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What People Are Saying About MCC

“MCC’s model showcases some of our best thinking about how to do development for the 21st century, and has helped to set the stage for the Administration’s approach for development, because at a time when we must look for the way to maximize the impact of every dollar that we spend on development, we often turn to MCC for information and inspiration ... In this Administration under President Obama, we’ve tried to put forth a new policy on development that really focuses on results, and MCC has been one of the foundational institutions that has given us the base for moving forward.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

On her visit to MCC
November 27, 2012

“Is there a model for this now? Is it something like the Millennium Challenge Corporation which works overseas? And that’s one of the things that the Millennium Challenge Corporation is focused on, is countries with good governance who can identify big projects where they need some help and there’s some sort of either a public and private match or there’s a government to government match where the U.S. government puts up some money and that other country’s government or some other entity within that government puts up some money.”

Michel Martin

NPR host of Tell Me More
In an interview on how to address the nation’s infrastructure concerns
November 1, 2012

“...One of the things we are very pleased with is called the Millennium Challenge Account. And, it is quite an innovative attitude to aid, linking it with the fight against corruption and linking it with kinda business-minded approaches to aid and therefore leveraging aid to create the environment for investment. The corruption piece is amazing.”

Bono

Georgetown University
November 12, 2012

“...Since its establishment in 2004, MCC has been regarded by many as a leader in aid evaluation... MCC has also put a stronger emphasis on impact evaluation than State and USAID... Many development experts praised MCC’s transparency about both the successes and shortcomings of its programs, and apparent commitment to continuous improvement... According to at least one development professional, this first set of evaluations is a “game changer,” that has set a new standard for development agencies.”

Congressional Research Service Report for Congress: *Does Foreign Aid Work? Efforts to Evaluate U.S. Foreign Assistance*

By: Marian Leonardo Lawson, Analyst in Foreign Assistance
November 19, 2012

“Through its land administration reform project supported by the United States of America, Lesotho has put in place a new revised legal framework on land that ... provides for better administration of land by providing lease documents for proper right to landholding. Following the coming into operation of the LAA, processes for registering rights to land, and resolving land disputes have become more efficient and equitable. I am convinced that these important changes will stimulate strong economic growth and result in a more stable and prosperous future for our people. Allow me [to] conclude by extending to our cooperating partners, in particular the United States of America through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Millennium Challenge Account–Lesotho, our words of profound gratitude for immense contributions to positively changing our people’s lives through the Millennium compact and its implementation.”

Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho Mothetjoa Metsing

At the launch of the Land Administration Authority (LAA)
November 15, 2012

“I learned firsthand about MCC’s work when I served in government, and I often find myself gaining new insights from their experiences. Their recent release of the analysis of their impact evaluation is one of those moments. MCC has some important lessons for the development community—other U.S. agencies, donors, multinational corporations working in emerging markets, and philanthropies alike stand to learn a great deal. MCC’s first set of independent impact evaluations raises some interesting questions about training farmers and how to measure the most important impact we all want to achieve: fostering prosperity and improving livelihoods. By focusing on learning as much as we have focused on doing, we can all become smarter, more efficient, and more focused on ideas that actually have more lasting impact in the long run. That’s why MCC’s approach is effective: they invest in accountability and transparency upfront so they can learn faster and improve their work more quickly and cost-effectively over the long-run. By sharing that knowledge with all of us, we all have the opportunity to learn. MCC’s first five impact evaluations are a landmark step towards smarter, better, and more accountable development around the world—and at a time when it could not be needed more.”

Howard W. Buffett

Executive Director, The Howard G. Buffett Foundation
In a guest mcc.gov blog: *MCC’s Impact Evaluations Challenge Us All To Do Better*
December 6, 2012

“Using the successful and proven models of innovative programs like PEPFAR and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Global Partnerships Act outlines a comprehensive framework to transform the donor-recipient relationship to one of equal partners working toward mutually-agreed and mutually-beneficial goals. More importantly, the proposal shifts reliance on foreign assistance decisions to our local partners and our own development professionals and seeks an outcome-oriented process where the focus is on what we achieve. Like the models noted above, this new framework holds both sides accountable for results. We should expect nothing less from the valuable resources the American people contribute to foreign assistance.”

**Representatives Ander Crenshaw
and Adam Smith**

Co-Chairmen of the Congressional Caucus for
Effective Foreign Assistance
December 12, 2012