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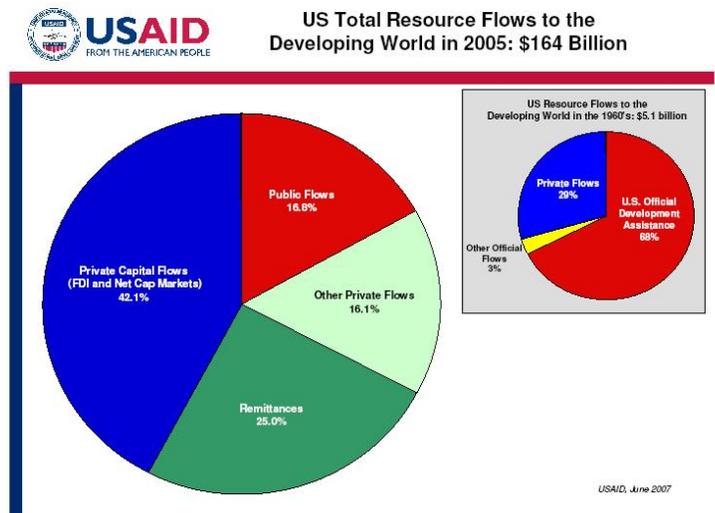
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PRIVATE ENTERPRISES INCREASE THEIR INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

The participation of private enterprises has strengthened the flow of resources that the United States of America provides worldwide for economic and social development.

The relationship between Official Development Assistance (ODA) and private flows into the developing world has been completely reversed in recent decades, and the latest figures bear out this continuing shift.

A new analysis from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) shows how private capital increased from about 30 percent in the 1960s to more than 80 percent in 2005 (see charts, right). Although the total value of ODA has increased, public funding of development was approximately 17 percent of the total flow of resources in 2005, compared to 68 percent in the 1960s.



Given these trends, the building of alliances with private sector partners is critical to leveraging the effectiveness of public aid to poor countries. USAID recognizes the vital role of public-private alliances in achieving transformational development goals.

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