

Paraguay Program Summary

On April 13, 2009, MCC, USAID and Paraguay signed a Stage II, or second, MCC Threshold Program. The program builds on Paraguay’s first Threshold Program and focuses on anti-corruption efforts in law enforcement, customs, and the healthcare and judicial sectors. Paraguay’s original Threshold Program concluded in August 2009.

Program Highlights

Paraguay Stage I:

- ★ All activities, except for the new ID system in the Ministry of Interior, were completed in November 2008. The remaining activities on the new National ID System were completed in August 2009.

Strengthening Oversight of Public Registry

- ★ The Government of Paraguay approved ID design is under production and IDs are expected to be issued next quarter. Scanning of individual identification files and digitizing of nearly six million cards will permit the use of automated fingerprint technology by Paraguay.

Paraguay Stage II:

- ★ Paraguay’s Stage II Threshold Program agreement was ratified by the Paraguayan Congress in August.

Stage II Threshold Program Status
Status.....Implementation, Year 1

Stage II Threshold Program Information
Total Amount.....\$30.3 million
Agreement Signed.....April 13, 2009

Country Information
Population.....6,158,259*
GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1,280*