



## Lesotho Compact Progress

- ★ **Program Set-Up:** The MCA-Lesotho Board of Directors and the Stakeholders Committee have been established. In addition, the MCA Board of Directors has recruited a CEO and eight senior MCA staff. Thirteen procurements totaling \$14.5 have been signed, mostly pertaining to MCA setup.
- ★ **Private Sector Development Project:** Procurement is underway for goods and services related to a number of private sector development initiatives, including reforms in credit law and regulations, land information and registration systems, legal systems, and the establishment of the Land Administration Authority.

In June, MCA-Lesotho sponsored a National Identity Card workshop to launch a program providing national identity cards to all Basotho aged 15 years and older. The database resulting from this program will be linked to all public records and used to promote

access to financial credit to facilitate economic growth both regionally and within Lesotho.

Another MCA-sponsored workshop attended by civil society, private sector, local government and parliamentary representatives launched the development of a new National Land Administration Authority.

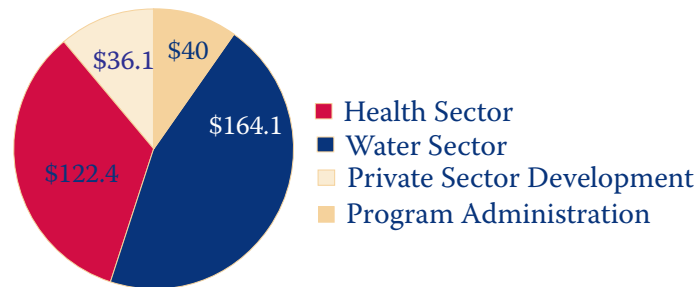
- ★ **Other Highlights:** MCA and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) co-sponsored the National Laboratory Policy and Strategic Plan workshop that took place from June 9-12 in Maseru. Attended by representatives of the Government of Lesotho, NGOs, international agencies and technical experts, the workshop resulted in a national laboratory strategy. This initiative directly benefits the MCC funded construction of a new National Reference Laboratory under the compact’s Health Sector Project that will serve the entire country.

### Compact At-A-Glance

Signed .....7/23/2007  
 Entry Into Force.....To be determined  
 The \$363 million compact with Lesotho will improve health outcomes and productivity through strengthening the health system, removing barriers to foreign and local private sector investment and providing water supply for industrial and domestic use.

### Obligations by Project

in millions



\$3,597,553 total contract commitments  
 \$1,831,196 disbursed to date

### Country At-A-Glance

Population..... 2,125,262\*  
 GNI per Capita ..... \$1,000\*



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