

Nicaragua Compact Progress

- ★ **Transportation Project:** Nicaragua has made major advancements with the signing of three road construction contracts worth \$41.1 million: Villanueva-Guasaule, León-Poneloya and Somotillo-Cinco Pinos. These three contracts will provide for the rehabilitation of approximately 60 kilometers of important economic corridors and access-to-market feeder roads.
- ★ **Rural Development Project:** The program continues to improve rural income with 2,331 agricultural and livestock business plans under implementation producing higher yields and increasing exports. Of these, 873 livestock and dairy business plans are under implementation supplying quality milk to local and regional indus-

tries and leveraging US \$ 804,000 in productive loans from local banks.

- ★ **Land Tenure Regularization Activity:** After successfully completing the aerial photography and mapping of the Department of León, the program has completed its pilot phase in the Department of Nagarote, issuing 2,256 cumulative land titles and property certifications.
- ★ *Note: Compact funding allocations for Nicaragua were adjusted in October 2007 to accommodate the construction of the Villanueva-Guasaule primary road, a critical segment of the Pan-American Highway linking Nicaragua and Honduras.*

Compact At-A-Glance

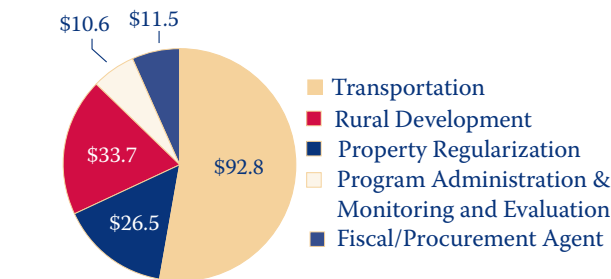
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Entry Into Force..... 5/26/2006

The five-year, \$175.1 million compact seeks to 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

in millions



\$80,585,674 total contract commitments

\$33,982,460 disbursed to date

Country At-A-Glance

Population..... 5,486,685*

GNI per Capita \$980*



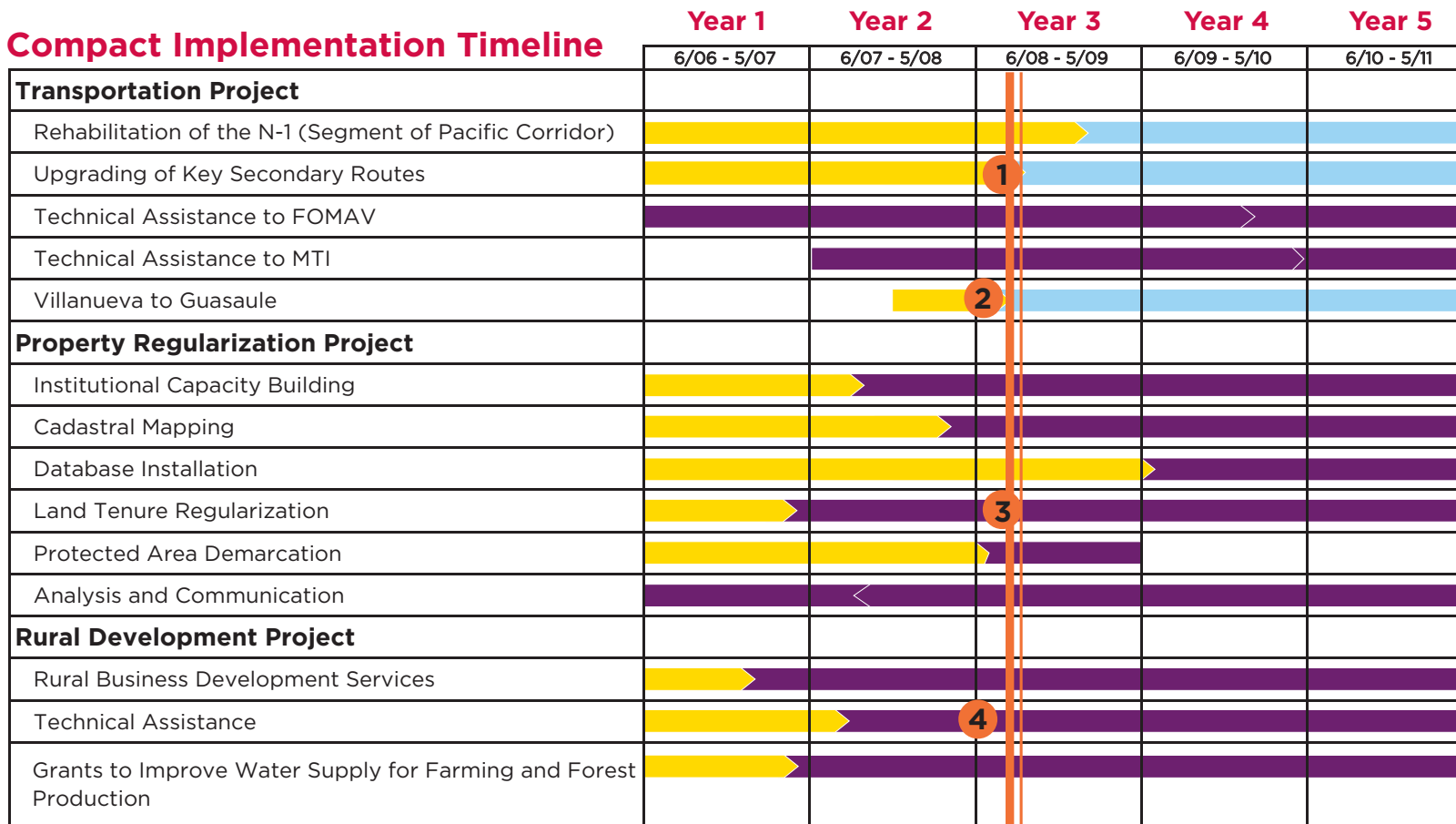
On the Web:

www.mcc.gov

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www.cuentamilenio.org.ni

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.

1
September 2008:
Construction contracts were signed to rehabilitate 50 kilometers of key secondary roads

2
August 2008:
Construction began on the Villanueva to Guasaule Road

3
September 2008:
The Nagarote Pilot Project was completed, granting 2256 cumulative land titles and solvencies

4
July 2008:
A 2.7 million dollar contract was signed to implement the MCA Forestry cluster. The contract will help small farmers and business people improve fruit, fuel, and hardwood investments

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October, 2008
Disbursements to Date..... **\$33,982,460**
Total Contract Commitments..... **\$80,585,674**