

Maplecroft launches 'Global map of aid and debt' in advance of G8 summit

2005 is being hailed as a 'historic opportunity' in the fight against poverty. At the G8 Summit in Scotland from 6-8 July¹, world leaders will come together to discuss how to improve governance, build peace and create opportunities for growth in Africa. At the heart of the agenda is the question of how to raise necessary resources to finance these objectives, through more aid, debt relief and improved effectiveness.

In the run-up to the G8 Summit, Maplecroft today releases the '**Global map of aid and debt**', an interactive, web-based tool that features the latest data on official development assistance and debt, as well as analysis of the issues. Aid and debt are just two of the issues covered in the 'Global map of development finance' which also features other important sources of development finance, including trade, foreign direct investment and microfinance. Maps of these issues will shortly be released.

Partners are invited for the development of a hard copy map of development finance.

The 'Global map of development finance' is part of the Maplecroft '*Global maps*' series – a vast resource of data and analysis of 20 sustainable development issues, including HIV/AIDS, human rights, corruption, hunger, poverty, displacement, political risk, conflict risk, child rights, water, climate change and digital inclusion. The '*Global maps*' series includes both hard copy and interactive web-based maps. Hard-copy maps of anti-corruption and transparency, HIV/AIDS, human rights risk and water can be purchased at <http://amazon.maplecroft.com>. *Maplecroft maps* – the interactive web based resource is available at <http://maps.maplecroft.com>.

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Notes for editors:

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¹ Further information on the G8 Summit is available at <http://www.g8.gov.uk>