



## What People Are Saying About MCC

“Over the past decade, with strong support from both Democrats and Republicans, our country has steadily increased its commitments. The United States launched some of the most effective health and development initiatives in history, including the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR; the President’s Malaria Initiative, PMI; and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.”

**Bill Gates**

Founder of Microsoft and Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
U.S. Global Leadership Coalition tribute dinner  
February 2, 2011

“I am very aware of the importance that this Compact has in combating poverty and laying the foundations for a new development model. I am sure that this region will never be the same, a region that in the past has been isolated and forgotten. Its people, peasants, workers, entrepreneurs and the youth are beginning to see that it is possible to build a prosperous future for all.”

**Mauricio Funes**

President, Republic of El Salvador  
From remarks while delivering scholarships to students in Chalatenango  
January 26, 2011

“As Washington lawmakers try to identify fat in the US budget, nothing should be sacred. But the transparency and conditionality of the Millennium Challenge makes it the most cost-effective international assistance operation that the United States operates. Congress should help it continue its vital work.”

**Mark Mullen**

Chair, Transparency International Georgia  
EurasiaNet op/ed: *Georgia: Give Tbilisi a Millennium Challenge Second Chance*  
December 10, 2010

“... I guess maybe this is pride of authorship having been deeply involved in the writing of the legislation for the Millennium Challenge Corporation; I think it’s been one of the greater successes that we have had with foreign assistance ... the running of it essentially very much on a business orientation ... the outside board has I think been absolutely critical to it ... for all a variety of reasons I think the MCC has been a success.”

**Jim Kolbe**

Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund  
CSIS event: *Foreign Policy and Development: Structure, Process and the Drip-by-Drip Erosion of USAID*  
November 18, 2010

“[The QDDR] does present the MCC as, in many ways, a model for what we’re trying to do throughout the development community.”

**USAID Deputy Administrator Donald K. Steinberg**

at the on-the-record briefing on the release of the *First Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR)*, December 15, 2010

“The MCC method reinforces and encourages responsible governance by requiring governments to meet certain standards before they can qualify. Meanwhile, requiring governments to develop their own proposals for the Compacts encourages them to build their management capacity... [T]he Millennium Challenge Corporation has cemented our relationship with the United States.”

**Mikheil Saakashvili**

President, Georgia  
American Enterprise Institute and Center for  
American Progress event: *The Road to Better Aid:  
An Emerging Bipartisan Consensus?*  
January 13, 2011

“The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government agency, uses a country-led approach in its work with developing countries. The MCC is widely regarded as one of the more innovative examples of U.S. foreign assistance, and it provides a compelling model for establishing a country-led development approach for Feed the Future.”

**Excerpt from Bread for the World Institute’s  
2011 Hunger Report:**

Our Common Interest:  
Ending Hunger and Malnutrition  
(<http://www.hungerreport.org/2011/report/download>)  
November 2010

“Through both practice and legislation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has institutionalized consultation with partner governments and other stakeholders. The MCC works hard to make consultative processes country specific while maintaining the minimum standards expected of each compact process.”

**Save the Children report researched  
and authored by Alice Burt**

*Consultation & Participation for Local Ownership:  
What? Why? How?*, December 2010

“We also have partners across the U.S. government. USAID is the lead development agency, but Treasury’s leadership in the international financial institutions is vital and the Millennium Challenge Corporation plays an essential role in selected countries, and has lessons to share with respect to rigor, accountability, and transparency in pursuing results.”

***The First Quadrennial Diplomacy  
and Development Review (QDDR):***

Leading Through Civilian Power  
December 15, 2010

“We will align our efforts closely with those of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, drawing on its mandate to enhance economic growth and manage for results. The nature of MCC collaboration will be structured in large part by its country partnerships, five-year compacts, mandated investment criteria, and authorities of its board of directors.”

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