

The Philippines

Update on Progress

- ★ In May 2008, the Philippines established a dedicated “Millennium Challenge Unit” within the Ministry of Finance to develop a proposal for MCC investments.
- ★ In line with a clear national development priority, agricultural productivity, infrastructure, human development and governance were identified as constraints to economic growth in the Philippines through rigorous constraints analysis, sector analysis and consultative process. The Philippines hosted broad stakeholder workshops beginning in summer 2008 to discuss and identify key problems that might be addressed by an MCC investment in these sectors. This process provided opportunities for a cross section of citizens, civil society organizations and the private sector to share issues, concerns and potential investment ideas.
- ★ Following public consultations, the Millennium Challenge Unit collaborated with various government agencies in developing “concept papers” that defined potential projects to address one or more of the problems identified through the Constraints Analysis and Consultative Process.
- ★ The Philippines developed and submitted five “concept papers” to MCC in February 2009 addressing constraints to economic growth and national development priorities. MCC is in the process of reviewing the proposed investments, and expects to begin further project development activities in mid-2009.
- ★ In March 2009, the Philippines’ MCC Threshold Program successfully completed its efforts to enhance anti-corruption efforts by strengthening the Office of the Ombudsman, improving revenue administration and increasing enforcement capacity within the Department of Finance. The program was managed by the United States Agency for International Development.

Compact Status		
Status	Compact Eligible	
Country Information		
Population	83,054,480*	
GNI Per Capita	\$2850*	
Compact Process		
Stage		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility Notification	03-11-2008
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Concept Paper Receipt	02-04-2009
	Concept Assessment Memo	
	Congressional Notification on Compact Negotiations	
	Investment Memo	
	Board Approval	
	Compact Signing	
	Entry Into Force	
	Initial Disbursement	

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2007