



Mozambique and Millennium Challenge Corporation: Investing in Compact Development

Millennium Challenge Corporation has approved up to \$6,000,000 to assist Mozambique in the development of a Millennium Challenge Account Compact.

The Government of Mozambique's compact proposal focuses on improving and increasing access to water and sanitation and providing business development assistance in four northern provinces of Mozambique—C abo Delgado, Niassa, Nampula and Zambézia. Fifty-two percent of the nation's poor live in these four provinces and MCC believes the proposed program has the potential to help lift tens of thousands of Mozambicans out of poverty.

The approved funding will be used to assist Mozambique in the further development of its program design and implementation. Specifically it will be used to:

- Perform feasibility and baseline studies, conduct environmental analyses and develop engineering and design plans for proposed infrastructure projects;
- Assess market demand, identify necessary regulatory issues and infrastructure requirements, and
 perform preliminary financial, economic, and environmental analyses for a proposed export processing
 zone;
- Analyze the needs and resources in the four northern provinces, as part of the design of proposed business service centers, as they relate to sectors named in the proposal – such as agriculture, forestry, eco-tourism, and light industry;
- Further design the proposed land tenure activities to increase economic productivity, involving modernized registration system, use of technology and training to support implementation of proposed reforms; and
- Provide technical support and program development services to the MCA-Mozambique core team.

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Planning and Development and the MCA Mozambique Team, civil society and private sector representatives will continue to be essential participants in the Compact development process.