



**COMPACT GOAL**

MCC is currently working with the Government of Niger (GoN) to address the following binding constraints to economic growth: (i) access to and management of water for agriculture and livestock production and (ii) barriers to cross-border trade. This program definition process is based on the analysis of the binding constraints to economic growth, investment opportunity, and social and gender constraints. The proposed Compact goal shall be to increase rural household incomes, and its specific objective will be increase sales and value of crops and livestock products through improved small-scale agricultural productivity, coupled with improved market infrastructure. The current compact scope includes an "Establishment of large-scale irrigation and market infrastructure" Project and an "Strengthening of community-based and climate-smart agricultural systems" Project.



**COMPACT AT A GLANCE**

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<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, inter alia, 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. A Concept Note Summary Memo was presented to, and approved by, MCC in February 2014. MCC and the GoN are currently drafting SOWs for studies to further inform compact and project design, as well as the preliminary identification of possible intervention zones.
<b>Eligibility Notification</b>	
12-10-2013	The MCC Board of Directors reselected Niger as being eligible for developing a compact proposal based on the GoN's strong performance on MCC's country eligibility scorecards.
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Concept Paper Received	
06-15-2015	The GoN submitted Concept Papers to MCC.
Eligibility Notification	
12-16-2015	The MCC Board of Directors reselected Niger as being eligible for developing a compact.

The "Establishment of large-scale irrigation and market infrastructure" Project includes three activities related to: i) irrigation perimeter development, both rehabilitated perimeter in the Konni region and development of new perimeters in the Dosso-Gaya region; ii) upgrading road infrastructure to market; and iii) management services, market facilitation and policy reform

The "Strengthening of community-based and climate-smart agricultural systems" Project includes two activities related to i) improving livestock services, productivity, and marketing; and ii) climate smart agriculture, with a focus on women, youth and small enterprises. Both of the community-based activities would be implemented in partnership with the World Bank.

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