

WBG FINANCES APP GUIDANCE



WBG Finances App

Understanding how to use the Finances app to
find contracting opportunities

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Common Abbreviations and Defined Terms

This section explains the common abbreviations and defined terms that are used in this guidance. Defined terms are written using capital letters.

Abbreviation / term	Full terminology / definition
Bank	IBRD and/or IDA (whether acting on its own account or in its capacity as administrator of trust funds provided by other donors).
Borrower/ Beneficiary	A recipient of investment project financing (IPF) and any other entity involved in the implementation of a project financed by IPF.
Consulting Services	Covers a range of services that are of an advisory or professional nature and are provided by Consultants. These Services typically involve providing expert or strategic advice e.g. management consultants, policy consultants or communications consultants. Advisory and project related Consulting Services include, for example: feasibility studies, project management, engineering services, finance and accounting services, training and development.
Contract	Except when used with defined terms such as Contract Manager and Contract Management Plan, the term “Contract” is throughout this guidance written as “contract.” Given the multiplicity of times that this term appears in this guidance, this approach improves readability.
Donor	The country donating money to the Bank
Goods	A category of Procurement that includes: commodities, raw material, machinery, equipment, vehicles, Plant, and related services such as transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training, and initial maintenance.
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
IDA	International Development Association.
IFC	International Finance Corporation; the private sector arm of the World Bank Group.
Non-consulting Services	Services which are not Consulting Services. Non-consulting Services are normally bid and contracted on the basis of performance of measurable outputs, and for which performance standards can be clearly identified and consistently applied.

Abbreviation / term	Full terminology / definition
	Examples include: drilling, aerial photography, satellite imagery, mapping, and similar operations.
Investment Project Financing (IPF)	The Bank's financing of investment projects that aims to promote poverty reduction and sustainable development. IPF supports projects with defined development objectives, activities, and results, and disburses the proceeds of Bank financing against specific eligible expenditures.
Prior Review	The process of the Bank reviewing the Borrowers Bidding Documents and procurement activities that are of high value and/or high risk to determine whether the procurement is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the legal agreement, before the award of the contract.
Project ID	The Bank project is referenced by a project ID (Pxxxxxxx). More than one loan, credit, or grant may be associated with one project ID.
Sectors	All Bank projects are classified by one to five sector(s). Sectors are a high-level grouping of economic activities based on the types of goods or services produced. The UN classification of economic sectors was issued as point of reference.
Supplier	Supplier is defined by the country in which the Firm/Individual is registered as a legal business entity.
World Bank Group	Represents IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA, ICSID
Works	A category of Procurement that refers to construction, repair, rehabilitation, demolition, restoration, maintenance of civil work structures, and related services such as transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, and training.

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Section I. Introduction

Purpose

This Finances App guidance offers an overview of the World Bank Group's (WBG) Financed Project and Procurement Mobile Application. This guidance explains the key concepts found in the application and outlines the full use and functionality of the mobile application. It will serve as guidance to business community on how to have access to procurement opportunities and contract awards, and will provide essential information and links on where to obtain additional information.

Transparency and accountability are essential to the development process at the World Bank Group and central to achieving the Bank's mission to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity.

The Bank is constantly striving for new and innovative ways to improve the outcome of Bank operations through procurement. The Finance Mobile Application has been developed to provide all stakeholders with easy access to Open Project and Procurement Data.

Data Source

The dataset for this application provides information on prior reviewed contracts funded by the Bank and awarded under Investment Project Financing (IPF) and related Trust Funds from Fiscal Year 2004 to date. The dataset is updated monthly.

The dataset does not include contract data on discontinued sector mapping.

Section II. Usability

Version

As of publication of this guidance note, the public version of the application is 3.0, and it is available for the iPhone, iPad, and for most Android devices. In order to diversify its usage, the app is available in 8 languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian).

Getting Started

Once the application is installed, it does not require any registration or sign in to begin use. The screenshots captured in this guidance is mostly from the iPad device but the menu options and icon descriptions applies to all devices.

Upon launching the application, the initial display is the 'Latest Updates' screen (currently under development) which shows options for an overview of projects under financing as well as a procurement overview of contract data and recent tender notices, available for exploration and analysis.

From this display, the user has several options to begin exploring further into projects, contract data, and present tender notices.

Main Display

An explanation of the Manu displayed icons based on their numbering is included below.

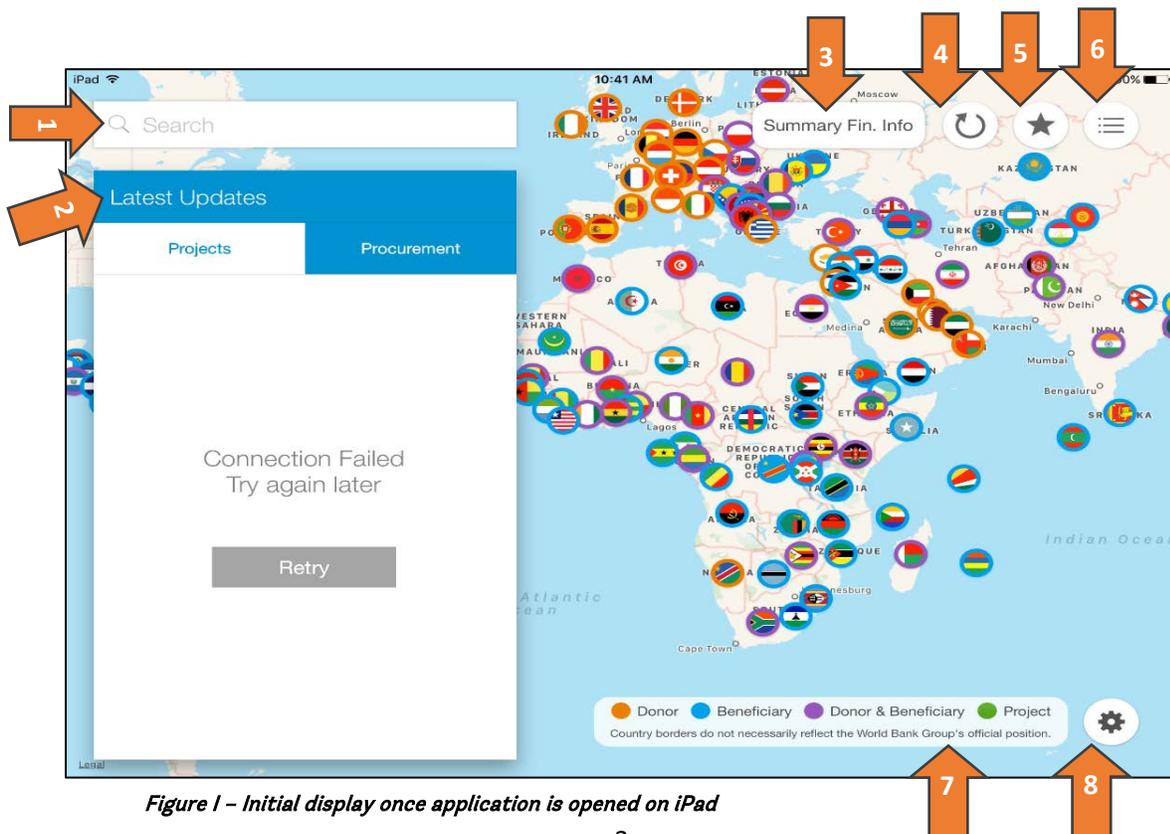


Figure 1 – Initial display once application is opened on iPad

1. The 'Search' bar allows the user to access specific information by typing either country or project number, and to filter through by type of project or by sector. The screenshot below shows an example of a search based on country 'China'.

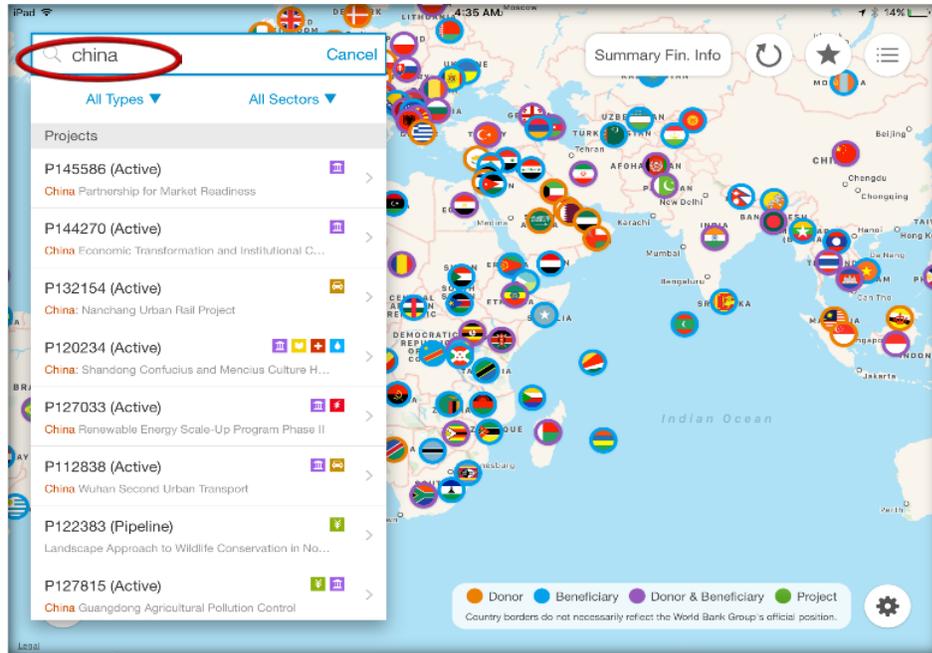


Figure II – Search by Country “China” screen shot

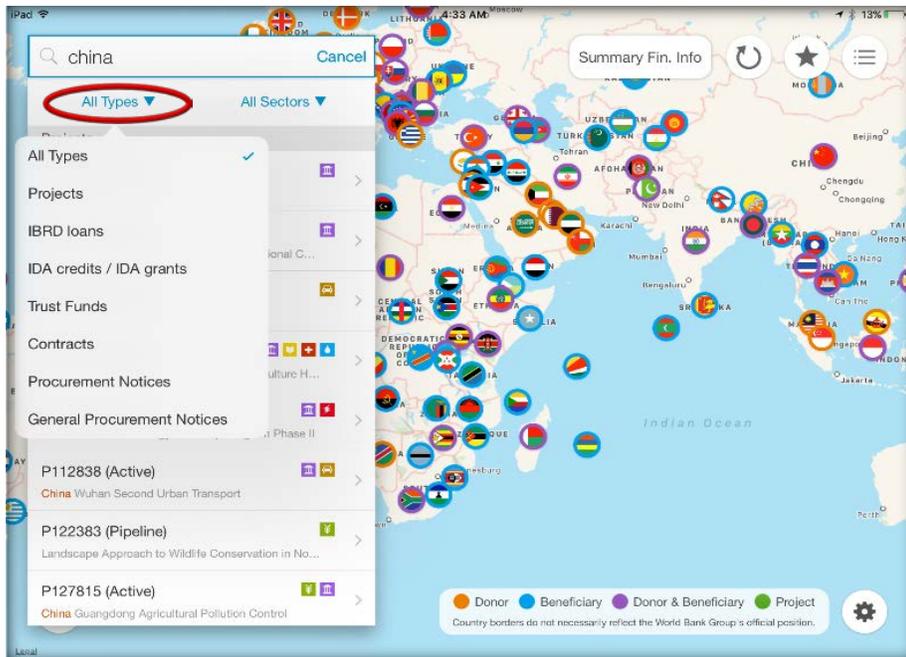


Figure III – Screen shot for search by 'all types' of activities



Figure IV – Search by all sectors screen shot

2. The 'Latest Update' menu is currently under development. With this option one will be able to refresh displayed data when selected.

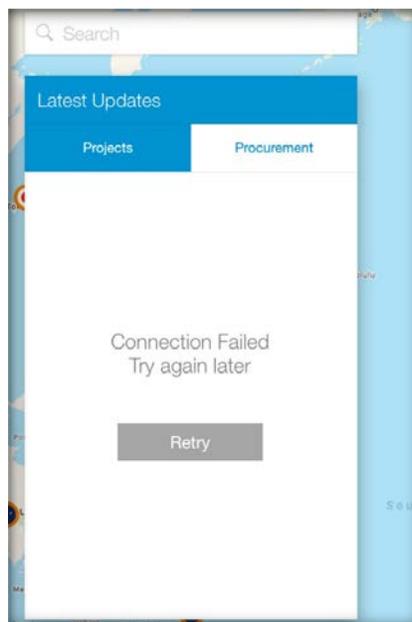
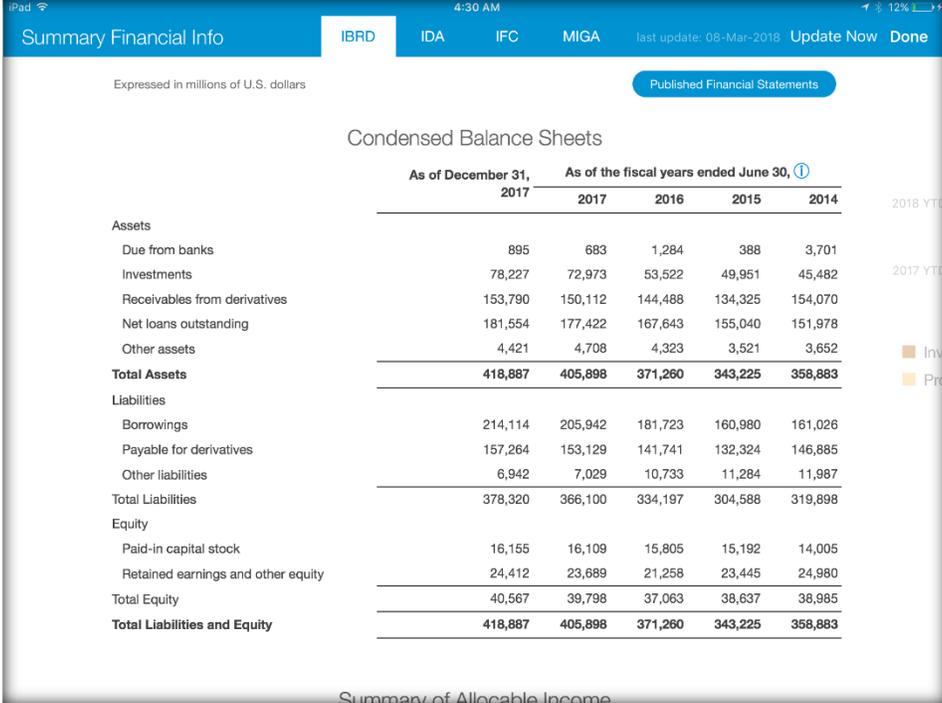


Figure V – Latest Update screen shot

3. The  button can be accessed to obtain quarterly financial statements on specific WBG members (IBRD, IDA, IFC or MIGA). Definitions of members are included above (page iii) of this guidance.



Expressed in millions of U.S. dollars

Published Financial Statements

Condensed Balance Sheets

	As of December 31,	As of the fiscal years ended June 30, ①			
	2017	2017	2016	2015	2014
Assets					
Due from banks	895	683	1,284	388	3,701
Investments	78,227	72,973	53,522	49,951	45,482
Receivables from derivatives	153,790	150,112	144,488	134,325	154,070
Net loans outstanding	181,554	177,422	167,643	155,040	151,978
Other assets	4,421	4,708	4,323	3,521	3,652
Total Assets	418,887	405,898	371,260	343,225	358,883
Liabilities					
Borrowings	214,114	205,942	181,723	160,980	161,026
Payable for derivatives	157,264	153,129	141,741	132,324	146,885
Other liabilities	6,942	7,029	10,733	11,284	11,987
Total Liabilities	378,320	366,100	334,197	304,588	319,898
Equity					
Paid-in capital stock	16,155	16,109	15,805	15,192	14,005
Retained earnings and other equity	24,412	23,689	21,258	23,445	24,980
Total Equity	40,567	39,798	37,063	38,637	38,985
Total Liabilities and Equity	418,887	405,898	371,260	343,225	358,883

Summary of Allocable Income

Figure VI – screen shot on Summary Financial statement for IBRD

4. The refresh  button allows the user to update all data on the screen as of the current date and time.
5. The star button  allows users to earmark items which they wish to follow. For example, when a contract award is open and the star button is selected, the user will be able to receive all updates related to that contract.

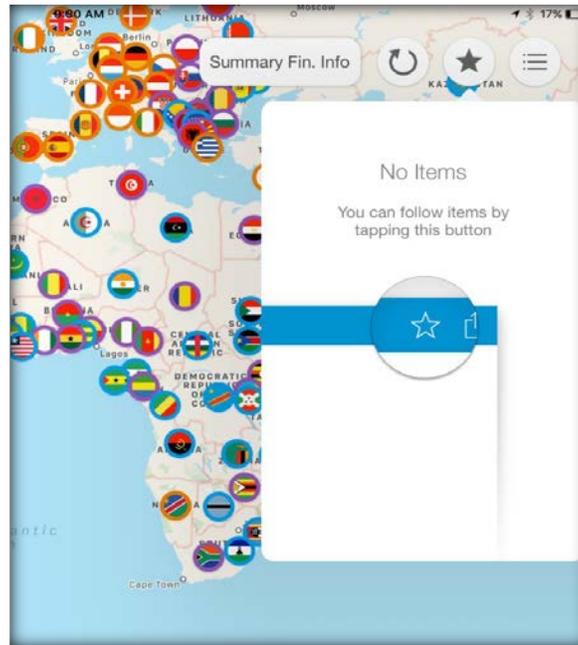


Figure VII – 'Favorite' Screen shot

6. The Menu icon  reveals a list of countries represented by their flag, allowing the user to quickly access information specific to that country.



Figure VIII – Menu screen shot

7. This 'legend bar' relates to the color code used around each country flag; On the map, countries are represented by their flag and this is circled. The circle is color coded and each color represents the relationship each country has with the WBG.



Figure IX – Color code legend screen shot (iPad)

- The user can access the ‘Settings’ icon to find information related to the app and its usage, as well as provide feedback or share and rate the app.

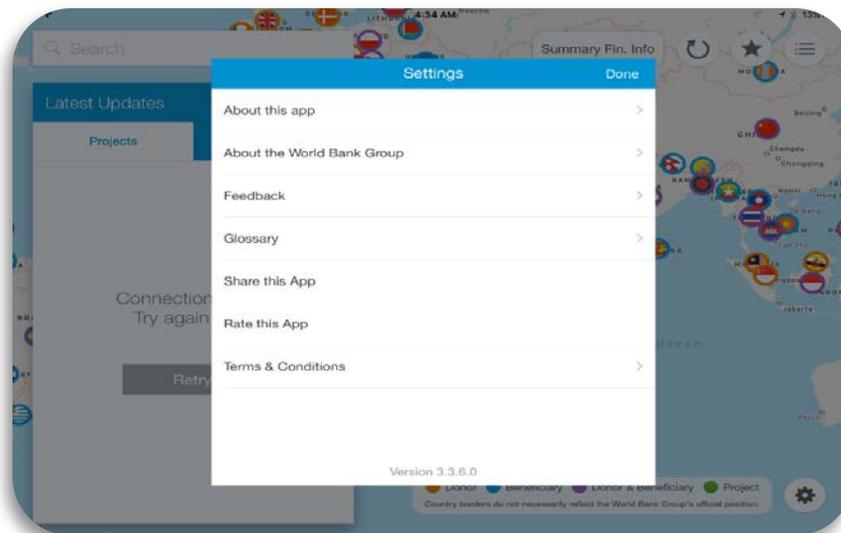


Figure X – ‘Setting’ screen shot (iPad)

Project Information (Active, Closed, Pipeline)

To access project information, the user can either click on a ‘country’ or click on the ‘search bar’ and enter the country for which this project is related to. If the user is more interested in finding a list of projects from a specific sector, that can easily be filtered by using the two drop down arrows as shown on the screen shot below.

Another option is to do a wildcard search from the main menu;

- typing the exact name or project number will highlight the specific project
- typing the sector name, example, “Waste water...” will show all projects under this sector

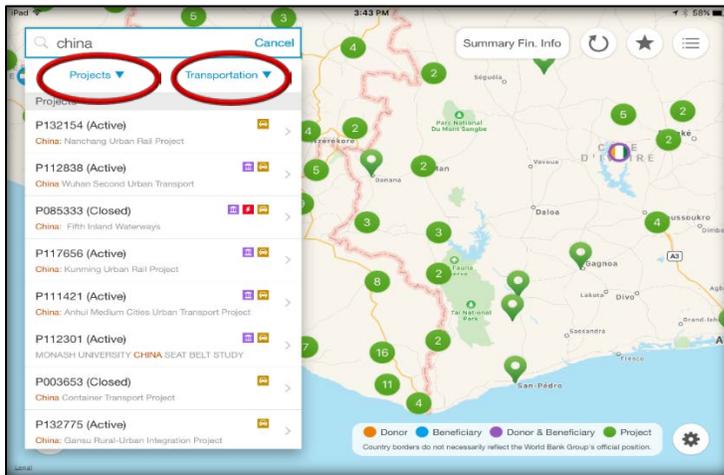


Figure XI – Screen shot indicating list of transportation projects in

Contract Information (Active and closed)

Contract information related to specific countries is obtained by accessing the procurement tab on the menu list by clicking on that country flag, then clicking on 'procurement' and then selecting 'contracts'. A list of all contracts will be shown and the user can click on each contract to find out more information on it. The screenshot below indicates 'China' as the country of interest.

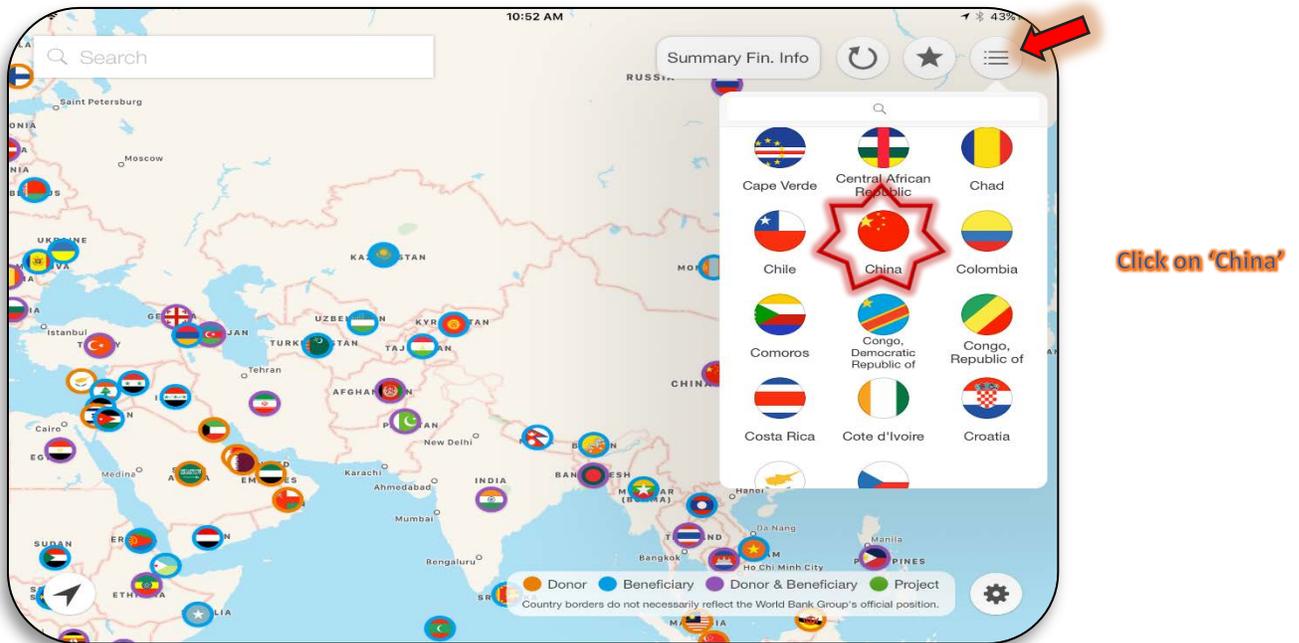
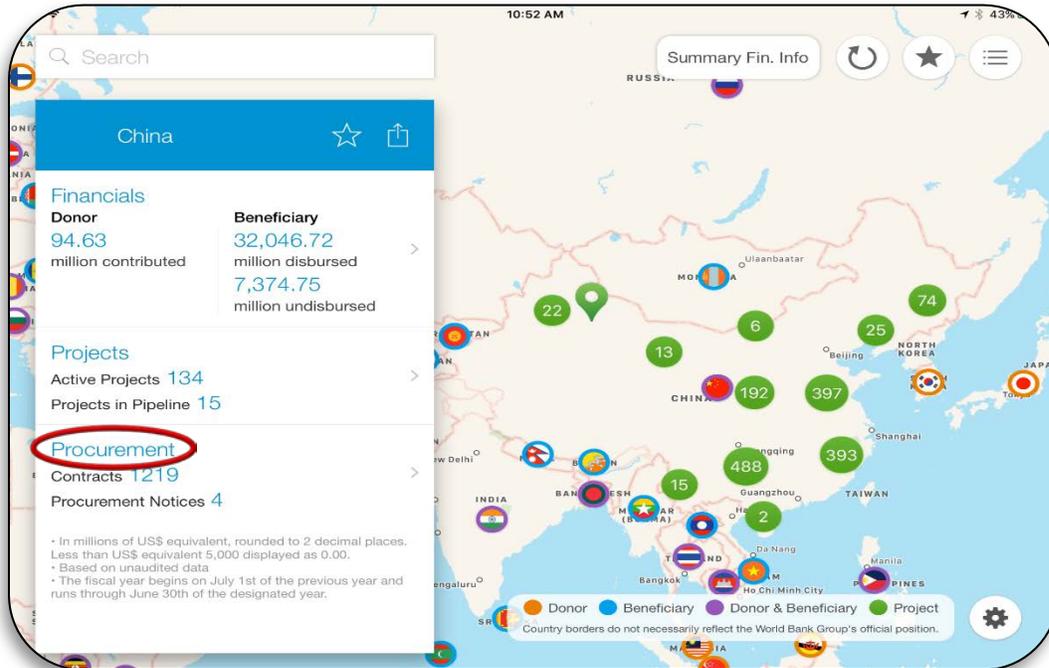
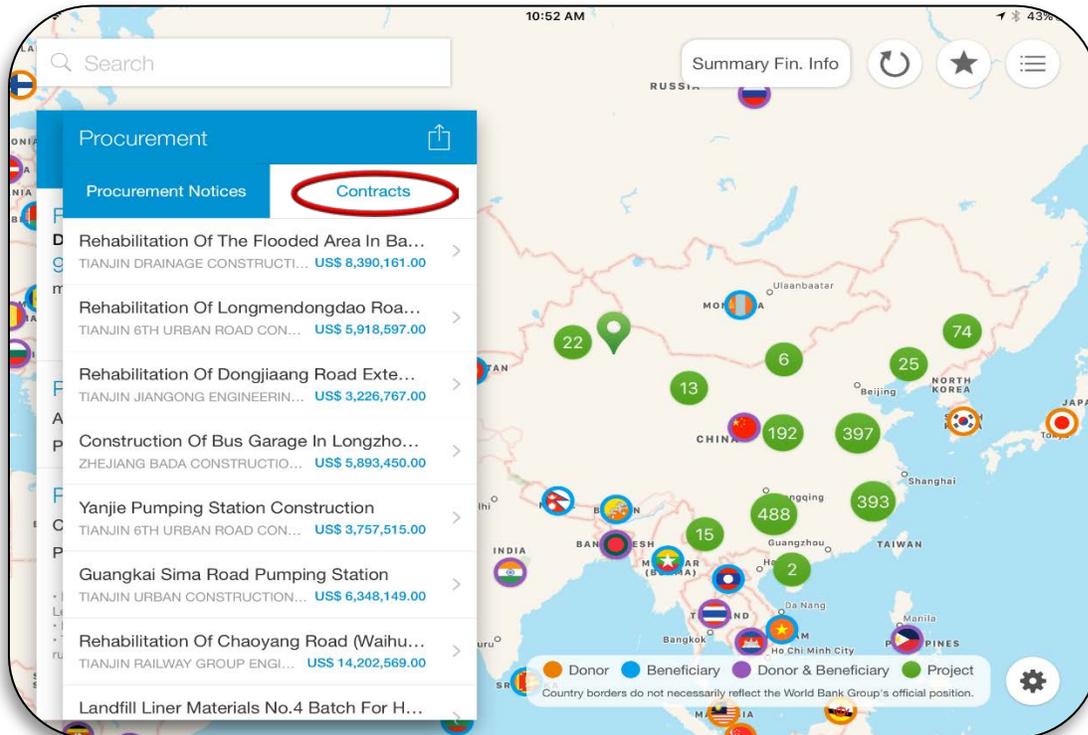


Figure XII – Screen shot indicating menu and country selection "China"



Click
'Procurement'

Figure XIII – Screen shot indicating procurement selection



Click
'Contracts'

Figure XIV – Screen shot displaying contract awards in China

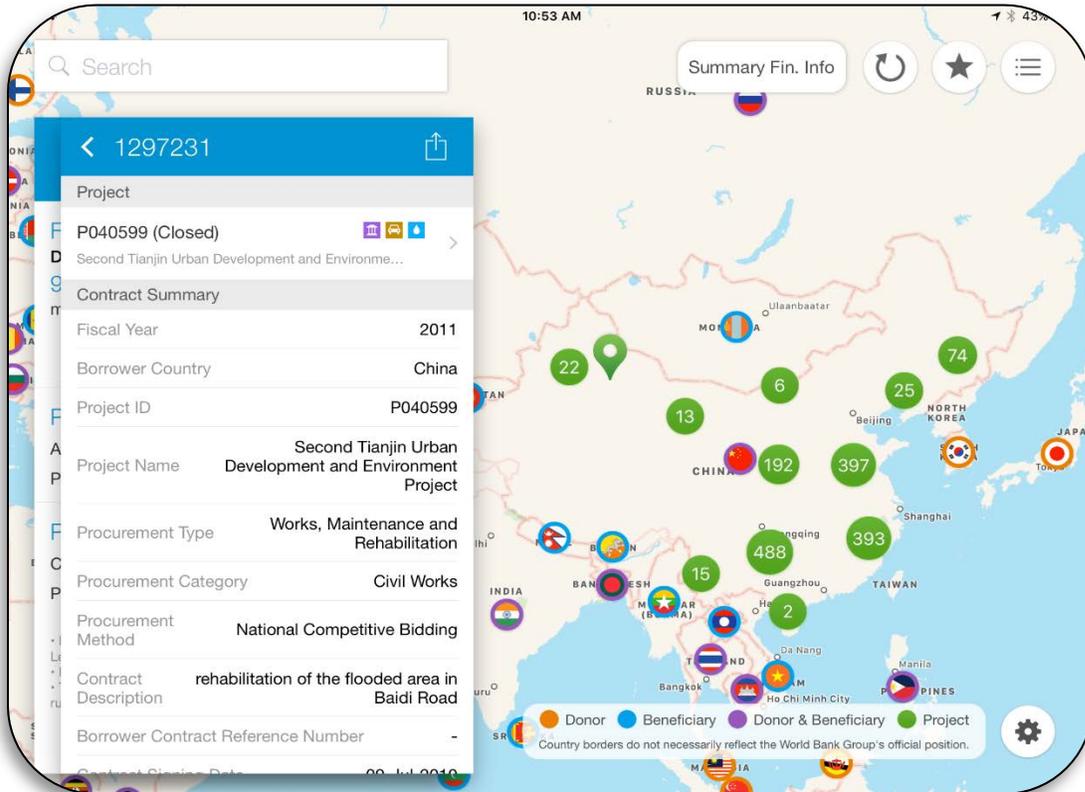
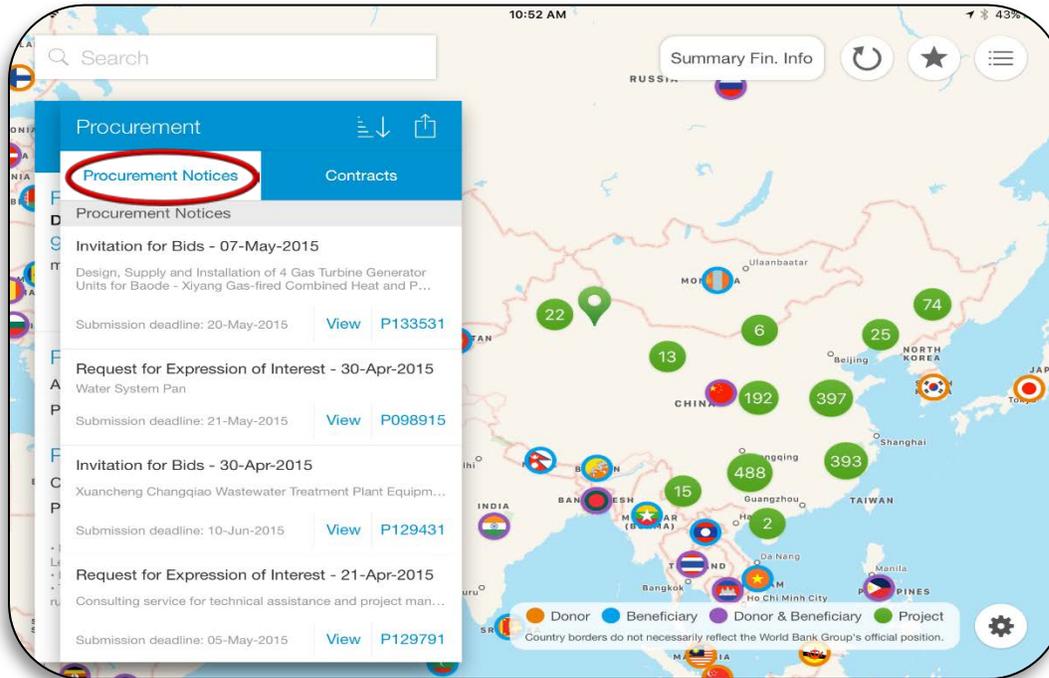


Figure XV – Screen shot displaying a specific contract information

Procurement Notices

Users can obtain the list of procurement notices for each country or sector by following the same process above, but instead of selecting 'contracts' as in figure XIV, users will have to select 'Procurement Notices' as shown below;



Click on
'procurement
Notices'

Figure XVI – Screen shot displaying 'Procurement Notices' selection

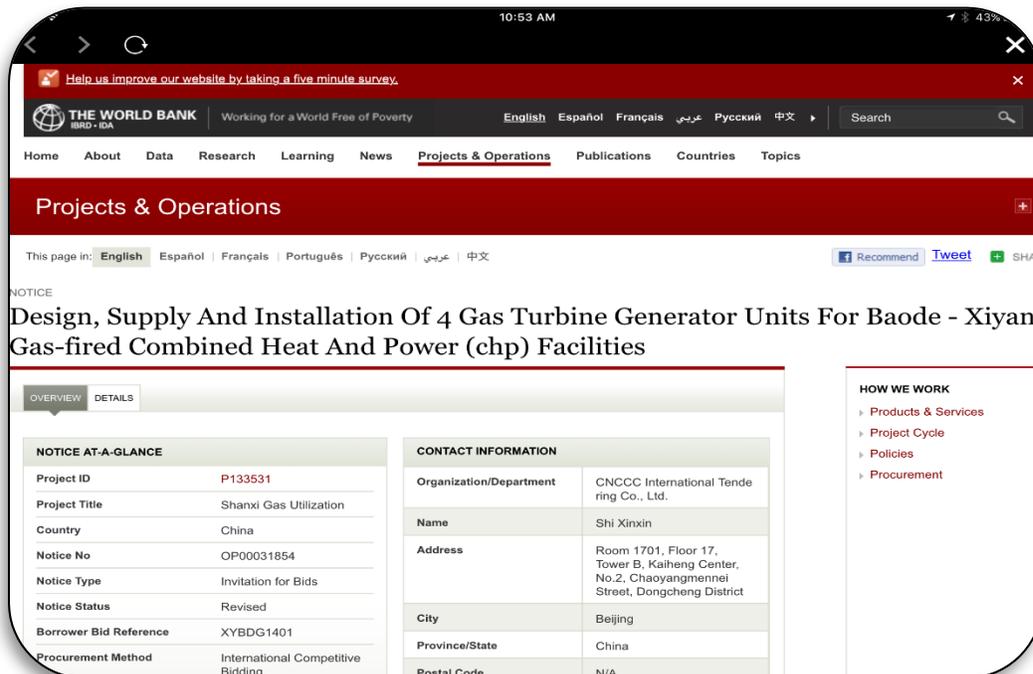


Figure XVII – Screen pop-up displaying a selected 'Procurement Notice'.

Annex I. Frequently Asked Questions

Is this mobile application available for Android devices?

Yes

Which languages are available for this mobile application?

The app is available in 8 languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian).

Can I download or export the data found in the mobile application?

No, but you can share with other users

Where can I find more information about a project that is associated with a tender notice and/or contract?

There are multiple ways to access this additional information.

In the mobile application, when viewing detailed information about a tender notice or contract, a user can click on the Project ID and it opens the [World Bank Group Finances](#) mobile application to provide further information on the project.

Through a web browser, the user can access the website <http://projects.worldbank.org/> and enter the corresponding Project ID into the search field to display further information on the project.

Are there any limitations to the available data?

A potential limitation involves supplier country of origin. The World Bank determines the country of origin of a supplier (company or individual) based on the country in which the supplier is registered as a legal business entity. If a contract is awarded to a subsidiary which is registered in a country (Country A) and the parent company is registered in a different country (Country B), then the data reflects the country of origin as that registered by the subsidiary (Country A).

Why are certain suppliers labeled as 'Individual'?

The term 'individual' is used to replace the name of an awarded supplier of any consultant contract in which the awarded supplier is an individual, self-employed person. This practice is in place to protect individual privacy.

Why does Contract data only include Prior Reviewed contract information?

The World Bank provides information on Prior Reviewed contracts, as it centrally manages this data. Other contracts that are not Prior Reviewed (because they do not pass thresholds based on contract value or risk) are monitored by regional offices and that data is not centrally collected. Information on these contracts can be requested on an individual basis by contacting local World Bank Offices, contact information can be found at <https://www.worldbank.org/en/about/contacts>

How do I register to bid?

There is no requirement for one to register before submitting a bid or proposal.

What is a procurement notice?

Borrowers inform bidders of upcoming procurement/contract opportunities by publishing the procurement notice which may be in the form of an invitation for bids or a request for expression of interest (REOI)

Borrowers also publish notices of contract awards to inform participants in a procurement process and the public which bidder was successful and was selected for the award of contract.

If I can't find what I need, who do I contact?

Call: 202-473-1000 or reach out to any of the below procurement staff members;



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For additional information about the World Bank Procurement Framework, including Standard Procurement Documents (SPDs), Guidance, briefing, training and e-learning materials see www.worldbank.org/procurement