Variable	Description	Source / Notes
WB_projectid	The project id assigned by the World Bank	This is a common project identifier across many World Bank datasets
indicator_id	An indicator id assigned by our research team	
id	A concatenated id for the previous two variables	
project_title	The project title given by the World Bank	see: http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30 (Accessed October 2016).
countrycode	World Bank country code	This country code is a common country identifier across many World Bank datasets
country	Country name	
approval_year	Year of project approval	
baseline	This is the pre-intervention, baseline value of the indicator in this row	
completion	This is the value of the same indicator at project completion, as documented by an endline evaluation	
achieve.pos	A binary indicator of progress toward the target in question	
completion_year	Year of project completion	
remeasure	The value of the indicator when re-measured by our research team	
remeasure_year	Year of the source that re-measured the indicator	
remeasure_url	The link to the source from which our team compiled the re-measurement	These links were live in 2013, at the time of re-measurement
persist	A binary indicator of whether the value of the target was maintained or improved following project completion, as compared to the endline value of the target	
indicator_type	The type of target, as coded by our research team	This is internal coding that is not used in the analysis reported
level	The level of government for which the institution building target is relevant, as coded by our research team	
indicator_type	The indicator type with the following values: Binary (absence/presence); Increased (continuous value that should be increased); Decreased (continuous value that should be decreased)	
question_indicator	The target stated as a question	
far	Indicator of the target type: F=Form; A=Action; R=Result	In the paper, we talk about "Result" targets as "Function" targets; these values are synonymous
form	Binary indicator created from "far"	
result	Binary indicator created from "far"	
action	Binary indicator created from "far"	
remeasure.year.full	The re-measure year, including the attempt to re-measure in 2013 even if no repeated value could be located	
gap	The number of years between project completion and the re-measurement of the target indicator	
es.borrower	Indictor of borrower performance during the implementation of the project	IEG evaluation database: http://ieg.worldbankgroup.org/data

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es.borrower.sat	Binary indicator of satisfactory performance by the borrower, based on "es.borrower"	
ibrd.amount	Projects funds from the IBRD	Core WB project dataset, see: http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30 (Accessed October 2016).
ida.amount	Projects funds from the IDA	Core WB project dataset, see: http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30 (Accessed October 2016).
total.amount	Project funds from both the IBRD and IDA. Excludes co-funding from other sources.	
ida.prop	Proportion of World Bank funds for the project from IDA (ida.amount / total.amount)	
approval_year.count	A count of years since the first year in the sample	
NR.total.rents.ay.lag1	Natural resource rents as a percentage of GDP in the year preceding the approval year	World Development Indicators, see: http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.TOTL.RT.ZS
GDP.k.pc.ay.lag1	GDP per capita (in $1000 USD) in the year preceding the approval year, based on 2005 constant value	World Development Indicators, see: http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.KD. Note: since the time of writing, the World Bank updated to 2010 constant values. The original data containing 2005 constant values are available upon request.
sector.board	The World Bank Sector Board responsible for reviewing the project	Core WB project dataset, see: http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30 (Accessed October 2016).
env.sector	Binary indicator for the Environment Sector Board	
WB.operational.cat	The operational category of the country during the year of approval, which determines IDA and IBRD eligibility.	World Bank Operational Classification data, see: http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/site-content/OGHIST.xls (Accessed October 2016).
op.cat.I	Binary indicator of operational categorization "I" from "WB.operational.cat"	
ida.total.ay	Total IDA funding during the approval year	Core WB project dataset, see: http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30 (Accessed October 2016).
ibrd.total.ay	Total IBRD funding during the approval year	Core WB project dataset, see: http://go.worldbank.org/IAHNQIVK30 (Accessed October 2016).
ida.prop.portfolio.ay.proj	Proportion of total IBRD and IDA funding from IDA	
env.min.year	Year an environmental ministry was established in the country	Updated data from Aklin and Urpelainen 2014.
env.min.combined	Age of environmental ministry at project approval	
GNI.pc.atlas.lag2	GNI per capita Atlas method, with a lag of two years (current value).	World Development Indicators, see: http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GNP.PCAP.CD
GNI.pc.atlas	GNI per capita Atlas method (current value).	World Development Indicators, see: http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GNP.PCAP.CD

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cutoff.diff	Difference between the Operational Category I/II cutoff and the final, revised GNI per capita Atlas method value.	This cutoff.diff variable is used to derive errors in operational classification for Appendix D.
PAD_url	url from for the Project Document from which the target was coded.	
Type.of.Document	The type of project appraisal or preparation document	
PAD_page	The page from which the target was extracted	