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## PREFACE

Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, the rise of the emerging BRICS economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) has provided new impetus for the promotion of South–South development cooperation. For emerging donor countries, it has been urgent and essential to conduct deep research on the concepts, principles, methods, and effects of South–South development cooperation, to sum up experience and to establish a framework for such cooperation. In 2014, scholars from emerging market countries including Brazil, China, India, Mexico, and South Africa established the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST), aiming to launch systematic studies on the features, data collection activities, and evaluations of South–South development cooperation.

Demonstrating a long-term commitment to the study of South–South development cooperation, the China International Development Research Network (CIDRN) has participated actively in research and exchanges in NeST since 2015. The China Chapter of NeST suggests that case studies and related analyses are currently the most appropriate and constructive research approach, due to limited foreign aid data and statistical systems in the countries under study, which cannot be solved within a short time-frame, making empirical analyses of the emerging market nations' aid scale, sector, and regional distribution difficult to achieve. Case studies highlight the differences in aid concepts, principles, strategies, and effectiveness between emerging market nations, and offer traditional donors evidence as the basis for establishing emerging market countries' foreign aid frameworks with their own features.

In September 2015, CIDRN invited Chinese experts in the field of foreign aid to collect and analyze China's foreign aid cases. This book collects together 15 Chinese foreign aid cases, each of which analyzes a project's background, characteristics, and effectiveness. Through these specific cases, the features of South–South development cooperation in China's foreign aid progress are highlighted.

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