



## Zambia

## **Update on Progress**

- ★ On December 11, 2008, Zambia was selected as eligible for a Millennium Challenge Corporation poverty reduction grant, or compact, by MCC's Board of Directors.
- ★ In March 2009, MCC undertook the first high-level visit to Zambia to meet with senior government officials, private sector leaders, and civil society groups. The main objectives of this visit were to establish positive working relationships between MCC and Zambia and to explain MCC compact development processes to a range of stakeholders.
- ★ Zambia has pledged to allocate an estimated \$2 million to the operations of the core team and has committed to selecting a National Program Coordinator, economist, and other core team members.
- ★ In May 2009, the Government of Zambia appointed the National Program Coordinator (NPC), and three economists to the core team. The Lead Economist and the NPC participated in the MCC University workshop in Washington, DC.
- ★ In June 2009, MCC staff traveled to Zambia to work with the core team on the constraints analysis, which will highlight the challenges to sustainable economic growth in Zambia, and to assist with developing a broad-based consultative process to elicit feedback on constraints to economic growth and poverty reduction.

Compact Status StatusCompact Eligible		
Country Information Population11,696,160° GNI Per Capita\$800*		
Compact Process Stage		
V	Eligibility Notification	12-11-2008
	Concept Paper Receipt	
	Concept Assessment Memo	
	Congressional Notification on Compact Negotiations	
	Investment Mem	10
	Board Approval	
	Compact Signing	g
	Entry	
_	Into Force	
	Initial	
	Disbursement	