

## What People Are Saying About MCC

“And as Kenya moves forward, so too will the United States in strengthening our relationships with you, both economically and politically. Kenya is already the largest recipient of U.S. support in sub-Saharan Africa. Putting in place a new constitution and strengthening your democratic institutions with the rule of law will further open the door to major American development programs such as the Millennium Challenge and will, I predict, bring about reinvestment by American corporations and international organizations in Kenya that could provide millions of dollars in assistance in grants through the Millennium Challenge, as well as begin to further build the economy of this great country.”

**Vice President Joseph Biden**  
Nairobi, Kenya, June 8, 2010

“From my experience, what took place for the N-1 rehabilitation as part of Ghana’s MCC compact was one of the smoothest resettlement transitions I have ever seen. There were no street demonstrations against it; rather, there was very strong engagement with the people that had businesses and sold things along the roads, a lot of information was provided, and a dialogue took place with environmental NGOs and civil society. MCC’s approach was, indeed, a very good one that minimized problems.”

**Lawrencia Adams-Simpson**  
Ghana Research and Advocacy Program  
July 27, 2010

“The cool thing about the Millennium Challenge concept is... [that the] model is proving successful. And what I think is really cool about it is that that concept, I think, is likely to spread to all of our foreign-assistance undertakings...”

**Joshua Bolten**  
Board of Directors, ONE and Former White House Chief of Staff, Center for Strategic and International Studies event, June 10, 2010

“... the MCC possesses elements of a unified strategy. Based on a basket of 17 indicators, the MCC focuses its resources on so called “good performers” where the country has demonstrated a commitment to reform. Its outcomes-oriented approach seeks to accelerate country progress along these indicators and invests heavily in on-going monitoring and evaluation. It aims to provide incentives to other countries to pursue reforms and strive to meet the MCC criteria, which is necessary to qualify for funding. The MCC Compact process places emphasis on country ownership, where the host country defines the priorities, and depending on local capacities, implements the program. The MCC’s use of consistent indicators to measure performance, its reliance on comparable economic rates of return, its standardized national level impact evaluations, and the MCC Compact process all point toward a unified approach.”

**James Kunder and Jonathan M. White**  
in a publication by The German Marshall Fund of the United States *The Roadmap For A Grand Bargain: Comments on a U.S. Global Development Strategy*, July 2010

“We are increasingly coordinating our efforts with the Millennium Challenge Corporation. USAID Administrator, Dr. Shah, sits on the board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. We just signed off on, for example, a new program for Liberia of the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the program will be implemented by USAID. We are increasingly looking at the fact that the Millennium Challenge Cooperation programs are of limited duration. The threshold program is usually two or three years; a compact, five. But, what happens after that? How does — how does the effort and the investment made continue to be a sustainable one? And, oftentimes the issues being dealt with are not two or three or five-year issues. They’re longer issues of development. And, so we’re working more closely. We’re talking more and we’re aligning our programs more so that the work of USAID and the work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation are truly complimentary. And, that is a conscious policy.”

**James Michel**  
USAID Counselor  
June 14, 2010

“We love the Millennium Challenge initiative and actually we’d like to see it expressed through all our foreign aid...”

**David Lane**  
President and CEO, ONE  
Center for Strategic and International Studies event  
June 10, 2010

“The MCC is an innovative, non-traditional approach to foreign assistance. The only nations qualifying for its funds are those which meet certain internationally recognized standards of good governance and economic freedom. In other words, the MCC strives to be an incentive-driven approach to foreign assistance...”

**Mark Green**  
Former Ambassador and Congressman, Current  
Managing Director, Malaria Policy Center  
Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network blog: *Foreign  
Assistance Reform: Building on Initiatives That Work*,  
June 9, 2010

“The Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. Government agency, has created a contracting structure that, I believe, is the best model for U.S. government contracts, even in a contingency environment.”

**Paul Hinks**  
CEO, Symbion Power Services  
Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and  
Afghanistan, July 26, 2010