

Armenia Compact Progress

- ★ Rural Road Rehabilitation Project: The Government of Armenia is contributing \$16.8 million toward the on-going rehabilitation of rural road segments linking farmers to major agricultural markets across Armenia. In December 2008, MCA-Armenia completed the rehabilitation of a 25 km road segment pilot project near Gyumri.
- ★ Water-to-Market Activity: An additional 2,000 farmers have been trained in the use of new and improved farming technologies, bringing the total to 21,882. In 2008, over 125 farmers received a total of \$1.5 million in credit to develop their agribusinesses.
- ★ In December 2008, MCA-Armenia launched the first cell phone/ SMS-based Market Information System in Armenia, allowing

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farmers to receive instant fruit and vegetable pricing information. This new service enables farmers to negotiate with buyers from a position of greater strength.

 ★ Note: Compact funding allocations for Armenia have not changed since compact signature, although irrigated infrastructure and road construction works have been adjusted in scope/size due to escalating global construction costs and currency fluctuations. As of March 2009, the MCC Board of Directors reiterated its concerns about the status of democratic governance in Armenia and did not lift the hold on MCC assistance for contracts relating to the rehabilitation of rural roads (in effect since May 2008).

Obligations by Project Country At-A-Glance in millions Program Administration and Control Monitoring and Evaluation \$18.39 GNI per Capita \$2,640* \$5.08 Irrigated Agriculture Project Rural Road (Water to Market) **Rehabilitation Project** \$32.42 \$67.1 Irrigated Agriculture Project (Infrastructure) On the Web: \$112.66 www.mcc.gov MCA-Armenia: \$105,518,898 total contract commitments www.mca.am \$30,881,115 disbursed to date

Compact At-A-Glance

Signed 3/27/2006
Entry Into Force9/29/2006
The five year, \$236 million compact
will reduce rural poverty by increas-
ing the agricultural sector's economic
performance. This goal will be achieved
through strategic investments in rural
roads and irrigation systems.

Compact Implementation Timeline	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Compact Implementation Timeline	09/06 - 08/07	09/07 - 08/08	09/08 - 08/09	09/09 - 08/10	09/10 - 08/11	
Rural Road Rehabilitation Project						Pilot 25 km "Armavir-
Pilot Road (24.5 km)			- 1			Isahakian-Gyumri" road completed
Package 1 (273 km)						December 2008.
Package 2			2			2
Package 3						Rehabilitation of
Irrigation Infrastructure Activity						RRRP Package 1 roads (273 km)
Pumping Stations						with \$16.8 million allocated by the GoA began in September 2008
Main Canals						
Gravity Schemes						
Tertiary Canals			3			3
Ararat Valley						Pilot rehabilitation of tertiary canals
Environmental Consultation						in 4 communities completed in Au-
Water-to-Market Activity						gust 2008.
Institutional Strengthening (WSA/WUA)						4
On-Farm Water Management Technologies						Over 22,000 farm- ers now trained
Transition to Higher-Value Agriculture			4			under Water to
Post-Harvest, Processing, and Marketing						Market Activity and \$1.5 million credit
Credit						issued to farmers through bank inter-
Project Preparation	-		L w	e Are Here		mediation.



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.

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Disbursements to Date...... \$30,881,115 Total Contract Commitments...... \$105,518,898