2 billion worldwide

Africa seen from space
Worldwide infrastructure spending, 2000-2030

Developing countries will need to nearly double annual investment over 2016-2030 to $1.9 trillion per year

Historical sources of infrastructure finance in developing world

- Domestic fiscal resources
- IFIs
- Govt to Govt Loans
- Direct investors
- Institutional invest

Public financial resources

Private financial resources

Infrastructure Spending
Historical = $1 tn/yr

Transport
Electric power
Water
ICT
African infrastructure is a special case
-- Role of China

Total Spending 2015: $83.4 billion

Source: ICA 2016
African Infrastructure – Where China puts its Money


- Transport: 45%
- Water: 1%
- Energy: 49%
- ICT: 5%


- Private Sector
- African National Govts.
- Donors
- China

Source: ICA 2016
Chinese mega-projects in Africa (Transport)

**Tanzania Bagamoyo Port** – Will become Africa's largest port (20 million containers per year). The project is worth $7 billion, funded by China Merchants Holdings International and State Government Reserve Fund of Oman. Construction started in October, 2015, but was halted earlier this year due to financial constraints.

**Kenya Standard Gauge Railway** – The biggest infrastructural project in Kenya since independence, worth $3.8 billion. China Exim Bank has funded 85 percent of the project (about $3.1 billion). Construction on the 609 km rail line began in October 2013. The first phase connecting the port city of Mombasa to the capital Nairobi is set to be complete by December, 2017.

**Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway** – Replaces the out-of-use metre-gauge railway which opened throughout in 1917. The Ethiopian section was inaugurated on 5 October 2016, and the Djibouti section was inaugurated on 10 January 2017. The railway has reduced cargo transit times from 3 days by road to 12 hours by train.

*Source: AFK Insider, others*
Chinese mega-projects in Africa (Energy)

- **China invested $13 billion** between 2010 and 2015, financed largely through public lending

- **Responsible for 30% of new capacity** in 2010 to 2015 (more than 200 greenfield power projects contracted to Chinese companies over the period)

- **17 GW of generation capacity between 2010 to 2020** currently built or are currently contracted to build, equivalent to around 10% of existing installed capacity

- **Focus on hydropower.** In fact, renewable sources account for 56% of the total capacity added by Chinese projects between 2010 and 2020, including 49% from hydropower

*Source: IEA, others*
Emerging Economies – additional $900 billion per year needed

- Public sources of finance cannot close the gap
  - Domestic tax revenue is difficult to raise
  - Other worthy uses exist (education, health, security)
  - IFIs and state-to-state loans are maxed out

- Private sources of finance will have to add a significant portion of funding
  - Direct investors (PPPs, concessions)
  - Institutional investors

- Closing the gap will need direct private financing and institutional investors

**Institutional Investors**

- Manage long-term savings for pension funds and insurance companies
  - $30 to $40 trillion in assets in developing world*

- Need long-term investments with steady revenue streams, manageable risk

- Invest in traded securities (stocks and bonds) and real estate

- Don’t invest in infrastructure in developing world

*Guestimate
Not all infrastructure can be financed by the private sector—importance of user fees

Revenue generating capacity

Adapted to private financing through user fees

Mix of public-private

Needs public money

User fees service the debt and pay investors

They permit private financing

They allow financing to be recycled to new investments
Project with private sector financing

Lake Turkana Wind Farm (Kenya)

- 310MW wind power to national grid, (18% of current installed capacity)
- $650 million investment
- IFI support (African Dev Bank)
- Risk mitigation
  - Kepco (power utility) restructuring
  - Payment risk covered by letter of credit
  - AfDB partial risk guarantee
  - AfDB B-Loan
Project with financing from institutional investors

Carreterra Samara Toll Road (Dominican Republic)

- Existing infrastructure asset refinanced with lower cost bond
- Asset received risk mitigation (PRI cover from MIGA)
- Bond rated by agencies
- Asset-backed bond issued on stock market
- Initial financing recycled into new projects
How to ensure affordability?

- Private investors can mean costly financing and high tariffs if risks are too high
  - Non-payment risk
    - Utility is insolvent
    - Government doesn’t pay
    - Tariffs are too low
  - Country risk
    - Contractual risk
    - Regulatory risk
    - War and civil disturbance
  - Market risk
- Financing costs can be brought down significantly by risk mitigation

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Un unserved rural consumer would be willing to pay for electricity from a private supplier, which is much cheaper than the alternative: batteries and candles
Tapping institutional investors

- Institutional investors have investment requirements
  - Stable cashflow
  - Moderately low risk
  - An asset that holds a credit rating (Investment grade)

- They prefer to purchase securities on markets if possible

- To tap their resources, existing infrastructure assets need to be bundled and issued as a security

- Freed-up funding can be recycled into new infrastructure projects
Conclusion

- Developing world needs more infrastructure
- Infrastructure investment must nearly double to close the gap
- Additional financing of $900 billion per year is required
- Financing from the private sector must be tapped, notably institutional investors
- To manage costs, users must pay and risks must be mitigated
- Infrastructure asset-backed securitization can tap considerable financing resources from institutional investors, and free up financing for new projects
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