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## Fact Sheet

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# What People are Saying about the MCC

*"If the US wants to become a smart development leader, US policy makers should... [r]ecommit to supporting the MCC."*

**Oxfam America**

**"Smart Development" briefing paper**

**February 2008**

*"Our development assistance dollars and support of humanitarian programs around the world is the face of the American public. The MCC takes these values one step further...I believe the MCC is the future of U.S. foreign assistance and I call on Congress to fully fund the MCC."*

**Congressman Joe Knollenberg**

**February 26, 2008**

*"And here today we have signed the Millennium Challenge Compact, the largest ever. This funding will go a long way towards addressing some of our critical infrastructure challenges, which have for a long time been an obstacle to our growth and development."*

**Tanzania President Jakaya Kikwete**

**February 17, 2008**

*"This is a different type of foreign policy. It's a different type of foreign aid. Foreign aid in the past was just, here, take and spend. This is foreign policy that reinforces the conditions necessary for just and peaceful societies to develop."*

**President George W. Bush**

**February 14, 2008**

*"The MCC must be doing something well: when MCC chief John Danilovich visited Nicaragua last month and inaugurated a road with radical leftist President Daniel Ortega, the Nicaraguan leader ended his speech saying, "Viva los Estados Unidos," Danilovich recalled. Who says foreign aid doesn't do miracles?"*

**Andres Oppenheimer**

**The Miami Herald**

**February 14, 2008**

*“I support and applaud the continuing commitment to Millennium Challenge Account though I would hope that we in Congress could do better. I think this is one of the really important ways in which we do foreign aid which is to work with local governments and have them identify what they need and then have in place those indices of accountability and transparency that give us a greater sense that they’ll return for the investment -- that it will actually be used in the way it’s intended.”*

**Senator Norm Coleman**

February 13, 2008

*“The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has evolved into what I think is an imaginative and creative new way to think about foreign assistance.”*

**Steve Radelet, Senior Fellow**

**Center for Global Development**

February 13, 2008

*“I believe, however, that this administration has set-up an appropriate framework to move us beyond the kind of concerns we’ve seen in the past - and that is in the Millennium Challenge Corporation. As someone who was on the board of the MCC, I believe strongly in that approach to the way we use our power, our influence, and our money. I believe it is making a great difference.”*

**Christine Todd Whitman**

**Former Governor of New Jersey**

February 13, 2008

*“While the Millennium Challenge might not be familiar to the average American, in Africa this program is recognized as one of this country’s most important initiatives to encourage democracy through development in parts of the world that could use a healthy dose of both. In a nutshell, the program is meant to provide countries that are serious about democracy some of the resources they need to improve the quality of life and expand opportunity. To date, the proposals presented for support have included plans to build bridges, roads, ports, hospitals, and schools. The projects are more than bricks and mortar. They are monuments to hope and symbols that America cares.”*

**Charles R. Stith**

**Former U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania**

**The Boston Globe Op-Ed column**

February 11, 2008