



**MILLENNIUM**  
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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT



**Niger Compact**

AS OF DECEMBER 2015

**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 trade. The proposed Compact goal shall be to reduce poverty through economic growth in Niger, and its specific objective will be to increase rural incomes by improving the sustainable productive use of natural resources for agricultural production and improving trade and market access for agricultural products. The current compact scope includes an "Irrigation and Market Access" Project and a "Climate-Resilient Communities" Project.



**COMPACT AT A GLANCE**

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**Eligibility Notification**

12-19-2012

MCC Board of Directors selected Niger as eligible to develop a compact.

**Constraints Analysis**

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.

**Concept Note Received**

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.

**Eligibility Notification**

12-10-2013

The MCC Board of Directors reselected Niger as being eligible for developing a compact based on the GoN's strong performance on MCC's country eligibility scorecards.

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The "Irrigation and Market Access" Project includes four 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) management services and market facilitation; iii) upgrading road infrastructure to improve access to markets; and iv) policy reform.

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

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