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What People Are Saying About MCC

“The United States continues to work with African states in order to develop this needed infrastructure. And I am sure you are all familiar with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the good work it is doing to help develop needed infrastructure in important markets.”

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Reuben Brigety

Keynote Address before the Africa Travel Association
March 16, 2012

“It’s exciting that the Millennium Challenge Corporation is negotiating this water compact with Zambia. The order of magnitude is, I think, really significant... Our legislation [Water for the World Act] focuses on greater monitoring and evaluation. Well, we’ve really got to know what’s going on. We really have to track this. We’ve got to be able to make a compelling case, to document it, and hold people accountable. It’s something that the Millennium Challenge Corporation, I think, is predicated on, and I appreciate it.”

Representative Earl Blumenauer

March 20, 2012

During MCC’s event: *Quenching the Global Thirst: Challenges and Opportunities in Improving Access to Water and Sanitation*

“I’m a big fan of MCC... if we appropriated all of our money conditionally in foreign assistance like we invest our money at MCC, we’d have much improved accountability in terms of foreign assistance and we’d have even better results. It’s a great, great program and I’m glad to work with them anywhere I can, particularly on the continent of Africa. When we make a compact with another country through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, in return for the money that we invest, there are measurements of accountability in that country to help it to be a better country for America to do business in and a better country for democracy to flourish. We don’t tolerate corruption. We set goals. We measure future renewals of contracts based on meeting those measurements in the past. And it’s a great way to invest taxpayer money in the United States in the future.”

Senator Johnny Isakson

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“The Millennium Challenge Corporation has demonstrated outstanding leadership in agricultural development in its role as the largest U.S. government provider of funding for agriculture and food security infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. It has increased its capacity to disburse funds and complete agreements in a timely fashion.”

2012 Progress Report on U.S. Leadership in Global Agricultural Development

Chicago Council

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“Everyone, Democrat and Republican alike, is in agreement on the work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation... I will tell you this; the Millennium Challenge Corporation is an entity... providing the kind of incentive that will ensure the hardworking taxpayers’ dollars of the American people is expended wisely... One of the exciting things for me over the past several years has been to sit down with a parliamentary leader or a head of state and hear them make this compelling argument that they are working diligently to pursue the rule of law, the development of democratic institutions, education priorities, weeding out corruption all being done with a goal of ensuring that they could meet the qualification to be the recipients of assistance through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, after all that’s exactly what we as Americans want to see happen...It’s important to recognize that meeting these guidelines which MCC has put forward are absolute prerequisites to being recipients of the taxpayers’ dollars, so that’s why I am very, very proud of the work that is being done here.”

Congressman David Dreier of California

Remarks at MCC’s *Forum on Global Development*
April 25, 2012

“One of the things that we’re quite proud of is that we had a legacy to build on when we came in, it was the MCC, an extraordinary commitment to global aids, and we’ve added another plank with food security...”

**Gayle Smith, Special Assistant to the President
and Senior Director, National Security Council**

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“This is the beauty of MCC: That you have the freedom to decide what you want, and then the United States decides what they can do in order to help you.”

President Jakaya M. Kikwete of Tanzania

Statesmen’s Forum at the Center for Strategic
and International Studies
May 17, 2012