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"It is the policy of my Administration to advance its national security and foreign policy goals by harnessing the ideas, perspectives, support, and contributions of a diverse array of partners, such as State and local governments, academic and research institutions, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and civil society."

2021 White House Memorandum on Revitalizing America's Foreign Policy and National Security Workforce, Institutions, and Partnerships

### **MESSAGE FROM MCC ACEO**

Partnering is a powerful multiplier of development impact and an effective way to bring the core strengths and capabilities of the public sector, private sector, and civil society together to solve problems that no one organization or entity can solve on its own.

In fact, MCC's model is built on partnering with countries to promote economic growth, reduce poverty, and strengthen institutions. I am inspired by the commitment and hard work of our government partners as we work together to achieve transformational change with compact, threshold, and regional programs.



Partnering with donors, foundations, businesses, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and other U.S. Government agencies is essential to further the impact, scale, innovation, and sustainability of MCC programs. Over the past few years, MCC has strengthened our capacity to collaborate effectively and efficiently, created new pathways for organizations to engage with us, and built an expanded and more diversified network of prospective partners. These efforts are having real impact. I am pleased to share examples of how MCC, our country partners, and other public, private, and civil society organizations are collaborating to expand access to knowledge, data, resources, expertise, and visibility.

In this inaugural MCC Annual Partnerships Report, we feature seven partnerships that increase equality, opportunity, and empowerment for women; enable MCC to use cutting-edge sensor technology to better monitor water availability; and strengthen the capacity of entrepreneurs and policy makers in Africa to use digital tools and data to drive development. We also highlight nine partnerships to watch, including several that are directly aligned with our MCC corporate priorities of climate, inclusion and gender, and catalyzing private investment.

MCC seeks to partner with organizations that share our goal of achieving poverty reduction through economic growth. These partnership examples will give you a glimpse of how MCC is partnering to improve lives for people around the world.

Sincerely,

Mahmoud Bah

Acting Chief Executive Officer Millennium Challenge Corporation

### **ABOUT US**

MCC partnerships take many forms and benefit both MCC and our partner organizations by increasing our respective access to cutting-edge research, knowledge, data, funding, networks, and expertise. Partnerships also benefit the public by helping to open new markets, scale programs, drive innovation, and transform the lives of people around the world.

To MCC, a partnership is defined as a collaborative relationship in which two or more entities work together to:

- ★ achieve a common purpose or undertake a specific task;
- ★ mutually determine goals, structure, governance, roles, and responsibilities of their collaboration;
- ★ share responsibilities, resources, and competencies; and,
- ★ share benefits and risks.

MCC and our country counterparts collaborate with the public, private sector, and civil society organizations to reduce poverty through economic growth at the agency and country levels:

# AGENCY-LEVEL PARTNERSHIPS

Agency-level partnerships afford MCC the opportunity to gain access to knowledge, data, resources, expertise, and visibility that is not easily procured via contracts. Partnerships also increase the sustainability of programs by involving external parties and increase the funding leveraged via partner co-funding. These partnerships are between MCC and one or more partners to actively share knowledge, technical expertise, and other resources to expand the impact of our programs and achieve mutual objectives. One way MCC forms agency-level partnerships via an Annual Program Statement (APS), which facilitates open, fair, and transparent competition of partnership opportunities and fosters collaboration and partnership co-creation among MCC and potential partners. The APS enables MCC and prospective partners to co-create partnerships that make best use of each organization's distinct knowledge, networks, innovations, investments, personnel, and resources.

# COUNTRY-LEVEL PARTNERSHIPS

Country-level partnerships support the implementation of MCC's investments in our partner countries. This year, MCC launched a Program Partnership Solicitation (PPS) to support competitively selected partners to implement MCC program activities with country counterparts.

Teams across MCC and counterparts in partner countries develop partnerships to achieve objectives across a range of programmatic and analytical areas. The Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) leads MCC's vision for partnerships, manages partnerships that align to MCC's corporate priorities, supports MCC and MCA staff with the development of partnerships that advance Compact and Threshold Program objectives, and develops the policy, guidance, and tools needed for MCC and country partner staff to form and manage partnerships.

For more information on MCC partnership opportunities see <a href="https://www.mcc.gov/work-with-us/partnerships">https://www.mcc.gov/work-with-us/partnerships</a>.





### ➤WOMEN IN SCIENCE STEAM CAMPS

#### PARTNERS:

WiSci Georgia Partners (2018): U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships, UN Foundation's Girl Up, Google, Intel, Microsoft, and American Society for Microbiology

WiSci Kosovo Partners (2019): U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships, UN Foundation's Girl Up, Intel, Microsoft, Bechtel, and NASA

WiSci Morocco (2021): U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships, UN Foundation's Girl Up, Intel, Caterpillar Foundation, and TE Connectivity

DESCRIPTION: Founded in 2015 by the U.S. Department of State, Girl Up, Microsoft, and Intel, WiSci is a public-private partnership formed to close the gender gap in the STEAM fields (science, technology, engineering, arts and design, and mathematics). Since January 2018, MCC has worked with the U.S. Department of State, Girl Up, and MCC Resident Country Missions to deliver WiSci camps with private sector partners to deliver funding, curriculum, technical expertise, and equipment for WiSci participants. This partnership expands MCC and the U.S. Government's reach in supporting women's empowerment and enhancing STEAM education for girls around the world. To date, MCC partner countries have hosted WiSci camps in Georgia, Kosovo, and Morocco.

HOW IT WORKS: Each year, the partnership produces WiSci camps that are designed to inspire and empower adolescent girls through leadership training, exposure to STEAM challenges, skills building, and cross-cultural awareness to pursue higher education and careers in STEAM fields. When hosted in-person, girls from the U.S. and the region where the camp is hosted apply for the opportunity to spend approximately two weeks at WiSci summer camps where they are taught and mentored by WiSci partners. The first WiSci camp MCC partnered with was held in Georgia in August 2018. Expanding on this success, MCC worked with the Millennium Foundation Kosovo to host WiSci Kosovo in August 2019, and worked with MCA-Morocco and MCA-Côte d'Ivoire on the first ever virtual WiSci camp in August 2021.

### IMPACT TO DATE:

- ★ 300 teen girl leaders invited to attend WiSci camps hosted by MCC partner countries.
- ★ 90% of campers say their leadership skills improved as a result of the WiSci Camp.
- ★ 78% of WiSci alumnae are now enrolled in universities and studying STEAM subjects.
- ★ Numerous local girl-led actions for gender equality in STEAM through camp mini-grants.
- ★ 99% of alumnae now report that they take action in their local communities to empower other young women.

WEBSITE: https://www.girlup.org/wisci/

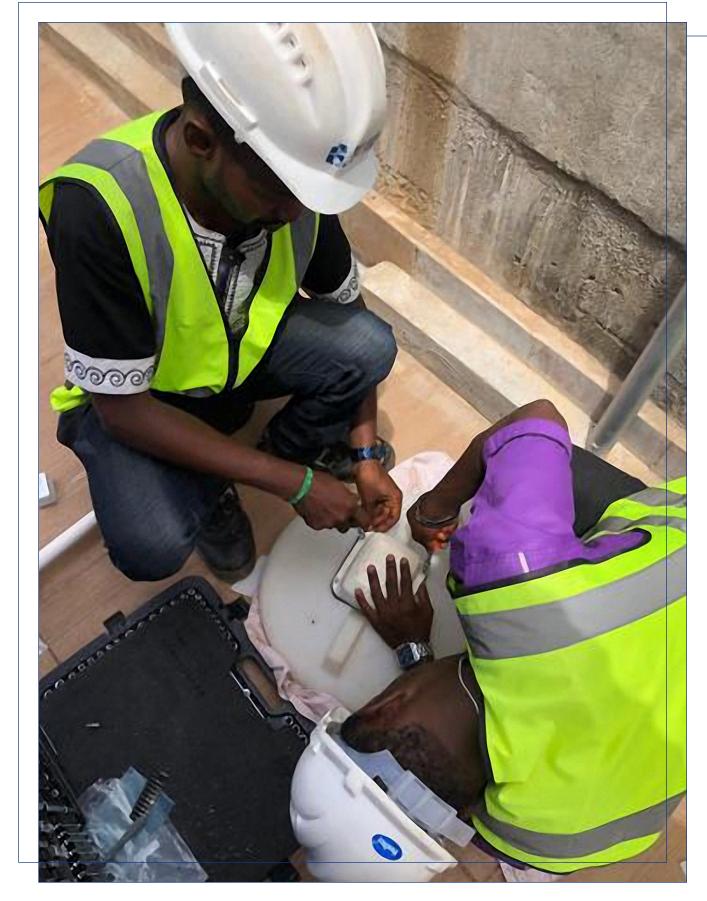
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INSTAGRAM: @GirlUpCampaign | #WiSciGeorgia, #WiSciKosovo, #WiSciMorocco

PODCAST: MCC On Development Podcast September 3, 2021 | Season 1 | Episode 5 "Summer Camp with

Isa Alcalde and Women in Science Morocco"



### ►HIGH FREQUENCY MONITORING IN SIERRA LEONE

PARTNERS: University of Colorado at Boulder Mortenson Center for Engineering in Developing Communities and SweetSense, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: MCC and a consortium comprised of the University of Colorado and SweetSense, Inc. partnered in Sierra Leone to use high frequency monitoring (HFM) data to identify and measure water availability at kiosks constructed by the District Metering Area and Standpipe Demonstration Activity in Sierra Leone. The goal for this partnership was to maximize learning on water availability under the new model established for managing the kiosks; identify successes from the pilot that would present a model for other MCC water projects to capitalize; and use of these and similar technology tools to collect more reliable monitoring data more frequently and cost effectively.

HOW IT WORKS: MCC, the University of Colorado, the Sierra Leone Threshold Program, and the Sierra Leone water utility used a collaborative co-creation process to ensure there would be benefits beyond the use of the HFM data for monitoring and evaluation. After testing, the University of Colorado deployed customized satellite connected sensors on 10 water tanks at the project kiosks. The devices use an ultrasonic transducer that allows for continuous measurement of water levels in each tank. Summary and raw data from the sensors is reported on a web-based dashboard that displays each kiosk's location and trends in water availability from the storage tanks.

#### IMPACT:

- ★ Strong buy-in and increased capacity from the water utility for the use of the technology for monitoring water sources like the kiosks and reservoirs.
- ★ Ongoing commitment from the water utility to maintain the sensors after the completion of both the Threshold Program and partnership with University of Colorado.
- ★ Water utility will consider scaling up the use of the sensors for the replication of the kiosk model in future plans.
- ★ University of Colorado leveraged the work of the partnership to conduct a complementary impact evaluation on water security in the project areas.
- ★ MCC will use the data to monitor water availability at the kiosks post-program.

WEBSITE: www.colorado.edu/center/mortenson/2019/06/22/

freetown-sierra-leone-distributed-water-management

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# ►WHAT WORKS FOR WOMEN'S WORK? EXPANDING THE EVIDENCE ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

**PARTNERS**: The Brookings Institution

DESCRIPTION: The Brookings Institution conducts high-quality, independent research, and based on that research, provides innovative, practical recommendations for policymakers and the public. The partnership with Brookings is improving MCC's capability to assess the barriers that women face in accessing economic opportunities and improve the likelihood that project selection, design and evaluation will increase equality, opportunity, and empowerment for women.

HOW IT WORKS: MCC partnered with the Brookings Institution to refine and strengthen MCC's ability to assess the barriers that women face to equitably access, and benefit from, economic growth opportunities in MCC partner countries. This partnership provided MCC with the technical expertise needed to critically examine the role that gender inequality plays in the constraints to economic growth analysis. Using a collaborative approach, Brookings developed an "engendered" growth diagnostics methodology¹ and tested that on MCC's compact in development in Malawi. This work helped refine MCC's diagnostic tree and its application in new country selects. The second phase of the work involved a meta-analysis of literature on what works for women entrepreneurs, synthesizing the evidence to identify potential best practices.

#### IMPACT:

- ★ Recommendations as to how gender inequalities can be integrated in the application of the Hausmann, Roderick, and Velasquez constraints analysis model during compact development.
- ★ In April 2020, published *The Constraints That Bind (or Don't): Integrating Gender into Economic Constraints Analysis*, which provided recommendations to advance MCC's subsequent efforts to incorporate gender and social inclusion into our early diagnostics process.
- ★ Conducted a meta-analysis of recent evaluations of programs that support women's entrepreneurship and released a report in September 2020, *What Works for Women Micro-Entrepreneurs*, concluding that finance and training alone are less effective but finance with enhanced training—which includes mentoring and non-cognitive skills—is most effective.

WEBSITE: https://www.brookings.edu/topic/global-development

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The "engendered" growth diagnostics methodology uses the HRV heuristic model.



# ►DATA COLLABORATIVES FOR LOCAL IMPACT

PARTNERS: U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), numerous in-country partners

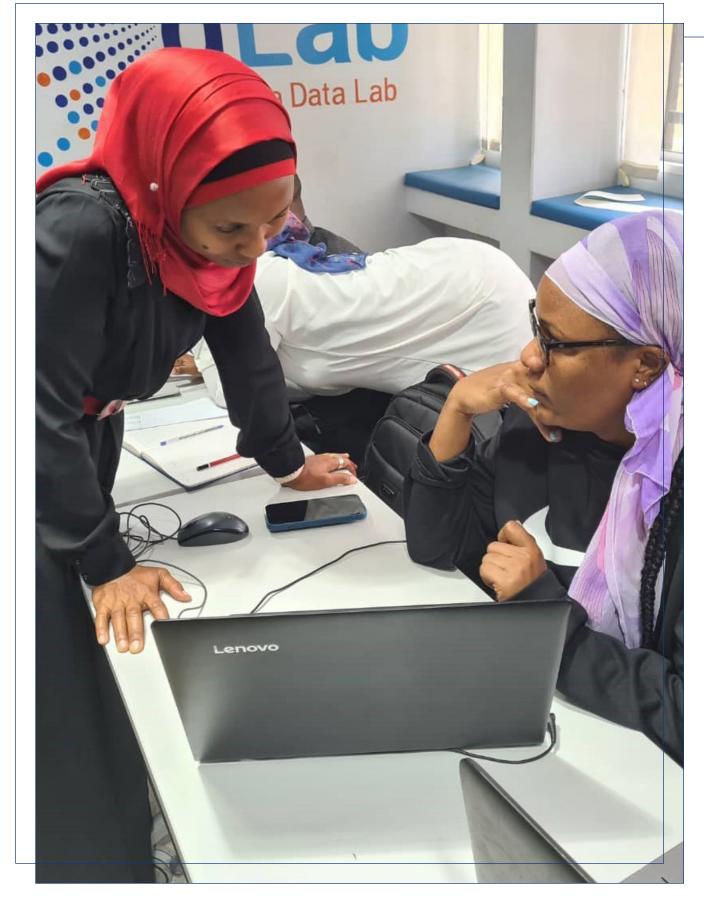
DESCRIPTION: From 2015-2021, MCC implemented a \$21.87 million partnership with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) to enhance the sustainability of PEPFAR programs by empowering individuals and communities to access, analyze, and use data and digital tools for effective planning, service provision, and resource allocation. This partnership resulted in a program—and eventually an MCC initiative—now known as the Data Collaboratives for Local Impact (DCLI).

HOW IT WORKS: MCC applied a systems approach targeting diverse, but related, initiatives to achieve lasting change to partner countries' digital and data ecosystems. DCLI's systems model: creates data "hubs" that build data skills, civic technology, and digital inclusion at national and subnational levels; promotes good data policies and practices; and leverages innovation, resources, and partnerships to strengthen each country's development priorities. MCC realized this model through numerous locally-funded and unfunded partners and projects in Tanzania (Data for Local Impact Innovation Challenge, Data Zetu and the Tanzania Data Lab [dLab]) and in Côte d'Ivoire (Des Chiffres et des Jeunes and Sejen).

#### IMPACT:

- ★ Established the dLab in Tanzania, now self-sustaining—to foster innovation, improve data use at subnational levels, advocate for sound data governance, and build a pipeline of Tanzanian data and digital talent—including the first Master's in Data Science program in East Africa.
- ★ Fostered innovation to use open data sets for the public good, through the full entrepreneurial cycle: funding pilots through small grants, running an accelerator program with a South African venture capital firm, and scaling up successful entrepreneurs to become viable organic-growth businesses.
- ★ In Côte d'Ivoire, DCLI commissioned a data action plan published by the Ministry of Development and Planning, trained 135 young "data fellows" in data science, and established a data inventory platform that encourages data sharing and re-use.
- ★ Increased awareness, visibility, and relevance of data use in context of development through events such as the bi-annual Data Tamasha organized by the dLab and highly attended Women in Data Science (WiDS) events organized in partnership with Stanford WiDS.
- ★ Exceeded gender parity: women comprised 59% of participants in Tanzania and 45% in Côte d'Ivoire, demonstrating empowerment of young women through digital and entrepreneurial know-how.
- ★ An independent assessment concluded that DCLI increased data skills of individuals and organizations, improved data use for service delivery and resource allocation at subnational levels, and fostered improved data use among NGOs, local governments, and entrepreneurs.

WEBSITE: www.dcli.co



#### ►TANZANIA DATA LAB

PARTNERS: Tanzania Data Lab (dLab), numerous in-country partners

DESCRIPTION: Following the success of the three Tanzanian projects under the MCC-PEPFAR Partnership, which is part of the Data Collaboratives for Local Impact (DCLI) program, the Tanzania Data Lab combined all three projects into an independent, self-sustaining NGO. To extend the impact of the DCLI program and take advantage of a longer timeframe, MCC partnered with the dLab to continue key elements of building the data and digital ecosystem in the country.

HOW IT WORKS: Developing a country data ecosystem takes time. By partnering with dLab, MCC extended the lifespan of its projects, achieving greater impact and scale, and further demonstrated the value of a long-term systems approach to building sustainable change.

#### IMPACT:

- ★ Assessed the data capabilities of the 31 health facilities in the Kyela district, then collaborated with the President's Office, Regional and Local Government on a health facility data use manual and training that will be distributed to all 8,118 facilities in the country.
- ★ With support from MCC and Vodacom, a telecommunications company, dLab trained more than 100 young women, mainly in rural subnational areas, in data and digital skills, and entrepreneurship providing them a pathway to economic self-sufficiency.
- ★ Leveraging MCC support to form a collaborative partnership with a South African venture capital firm, Grindstone Capital, dLab implemented an innovation accelerator for six viable Tanzanian start-ups, providing the founders Fortune 100 mentors to help refine business models and market fit, positioning their businesses for venture capital readiness.
- ★ dLab, in collaboration with the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics, implemented a repository of national geospatial data making data available for innovative analyses and taking another step to becoming the "hub" of data-related activity in the country.

WEBSITES: www.dcli.co | www.dlab.or.tz

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# ►EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH MICROFINANCE-BASED ENTREPRENEURIAL INTERVENTIONS

PARTNERS: Caritas, Care for Basotho and 4D Climate Solutions

DESCRIPTION: Caritas, Care for Basotho, and 4D Climate Solutions (a consortium of three Lesothobased NGOs) focused on empowering women through savings group-based entrepreneurial interventions to support opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprise business growth. This consortium of Lesotho-based partners conducted an explorative study on the potential for women's economic advancement through microfinance-based entrepreneurial interventions. The study focused on understanding the operations, challenges, and potential of savings groups, and how their members can be supported to transition from a primarily consumption-smoothing function into entrepreneurship.

#### **HOW IT WORKS:**

MCC and the Caritas consortium developed a set of objectives that met the priorities of all partners. Caritas conducted the study and provided recommendations to help us design our intervention, which will build the capacity of savings groups in Lesotho to expand their lending to small, woman-owned businesses. The consortium conducted quantitative and qualitative research with 95 of these groups, of which 82 percent of their total 2,222 members were women. The work under the partnership developed public goods in the form of methods and tools for supporting savings groups, enabling women's economic security. It also made recommendations for how the MCC Lesotho II compact could leverage savings groups for its work supporting women under the Business Environment and Technical Assistance (BETA) project.

#### IMPACT:

- ★ Tested and adapted models and tools contributing to MCC's due diligence in the development of interventions as part of the Lesotho II Compact. In particular, the Caritas consortium engaged RIIS and Fyrefem Fund Manager (the Lesotho core team partner selected to design the BETA project) to understand the potential role of savings groups in the compact.
- ★ Increased the impact, scale, innovation, and sustainability of MCC's demand-driven interventions.
- ★ Developed an approach and methods for characterizing savings groups and the potential to leverage them for supporting members' transition into entrepreneurship.
- ★ The BETA design contains significant opportunities for savings groups. The Pipeline Development component will reach out to women's savings groups for inclusion in enhanced training opportunities, and the Financial Ecosystem Strengthening component includes several innovative approaches to institutional capacity building targeting financial and technical entrepreneurship support for women's savings group members.
- ★ Caritas Lesotho is currently engaged in the implementation of the Ponaletso Mobile App, developed as part of the study, with the primary aim of digitizing savings groups and minimizing challenges associated with manual record keeping thus maximizing the groups' operational efficiency. To-date, 60 groups are mobilized as of January 2021.

WEBSITE: https://www.caritas.org/where-caritas-work/africa/lesotho/ | http://www.care4basotho.org.ls/



### ►BUSINESS ACCELERATION FOR FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

PARTNER: Santa Clara University's Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship

DESCRIPTION: Santa Clara University's Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship works to accelerate entrepreneurship to end global poverty and protect the planet. The Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship provided capacity building, coaching, and mentoring support to female entrepreneurs in Kosovo, and advice for the design of similar interventions in Tunisia.

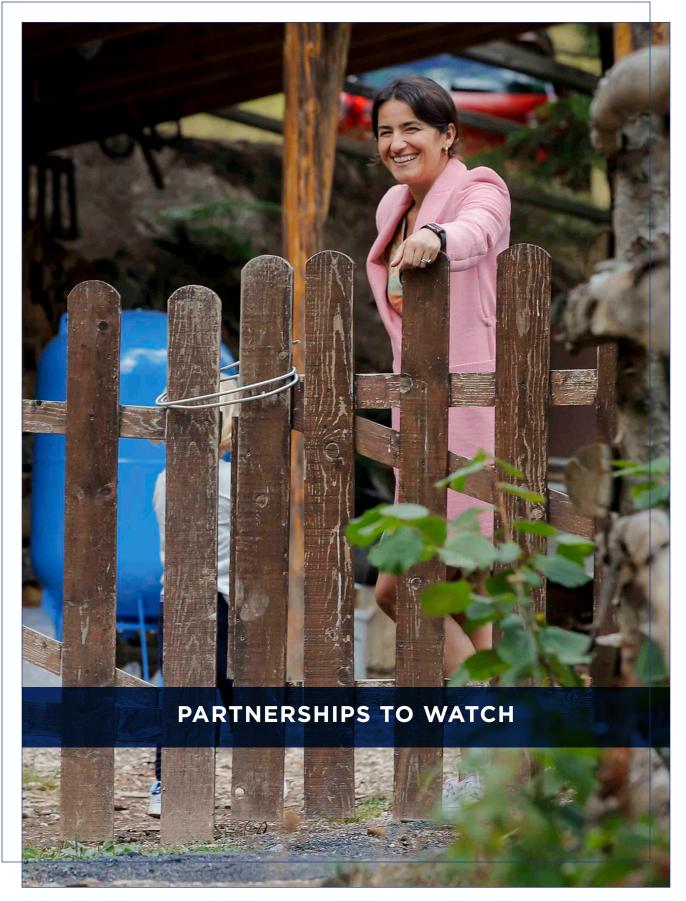
HOW IT WORKS: In Kosovo, the Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship provided business acceleration training and mentoring to 20 women entrepreneurs covering areas such as management, finance, and how to improve energy efficiency in operations. The training complemented the Kosovo Threshold Program's Women in Energy Grants activity, which offered financing to encourage women entrepreneurs to invest in, and benefit from, energy efficiency upgrades. Miller Center worked in coordination with Millennium Foundation Kosovo, GFA Consulting Group, and the Institute for Free Market Economics. In Tunisia, the Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship provided inputs on designing the Transforming Women-led Businesses in Digital Trade-Oriented Economy activity for the Tunisia Compact.

#### IMPACT:

- ★ Strong network and peer support group formed with all participants completed the program.
- ★ Increased energy efficiency knowledge, as it related to business growth and helped women incorporate recommendations into business plans and grant applications.
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- ★ Increased energy efficiency knowledge as it related to business growth and helped women incorporate recommendations into business plans and grant applications.
- ★ Formed strong networks and peer support groups with all participants who completed the program.
- ★ Identified lessons and best practices to replicate in other MCC investments in female entrepreneurship.

WEBSITE: https://www.millersocent.org/

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# EMPLOYMENT LAB WITH HARVARD AND MIT POVERTY ACTION LAB IN MOROCCO

MCA-Morocco is partnering with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) and Harvard Kennedy School's Evidence for Policy Design, together with a constellation of national collaborators, to advance the use of evidence in policy making for employment in Morocco. As part of the Morocco Employability and Land Compact, the partnership is expected to unlock insights to maximize the effectiveness of government policy to support the creation of jobs, including for youth, whose unemployment rate is double that of the general population. The academic and government partners will collaborate to build expertise in the use of randomized evaluations and identify effective policies and jobs programs. The partners will also promote a culture of evidence-based decision making in employment policy while sharing findings from active research with decision-makers.

WEBSITE: https://www.povertyactionlab.org/page/morocco-employment-lab

https://epod.cid.harvard.edu/initiative/employment-lab-morocco

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# ADDRESSING CLIMATE AND OTHER DEEP UNCERTAINTIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

MCC and the University of Massachusetts are partnering to enhance benefits of MCC's programs by incorporating deep uncertainties into the existing economic analysis process. This modeling will more fully integrate the impact, Cost-Benefit-Analysis, and externalities (both positive and negative) of the environment and climate change. The University of Massachusetts is testing this new Framework and principles in select MCC countries.

WEBSITE: https://www.umass.edu/

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# WOMEN'S DATA LAB AND NETWORK

MCC and Microsoft are partnering to establish a Women's Data Lab and Network (WDLN) in Côte d'Ivoire to support women entrepreneurs and women-led small and medium enterprises (W-SMEs) with the enhanced digital skills and data savvy necessary to grow and scale their businesses. The WDLN— funded by USAID's Gender Equity and Equality Action (GEEA) Fund—represents a first-of-its-kind partnership between MCC, Microsoft, and locally-based partners to grow a community of W-SMEs to build data skills and digital literacy with the goal of ensuring that W-SMEs have the necessary technical skills needed to improve their businesses. W-SMEs that are selected to be a part of the WDLN program can also participate in Microsoft's 4Afrika SME-focused program, which provides a suite of tested and locally-relevant trainings, tools, knowledge, resources, and solutions that, together, build fundamental business and digital skills and enhance the growth of W-SMEs.

WEBSITE: https://www.microsoft.com/africa/4afrika/ | https://www.microsoft.com/africa/4afrika/

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# GENDER EQUALITY IN THE ECONOMIC SECTORS EXTERNALLY FINANCED OUTPUT

MCC and the World Bank's Africa Gender Innovation Lab (GIL) are partnering to strengthen MCC's work in alleviating constraints to women's economic security and empowerment through key MCC sectors. By increasing the use of evidence-based program and policy approaches, this collaboration will help MCC to deliver bespoke interventions. MCC's current work with GIL, underway or planned, is focused on entrepreneurship, access to finance, agriculture, and digital and data skills. Country collaborations are underway or planned in Lesotho, Cote D'Ivoire, Mozambique and Sierra Leone, with other MCC countries to join in the future.

WEBSITE: https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/africa-gender-innovation-lab

# INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

MCC and the Small Business Administration are partnering to collaborate on an Innovation and Technology Program (ITP) to build pathways for U.S. federally-funded small business technologies to reach beneficiaries in MCC partner countries. Specifically, the partnership will develop a directory of various U.S. based technology firms that MCC country partners can draw on and establish a collection of contract and subcontract opportunities overseas that small and ITP business may compete for related to MCC's programs.

WEBSITE: www.sbir.gov TWITTER: @sbirgov

# MILLENNIUM IMPACT INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATOR

MCC and Africa50 are partnering to develop a sustainable project preparation platform called the Millennium Impact Infrastructure Accelerator (MIIA) Africa. MIIA-Africa will mobilize funds from the social impact and patient capital investors to target highly developmental infrastructure projects. These investments allow MCC partner countries increased access to a large and reliable pool of capital. MCC is serving as a catalyst for the formation of MIIA-Africa because this platform will support partner countries as they develop and manage bankable, highly development and sustainable infrastructure, contributing to their long-term path of economic growth that reduces poverty.

WEBSITE: www.africa50.com TWITTER: @Africa50Infra FACEBOOK: @Africa50Infra

# AMERICAN CATALYST FACILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

MCC and the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) are working to develop a new blended finance mechanism, the American Catalyst Facility for Development (ACFD), a formal platform to optimize collaboration between MCC and DFC in support of coordinated, strategic investments in MCC partner countries. All investments implemented through the ACFD will be consistent with both MCC's mission of "poverty reduction through economic growth" and the DFC's mission of "investing with private sector partners to advance the interests of the American people through development in emerging markets."

WEBSITES: www.dfc.gov | www.mcc.gov/news-and-events/feature/acfd

TWITTER: @DFCgov FACEBOOK: @DFCgov

# INCREASING ACCESS TO RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE: A GEOSPATIAL EXPLORATION FOR SCHOOL ACCESS

MCC and Bridges to Prosperity (B2P) are partnering to increase rural communities' access to infrastructure and education through the construction of last-mile trail bridges. The MCC-B2P partnership will compliment compact investments in rural communities in the San Pedro and Gbêkê regions of Côte d'Ivoire, where many MCC-supported secondary schools are difficult to access by students, especially during the rainy season.

WEBSITE: https://www.bridgestoprosperity.org/

TWITTER: @B2P

# DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL ECONOMIES

MCC and United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) are partnering to accelerate the development of digital economies to reduce the digital divide and to empower key communities with limited access to services. UNCDF and MCC intend to focus on understanding the intersection of six categories of digital services (finance, agriculture, energy, education, health, and transport) with the needs of priority customer segments: youth, women, migrants, refugees, and micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) that are often marginalized and denied digital innovation and technology due to social norms, societal status, and limited resources and capacity.

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