



# Millennium Challenge Corporation

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March 3, 2005

The Honorable Tom Lantos  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on International Relations  
United States House of Representatives  
B-360 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Lantos:

We wish to inform you of our intention to provide initial funding for baseline data collection in Madagascar. The total cost of this baseline survey project is approximately \$1,000,000. This assistance is pursuant to provision 609(g) of our authorizing legislation, which provides for disbursements to eligible countries to facilitate development and implementation of a Compact.

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The Honorable Henry Hyde  
Chairman  
Committee on International Relations  
United States House of Representatives  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hyde:

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The Honorable Joseph Biden  
Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
Office of the Minority  
439 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Biden, Jr.:

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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lugar:

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations  
United States Senate  
142 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman McConnell:

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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations  
United States Senate  
123 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

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The Honorable Nita M. Lowey  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs  
United States House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswomen Lowey:

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The Honorable Jim Kolbe  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs  
United States House of Representatives  
HB-26 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kolbe:

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Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-218 United States Capitol  
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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
United States Capitol  
S-128  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cochran:

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1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States Capitol S-125 A  
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