



About the Indicators for Fiscal Year 2009

To select countries as eligible for Millennium Challenge Account funding, MCC assesses the degree to which the political, social and economic conditions in a country promote broad-based sustainable economic growth. MCC uses third-party indicators to identify countries with policy environments that will allow Millennium Challenge Account funding to be effective in reducing poverty and promoting economic growth. MCC evaluates performance in three areas – Ruling Justly, Investing in People, and Encouraging Economic Freedom – using 17 policy indicators. The following is a list of the indicators used by MCC:

Ruling Justly

- ★ Civil Liberties (Freedom House)
- ★ Political Rights (Freedom House)
- ★ Voice and Accountability (World Bank Institute)
- ★ Government Effectiveness (World Bank Institute)
- ★ Rule of Law (World Bank Institute)
- ★ Control of Corruption (World Bank Institute)

Investing in People

- ★ Immunization Rates (World Health Organization)
- ★ Public Expenditure on Health (World Health Organization)
- ★ Girls' Primary Education Completion Rate (UNESCO)
- ★ Public Expenditure on Primary Education (UNESCO and national sources)
- ★ Natural Resource Management (CIESIN and YCELP)

Encouraging Economic Freedom

- ★ Business Start-Up (IFC)
- ★ Land Rights and Access (IFAD and IFC)
- ★ Trade Policy (Heritage Foundation)
- ★ Regulatory Quality (World Bank Institute)
- ★ Inflation (IMF WEO)
- ★ Fiscal Policy (IMF country reports and national sources, cross-checked with IMF WEO)

Supplemental information will also be used for fiscal year 2009: The disabilities component of the U.S. Department of State's Human Rights Report, Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index, and the Global Integrity Index and other sources are used.

For more information on the process MCC uses to select eligible countries, the indicators, and individual country scores, please go to the Selection Criteria section of MCC's website at www.mcc.gov.