



# MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

REDUCING POVERTY THROUGH GROWTH

Welcome to the MCA Process:

On behalf of the United States Government and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), we are pleased to welcome you to the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) Compact Process.

As you know, the MCA is an initiative by the United States to support policies and programs that advance a country's progress in achieving sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. As an eligible country, you are invited to develop and submit to MCC a proposal that can form the basis for negotiating a Compact.

“Country ownership” is central to MCC's approach. MCC staff are here to work with you, to answer questions as needed, and even to facilitate contact with MCA counterparts in other countries. However, the development of a Compact proposal is – first and foremost – a country's own process. MCC will ask you to think critically about the constraints to economic growth. MCC will ask you to use a consultative process to develop your compact. But most of all, MCC will ask you to take the lead in developing and implementing a compact that leads to poverty reduction through economic growth.

This collection of documents is intended to provide additional information and guidance as you begin the Compact development process. They provide an overview of the Compact development process, as well as full information on MCC's expectations and requirements during Compact development and implementation.

Again, congratulations on your selection for compact eligibility. We look forward to working together as partners on activities to improve the lives of your citizens.