



Nicaragua Compact Progress

- ★ **Transportation Project:** Procurement is underway for the Villanueva-Guasaule road segment of the Pan-American Highway and the secondary roads between León-Poneloya and Cinco Pinos-Somotillo.
- ★ **Property Regularization Project:** Surveying and tenure regularization for 800 parcels has begun as part of this project’s pilot. Land titles issued for the 800 parcels will add to the 1,226 titles already issued. A Property Conflict Mediation Center opened in León to resolve disputes through mediated negotiation.
- ★ **Rural Development Project:** 1,772 farmers have prepared agriculture, livestock and non-agricultural business plans to obtain fund-

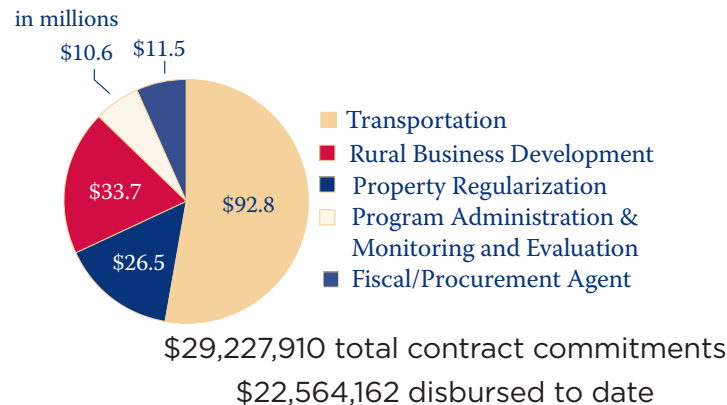
ing aiming at increasing their productivity and improving links to markets. Plans selected by MCA-Nicaragua’s investment committee will receive funding under the project. Sesame seed producers saw a 130% increase in income during the last harvest cycle thanks to technical assistance and access-to-market support.

- ★ **Other Highlights:** The Nicaraguan Government invited MCA-Nicaragua to host a “National Earth Festival” in June. National government, municipal government, civil society, and private sector representatives attended the event. The event served as a space for dialog and collective action where representatives from various organizations joined forces against environmental degradation. MCA’s contribution to reforestation and natural resources conservation was highlighted.

Compact At-A-Glance

Signed7/14/2005
 Entry Into Force..... 5/26/2006
 The five-year, \$175 million compact will reduce transportation costs, improve rural communities’ access to markets, and increase wages and profits from farming and related enterprises in the region. Additionally, the compact aims to increase investments by strengthening property rights.

Obligations by Project



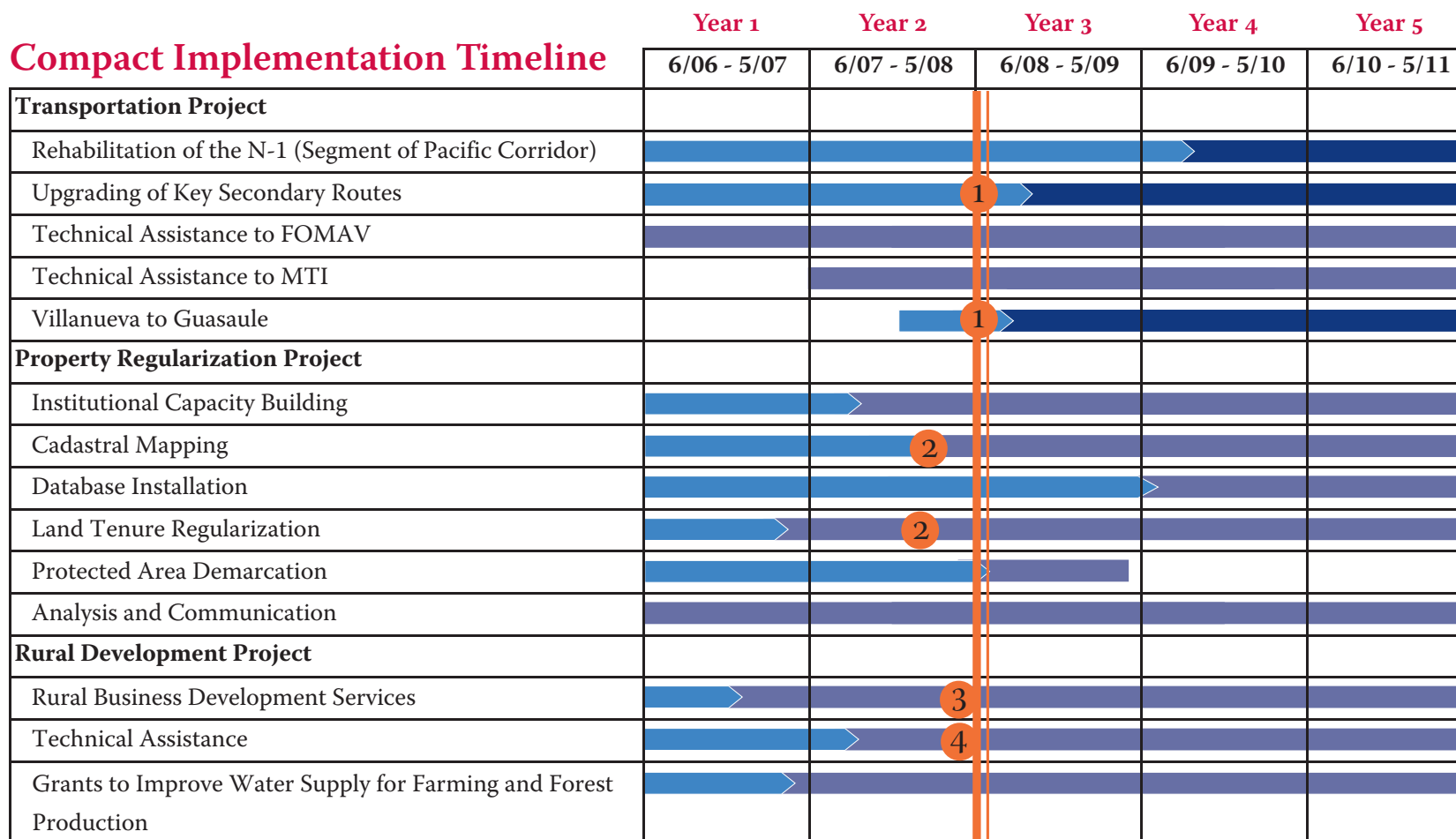
Country At-A-Glance

Population..... 5,486,685*
 GNI per Capita \$980*



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Compact Implementation Timeline



- Project Preparation
- Construction - Infrastructure
- Project Activities - Other Sectors

* For more information on country proposals, due diligence, program set-up, implementation and monitoring, and ongoing impact, please see the diagram entitled *Typical MCC Program Cycle* at www.mcc.gov.

We Are Here

July, 2008
 Disbursements to Date..... \$22,564,162
 Total Contract Commitments..... \$29,227,910

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June 2008:
 Successful public bid openings have been held for the Villanueva-Guasaule, Leon-Ponelyoa, and Cinco Pinos-Somotillo roads

2
March 2008:
 1,226 land titles have been regularized and 800 more are forthcoming as part of a cadastral and regularization pilot project in the Nagarote municipality

3
June 2008:
 2,234 business Plans have been implemented, resulting in 2,059 new permanent jobs

4
June 2008:
 Sesame seed producers saw a 130% increase in income during 2007-2008 harvest cycle