

What People Are Saying About MCC

“But the purpose of development—and what’s needed most right now—is creating the conditions where assistance is no longer needed. So we will seek partners who want to build their own capacity to provide for their people. We will seek development that is sustainable. Building in part on the lessons of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, which has helped countries like El Salvador build rural roads and raise the incomes of its people, we will invest in the capacity of countries that are proving their commitment to development.”

President Barack Obama

Millennium Development Goals Summit, United Nations Headquarters, September 22, 2010

“The Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact we signed earlier this year is a testament to the progress Moldova has made in advancing transparent governance, human rights, and economic reform.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

In a statement marking Moldova’s National Day, August 26, 2010

“We’re also working on more economic programs, we’re working on Millennium Challenge grants, we’re working on a lot of other ways of bolstering economies and governments to improve rule of law.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

Council on Foreign Relations event
September 8, 2010

“One of the joys of my job as chair of the Millennium Challenge Corporation Board is watching countries make gains because of their own hard work, but with the help of the United States.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

September 23, 2010

“Obama’s administration intends to build on a Bush-era initiative called the Millennium Challenge Corporation, which offered special help to countries that were trying to develop their own resources and also straightening out their own governments.”

The Sacramento Bee editorial: *Aid and Change*

September 27, 2010

“The MCC Board of Directors has praised this compact for its creativity, innovation and relevance. Each of the three projects in the compact has integrated several key components to combat corruption.”

President Benigno Aquino III

at the Philippines-MCC compact signing
September 23, 2010

“The United States values our strong, close relationship, our very important partnership with Jordan. It is rooted in respect and common purpose. And today, I am very pleased to announce that yesterday a new Millennium Challenge Corporation compact was voted on that will invest more than \$275 million in sustainable development here in Jordan. We worked very hard on this, and it was in partnership with the Jordanian Government that we looked at the needs that the people of Jordan have. We consulted broadly, outside even the Jordanian Government, with the private sector, with academics, experts, and others. And constantly, we heard, “Help Jordan deal with the water and waste water issues that affect people across the country.” So this compact will help rehabilitate the water supply network, improve waste water collection and irrigation, and expand a key waste water treatment plant. This investment will create jobs for the people of Jordan, so it has the added benefit of not only building infrastructure that will help people in their homes, in their businesses, and provide a base for further economic development, but put people to work right now. And at the end, more than one million Jordanians will be supplied with safe and reliable access to clean drinking water for the very first time. I want to thank the Government of Jordan for its close cooperation. These were highly technical decisions because they require a lot of expertise about what will work, and we could never have reached the decision to make this commitment without the guidance and leadership of Jordan.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
September 16, 2010

“...But at the end of the day, development is a discipline. It’s a profession. And there’s a way to do it in a way that is smart, is results-oriented, is focused on knowing how to spend resources and cooperate and design policies and build governance in environments where you get real results. And we have a huge experience base around the world, not just USAID, but MCC and so many other partners, and we know a lot about what works, what doesn’t work.”

USAID Administrator Raj Shah

Remarks in a Roundtable Discussion on the Administration’s New Global Development Policy at the Annual U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Conference, September 28, 2010

“The U.S. Congress and the Obama Administration are aware of the challenge of reforming U.S. aid. The Millennium Challenge Corporation has provided an example of some ways to do better, especially with respect to fostering country institutions and ensuring country ownership of programs.”

First annual Quality of Official Development Assistance (QuODA) Assessment

Center for Global Development and Brookings Institution, October 5, 2010