



What People are Saying About MCC

“The United States should expand targeted assistance for poverty alleviation and institution building by fully funding the Millennium Challenge Account and developing new initiatives to reach the poor regions of the larger middle income countries.”

Council on Foreign Relations

U.S.-Latin America Relations: A New Direction for a New Reality report

May 14, 2008

“If I could give a piece of advice to the next U.S. president, it would be to continue with the Millennium Challenge Account...The novelty of the mechanism of assistance is that it is supposed to be based on recipient country ownership so it is the recipient countries who are identifying their primary problems...”

Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Mongolia Damdin Tsogtbaatar

May 6, 2008

“...We are a big supporter, sometimes a constructive critic, but always, always, always in support of the success of the MCA. It continues to be...the greatest experiment we’ve had in U.S. foreign assistance since the Marshall Plan. It brings together a lot of the lessons that we’ve learned over the past 50 years in development effectiveness that countries should be owning and driving and designing and implementing their programs...”

Sheila Herrling, Senior Policy Analyst

Center for Global Development

April 29, 2008

“The Millennium Challenge Corporation continues to offer an innovative approach to aid that reinforces local ownership, good governance, and economic freedom for recipient nations. The MCC is an initiative I supported as Chairman [of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee on Appropriations] and worked closely with what was then the International Relations Committee to draft legislation that created this new approach to foreign assistance. As a former appropriator addressing authorizers, I think we both know how rare that collaboration is. We were proud of that effort, and I continue to support the tenets and the delivery record of the MCC. I urge you to continue to support them as well.”

Jim Kolbe, Senior Transatlantic Fellow

German Marshall Fund of the United States

April 23, 2008

"We have witnessed what is possible when the U.S. government sets its mind to fighting poverty effectively...A month ago, we listened to El Salvador's National Development Council tell us that the MCC was the best aid program they have in El Salvador, designed intelligently to achieve sustained economic growth based on clear government priorities. The clear lesson is that reducing global poverty is possible and benefits America. We need to put this lesson at the centerpiece of our foreign aid strategy."

Raymond C. Offenheiser, President

Oxfam America

April 23, 2008

"This is one of the most important programs implemented in Georgia over the past few years. Georgia has changed and its economy has improved dramatically during these two years...[MCC is] exactly the kind of donor we like to work with."

Georgia Prime Minister Lado Gurgendze

April 14, 2008

"Perhaps the most visible leader in efforts to increase the use of impact evaluations is the Millennium Challenge Corporation, which has set a high standard for the integration of impact evaluation principles into the design of programs at the earliest stages and for the effective use of baseline data and control groups."

Committee on Evaluation of USAID Democracy Assistance Programs and the National Research Council

"Improving Democracy Assistance: Building Knowledge Through Evaluations and Research" briefing paper

April 3, 2008

"The Millennium Challenge Corporation is playing a vital role in our efforts to make real progress dealing with the provision of water and sanitation services around the world."

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

April 2, 2008

"...That's why the Bush administration's Millennium Challenge Account is such a brilliant innovation. By luring near-emerging market economies in the direction of much-needed reforms by the promise of significant rewards, we encourage governments to decide for themselves whether they're serious about change."

Thomas P.M. Barnett

The Washington Times

March 26, 2008

"I believe that if we can all come together, redouble our efforts and continue to meet the criteria of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the long term benefit to our nation will be the best gift I can leave this nation when I step down in 2010."

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

March 12, 2008