



What People Are Saying About MCC

"We couldn't be more proud of this project. The Millennium Challenge Corporation was started by President Bush. To qualify a country has to show a commitment to good government, rule of law and education. And we will go back and tell our colleagues in Congress that this program is working..."

[On Ghana and a second MCC compact]

"What I can tell taxpayers is that we're not writing checks without some measurement. We're able to see where the money goes; it's a very transparent program. And also the way you handled the first four years, I believe Ghana will be a very good candidate for the second round of MCC funding."

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

During a visit to Ghana, including a stop at an MCC-funded school
January 7, 2012

"If people are prepared to tackle corruption, fight for freedom, we will be on their side. And so I helped come up with this idea of the MCA with President Bush and some other people on this trip."

Bono

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"...[T]he Millennium Challenge Corporation held out basically that aid from the U.S. Government is a carrot to other countries, saying, 'We can't invest if half your population has no property rights. It's just not a smart investment for us. So what do you think about doing something about that?' So, we have so much power, I think, with our money and with our aid."

Ritu Sharma

March 1, 2012

"For those of you who may not know about the [Millennium Challenge Corporation], it is one of those unsung jewels of the federal government that has an innovative model, a highly motivated staff and leadership, and has delivered real results, not just on the continent of Africa but around the world. The MCC is an effective model for foreign assistance... inventive, creative and effective model of development."

Senator Christopher Coons (D-DE)

January 18, 2012

"The MCC deserves its fair share so the U.S. can gain its fair share in the emerging markets. The global impact of these investments comes back to us all in the form of food, jobs, more open markets for trade, and doing good and right by others. It's a boomerang effect."

Thomas Kostigen

MarketWatch commentary: "Fund the Millennium Challenge Corp.: Funding developing nations is profitable"
March 2, 2012

“... The wonderful thing to me about the work that MCC is seeking to do is they’re looking for opportunity -- opportunities to tie their funding into countries that are ... moving in the right direction ... And from my firsthand experience in Namibia, I could see on the ground how this program helps to promote economic development and address issues of poverty alleviation by the jobs that are created through some of the investments that the MCC is supporting ... And this program, in fact, has another dimension [by] ... working with American[s]... which adds an economic benefit for us here at home, creating an awareness among them and helping to facilitate their business ...So, I think it’s a really very wonderful example of how you can bring together economic development, poverty alleviation, sustainable natural resource management, and global economic development.”

Russ Webster

President, Cardno Emerging Markets USA
February 28, 2012

“And I was telling Mr. President that when one of the roads was commissioned, and it was built with money provided by the MCC under our first compact, you should have seen the joy on the faces of the Ghanaians because there had been a radical transformation in their lives. I mean that is what governance is all about—to see people happy because they now have what they did not have.”

President John Atta Mills of Ghana

During his visit with President Barack Obama
March 8, 2012

“In fact, the President’s government recently is collaborating with a number of American businesses to build infrastructure inside of Ghana, which will create thousands of jobs here in the United States. And the trade that we engage in creates jobs for tens of thousands of people back in Ghana. So that’s a good-news story. And what we’ve also been able to do is collaborate with the Ghanaian government through the Millennium Challenge Corporation; they are a grant recipient and it has helped to improve a wide range of infrastructure and institutions inside of Ghana.”

President Barack Obama

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