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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT



**Niger Compact**

AS OF MARCH 2014

**COMPACT GOAL**

MCC is currently working with the Government of Niger (GoN) to define potential compact projects to address (i) access to water for agriculture and livestock production, (ii) reducing barriers to trade across borders, and (iii) improving government regulation of business. This program definition process is based on the Constraints Analysis (to economic growth), an Investment Opportunity Process, Concept Notes submitted in December 2013, and ongoing social and gender assessments.



**COMPACT AT A GLANCE**

Eligibility Notification .....	12-19-2012
Constraints Analysis.....	01-20-2014
Concept Note Received.....	12-13-2013
Eligibility Notification .....	12-10-2013

<b>Eligibility Notification</b>	
12-19-2012	MCC Board of Directors selected Niger as eligible to develop a compact.
<b>Constraints Analysis</b>	
01-20-2014	MCC and the GON agreed on the findings of the Constraints Analysis which began as part of the Threshold Program and included consultations with civil society, private sector, local and national government, and members of the opposition parties. This analysis identified as binding constraints to economic growth (i) access to water for agriculture and livestock production, (ii) institutional and regulatory barriers to trade across borders, and (ii) government regulation of business.
<b>Concept Note Received</b>	
12-13-2013	A core team, funded by the GoN, jointly drafted with the MCC, initial concept notes based on the constraints analysis, draft project logics, and related analyses. MCC and the GON are currently drafting SOWs for studies to further inform these concept notes, project design and the preliminary identification of possible intervention zones.
<b>Eligibility Notification</b>	
12-10-2013	The MCC Board of Directors voted to reselect Niger as eligible for developing a compact proposal based on the GoN's strong performance on MCC's country eligibility scorecards.

In addition, the analysis identified the effectiveness of government coordination as an overarching issue that directly impacts the binding constraints identified and the efforts of the GoM to address them to date. While the constraints analysis has yet to be formally published, there was agreement on the conclusions enabling MCC and GoM to move forward with project definition. The GoM completed complementary extensive initial social/gender and private sector reports informed by consultations.