



# Millennium Challenge Corporation

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Reducing Poverty Through Growth

## CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET

We wish to inform of the intent to provide funding of up to \$57,000 for the purpose of facilitating the development of a Millennium Challenge Compact with the Republic of Ghana and, if a Compact is concluded, the implementation of such Compact.

The attached notification is being sent to the Congress on May 20, 2005. Allocation and obligation of funds may be incurred on or after fifteen days from the date of this notification. The obligation of funds will be made at the time the applicable agreement is effective.

Sincerely,

Frances C. McNaught  
Vice President  
Domestic Relations

Enclosure:

As stated

**MILLENIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION  
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

May 20, 2005

PROGRAM:	FY 2004 and FY 2005 Eligible Countries
APPROPRIATIONS CATEGORY:	FY 2004 Program Funds
INTENDED FY 2005 OBLIGATION:	\$57,000

In accordance with section 515 of the Foreign Operation, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act 2004 (Div. D, P.L. 108-199) (“FOAA”), this is to advise that the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) intends to obligate up to Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000) in FY 2004 MCC program funds. Pursuant to Section 609(g) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (the “Act”), MCC plans to undertake activities to facilitate the development and, subject to appropriate approvals and notifications, implementation of a Millennium Challenge Compact with the Republic of Ghana. These funds will be used for baseline data collection activities and more specifically:

- (1) Adding several questions to a National Land Tenure Survey to ensure that MCC collects the necessary information.
- (2) Expanding the survey to include two regions that are proposed as part of Ghana’s proposed MCC program.

MCC and the Government of Ghana have worked together to agree on program goals, objectives and key indicators at the Compact goal, Program and Project levels. However, it is evident that sufficient baseline data does not presently exist in the GOG Statistical Services Department or from other sources. The Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) - a semi-autonomous research institution within the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ghana - is currently in the process of launching a National Land Tenure Survey as a part of a USAID administered grant. The study is a standard household survey that covers several themes in selected administrative regions of Ghana and will assemble credible data and information on land tenure and administration issues as well as analyze this with the appropriate statistical and other tools.

By collaborating with USAID and ISSER, MCC will be able to collect specific secondary and primary data for the three targeted regions in the proposed Ghana MCA program. Coordinating on the National Land Survey is a cost and time efficient way to collect required MCC baseline data by avoiding duplication of costs for training of temporary staff, testing of the survey instruments or other logistics related to field level preparation. Participating in this survey is timely, as it is scheduled to be completed by August 2005 and thus, it will expedite, among other things, the development of the Compact program design, the M&E Plan and Compact implementation.

The proposed Ghana MCA program is focused on the provision of infrastructure to open up three regions – Afram Plains, Central and Northern region - that have some of the greatest incidences of poverty, yet hold the highest potential for growth in the agriculture sector. Corresponding investments in financial services, business support services, and policy environment are designed to complement these investments and ultimately accelerate agribusinesses growth in Ghana.