

# Moldova

## Update on Progress

- ★ The Moldovan government submitted their proposal to MCC on February 28, 2008 that included projects essential for economic growth. After thoroughly reviewing the proposal, undertaking an internal peer review, consulting with donors, counterparts, key stakeholders, and fielding of a two-week mission with multiple technical specialists, MCC decided to move forward with developing proposed Road Rehabilitation and Transition to High Value-added Agriculture (THVA) projects.
- ★ The proposed Road Rehabilitation Project’s objective is to support economic growth and poverty reduction by reducing operational costs, losses of time, and missed profits in the transport of goods and services. The project would improve profitability and marketability of goods carried on the roads, improve access to social services among communities serviced by the roads, and improve road safety.
- ★ The proposed THVA Project’s objective is to increase incomes in rural agricultural communities through support to a transition to higher value-added production. Through rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure, significant changes to management, and increased access to finance, training, and market information, beneficiaries will transition to more intensive and varied crop production and better marketing of the production. The proposed project comprises four potential activities that would together support transition of agricultural producers to higher value-added agriculture, particularly fruits and vegetables: rehabilitating centralized irrigation systems (CIS); transferring management responsibility for rehabilitated CIS to water users organizations; improving access to agricultural credit; and improving access to markets.
- ★ MCC and the Moldovan government signed a Memorandum of Understanding in November 2008 setting forth the terms relating to the use of up to \$11.9 million of funds to procure the necessary analytical and technical studies of the two projects. MCC has directly contracted project development studies and analyses, including feasibility studies and environmental and social impact assessments for potential rehabilitation of national-level road segments and 16 centralized irrigation systems.

### Compact Status

Status .....Compact Eligible

### Country Information

Population .....4,446,706\*

GNI Per Capita .....\$1260\*

### Compact Process

Stage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligibility Notification	11-08-2006
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal Receipt	2-28-2008
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Assessment Memo	07-21-2008
Congressional Notification on Compact Negotiations	
Investment Memo	
Board Approval	
Compact Signing	
Entry Into Force	
Initial Disbursement	

\*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005