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NEWLY PUBLISHED FIGURES FOR AID IN 1968

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1. The Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of OECD has recently published figures for assistance to developing countries in 1968 for all western donors. This paper summarises the main features.

OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE

2. The net flow (1) of official assistance fell by 1.2% from \$7,034 million in 1967 to \$6950 in 1968. This is on a current prices basis and represents a larger fall in real terms. These figures represent a fall from 0.46% of combined western GNP to 0.42% of GNP. The figures for the last decade are as follows:

	million dollars	% of GNP
1960	4964	0.54
1961	6144	0.63
1962	6031	0.57
1963	6105	0.54
1964	5950	0.48
1965	6310	0.47
1966	6608	0.46
1967	7034	0.46
1968	6950	0.42

3. The main changes for individual countries between 1967 and 1968 were a fall of about 3% for the United States and rises of 10% for Germany and 3% for France. In the DAC tables the United Kingdom registers a big decline. This is due to the effect of devaluation on dollar statistics; in terms of sterling U.K. net official aid fell slightly from £179 million to £178 million.

4. 1968 figures for the main donors are as follows:

	% of GNP	million dollars
1. Portugal (provisional)	0.82	42
2. France	0.72	855
3. Australia	0.56	157
4. Netherlands	0.54	134
5. Germany	0.45	595
6. Belgium	0.44	93
7. UNITED KINGDOM	0.42	428
8. United States	0.41	3605
9. Japan (provisional)	0.36	507
10. Canada	0.34	213
<b>TOTAL WESTERN DONORS</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>6950</b>

(1) In the terminology employed by the DAC "net" means net of capital repayments but not net of interest receipts. Figures for interest receipts are not yet available.

PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND COMMERCIAL CREDIT

5. Private flows rose dramatically by 40% between 1967 and 1968 from £4213 million to £5903 million. This puts private flows up from 0.29% of combined western GNP to 0.36%. A large part of the rise was represented by private export credits. Figures for selected donors are as follows:

	<u>% of GNP</u>	<u>million dollars</u>
Germany	0.79	1040
Belgium	0.71	150
Portugal (provisional)	0.62	32
Netherlands	0.56	142
France	0.52	628
Italy	0.49	356
UNITED KINGDOM	0.41	417
Austria	0.41	46
Norway	0.39	35
Japan	0.38	542
United States	0.24	2071

TOTAL FLOWS

6. Because of the big rise in private funds, total flows to developing countries rose by 14% from £11,247 million to £12,855 million. This represents a rise from 0.75% of combined western GNP to 0.77%. The figures achieved by each donor were as follows:

	<u>% of GNP</u>	<u>million dollars</u>
1. Portugal (provisional)	1.45	74
2. Switzerland (provisional)	1.43	242
3. France	1.24	1483
4. Germany	1.24	1635
5. Belgium	1.15	243
6. Netherlands	1.10	276
7. UNITED KINGDOM	0.83	845
8. Japan	0.74	1049
9. Italy	0.70	505
10. Australia	0.67	187
11. Austria	0.66	74
12. United States	0.65	5676
13. Norway	0.65	58
14. Denmark	0.55	74
15. Canada	0.49	306
16. Sweden	0.49	127
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TOTAL WESTERN DONORS	0.77	12,855

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