Donorship in flux

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Three statements

1. Northern donorship norms are facing headwinds.
2. These headwinds are weakening donor identities and the meaning of good donorship.
3. Donorship, and through it aid, will be transformed in the process.
Preamble: What is Northern donorship?

- Foreign aid became a mandatory activity for developed countries in the post-war period
- Why did states become donors?
  - Status as a donor: Hard & soft power to ‘gift resources’
  - Status as a good donor: pursuit of moral values
- Northern donorship is the product of interests and values of its time
Most donor countries are becoming less public spirited

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