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Leveraging Billions of Private Development Dollars

In a recent speech in Seattle, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Karen Hughes recognized the sustainable impact of the U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Global Development Alliances stating that it is “no longer thought of as just a trendy innovation” and that to date, “its \$1.1 billion in taxpayer funded investments have leveraged more than \$3.7 billion in additional private development funds.” This high level recognition illustrates GDA’s central role in building the bridge to the private sector. The speech can be viewed at www.usaid.gov/press/speeches/2006/sp060308.html.

Recent statistics indicate that from 2002 -2005, USAID funded nearly 400 alliances, with over \$1.4 billion in USAID funding leveraging over \$4.6 billion in partner resources.

Did you know?

In 2005, the United States government contributed \$27.5 billion in official development assistance (ODA). Of \$27.5 billion in ODA, \$10.2 billion was allocated toward reconstruction aid in Iraq, \$1.5 billion to the reconstruction and anti-narcotics programs in Afghanistan, and \$4.1 billion in aid to Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, \$2.8 billion went to the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, and \$841million went to tsunami relief efforts.

Postponement

The GDA 5th Anniversary Conference, scheduled for June 6, has been postponed until further notice.

News & Notes

- We would like to announce a new regional alliance builder in Cairo, Dave Besch. Feel free to contact him at dbesch@usaid.gov. An additional regional alliance builder in Bangkok will soon be announced.
- GDA welcomes Jerry O’Brien, who will begin working on May 15. Jerry is a specialist in democracy and governance and will manage the portfolio for the Asia & Near East (ANE) bureau. You may email Jerry at jo'brien@usaid.gov.



USAID and Starbucks Salute Rwanda's Success in Producing High Quality Coffee



The Rwandan Ambassador, Dr. Zac Nsenga, (center), USAID Assistant Administrator for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, Jacqueline E. Schafer (left) and Starbucks' Green Coffee Trader, Alfredo Nuno (right) were among diplomats, business leaders, development professionals and embassy personnel who gathered to taste and celebrate the award winning Blue Bourbon Coffee from Rwanda. USAID has invested more than \$10 million in infrastructure, training, and supply chain support for Rwanda coffee growers. Approximately 40,000 Rwandan coffee farmers have doubled their income thanks to USAID assistance. For more information, visit www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2006/pr060411_1.html.

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