

## What People Are Saying About MCC

“Equally, we have a strong commitment to MCC (the Millennium Challenge Corporation) and continuing the MCC process of which the Secretary of State serves as a chairman of the MCC board. There is an ongoing commitment to support that and to see it fully funded, no drawback on that.”

**Assistant Sec. of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson**  
Center for American Progress event  
September 15, 2009

“Too often, most or all of the aid monies the US offers a recipient country are already designated for particular causes—regardless of whether these causes align with the country’s developmental priorities...The MCC, which gets high marks for supporting recipient governments’ long-term priorities, was itself a presidential initiative that worked around existing foreign aid legislation.”

**Oxfam America report**  
*Ownership in practice: The key to smart development*  
September 2009

“Now, many of you have heard me describe our plans to integrate diplomacy and development as two of the three pillars in our foreign policy, along with defense. I’ve talked in different venues about the Obama Administration’s commitment to leading with diplomacy and engaging other nations. Next week, I will outline how we will approach development in tandem with our diplomacy – to be effective and efficient and enable the State Department, USAID, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation to pursue and execute 21st century foreign policy goals.”

**Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
September 18, 2009

“I look forward to having the opportunity of encouraging American businesses to invest and to partnership with this MCC compact.”

**Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee**, referring to the \$540 million Senegal-MCC compact  
September 16, 2009

“The Millennium Challenge Corporation supports water projects in developing countries with funds from the Millennium Challenge Account, which was launched in 2003. Governments interested in seeking assistance from the MCC submit proposals to the agency, which include plans for the how the money will be spent. The MCC then signs a compact with the recipient country and disburses funds for the host government to use in supporting development projects. By the end of FY 2007, the MCC had committed nearly \$880 million to water sector projects through compacts with countries in Africa and Latin America. In FY 2008 MCC obligated \$546.9 million to the water and sanitation sector, with 80 percent of the total for safe drinking water projects. For example, the MCC’s compact with Mozambique allocates \$203 million to supply water and sanitation services to six cities and to provide water services to 600 rural locales. In El Salvador, MCC is investing \$24 million to facilitate community access to drinking water and sanitation services.”

**Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Senior Fellow  
Katherine Bliss**

CSIS Global Health Policy Center report: *Enhancing U.S. Leadership on Drinking Water and Sanitation - Opportunities within Global Health Programs*  
September, 2009

“We worked very closely on things like the Millennium Challenge Corporation, which is a way to give development aid in a very responsible way instead of just throwing it away. So, people like him who give voice to very... accountable transparent issues, I think, have a huge impact on global health and healthcare at home.”

**Sen. Bill Frist** *on working with Bono*  
CNN American Morning interview  
October 6, 2009