

application, or, if the applicant is approved to the VPP, subsequent cessation of active participation in the VPP.

b. Upon approval, VPP participants will continue to be removed from OSHA inspection lists for the duration of approved participation.

c. Removal from OSHA programmed inspection lists does not apply to a corporate headquarters or DGA headquarters unless these locations have applied or been approved for site-based participation.

2. Unprogrammed Inspections

a. Workplace complaints to OSHA, all fatalities and catastrophes, and other significant events will be handled by enforcement personnel in accordance with normal OSHA enforcement procedures.

b. The history of the VPP demonstrates that safety and health problems discovered during any contact with VPP participants normally are resolved cooperatively. Nevertheless, OSHA must reserve the right, where employees' safety and health are seriously endangered and management refuses to correct the situation, to refer the situation to the Assistant Secretary for review and enforcement action. The employer will be informed that a

referral will be made to the Assistant Secretary and that enforcement action may result.

3. Additional VPP Investigations

a. Following significant events, e.g., fatalities, chemical spills or leaks, or other accidents, OSHA may choose to use VPP personnel to conduct an onsite review to determine a participant's continued eligibility for VPP.

b. OSHA also may choose to investigate other significant accidents or events that come to its attention and that are not required to be handled with normal OSHA enforcement procedures, whether or not injury/illness is involved. OSHA will use VPP personnel to determine whether the accident or incident reflects a serious deficiency in the participant's safety and health management system that warrants reevaluation of the participant's VPP qualification.

**Authority:** The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of January, 2009.

**Thomas M. Stohler,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**

[MCC 09-05]

**Notice of Quarterly Report (July 1, 2008-September 30, 2008)**

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**SUMMARY:** The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is reporting for the quarter July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 in respect to both assistance provided under Section 605 of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-199, Division D (the Act)), and transfers or allocations of funds to other federal agencies pursuant to Section 619(b) of the Act. The following report shall be made available to the public by means of publication in the **Federal Register** and on the Internet Web site of the MCC (<http://www.mcc.gov>) in accordance with Section 612(b) of the Act.

**ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 605**

Projects	Obligated	Objectives	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Country: Madagascar Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$109,773,000 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Madagascar Total quarterly disbursement: \$12,296,269				
Land Tenure Project .....	\$37,803,000	Increase Land Titling and Security.	\$15,491,326	Legislative proposal reflecting the National Land Tenure Program submitted to Parliament and passed. Number of land disputes reported and resolved in the target zones and sites of implementation. Percentage of land documents inventoried, restored, and/or digitized. Average time and cost required to carry out property transactions. Percent of reported land conflicts resolved on titled land in zone 3, 4, 5 during the title regularization operations. Percentage of land in the zones that is demarcated and ready for titling.
Finance Project .....	\$35,888,000	Increase Competition in the Financial Sector.	\$11,298,895	The number of savings accounts and outstanding value of accounts from primary banks. Maximum check clearing delay. Volume of funds in payment system and number of transactions. Increased public awareness of new financial instruments as measured by surveys within intervention zones and large towns. The amount of government debt issued with maturities in excess of 52 weeks. The number of new individual investors buying government debt securities. The number of bank branches of the Central Bank of Madagascar capable of accepting auction tenders.

## ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 605—Continued

Projects	Obligated	Objectives	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Agricultural Business Investment Project.	\$17,683,000	Improve Agricultural Projection Technologies and Market Capacity in Rural Areas.	\$8,923,689	Percentage of all loans included in the central database. Number of rural producers receiving or soliciting information from Agricultural Business Centers about the opportunities. Intervention zones identified and description of beneficiaries within each zone submitted. Number of visitors receiving information from National Coordinating Center with respect to business opportunities. Change in farm income due to improved production and marketing practices. Change in enterprise income due to improved production and marketing practices. Number of farmers and business employing technical assistance received.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$18,399,000	.....	\$10,483,218	
Pending subsequent reports**.	.....	.....	\$12,654,499	

\* Program administration funds are used to pay items such as salaries, rent, and the cost of office equipment.

\*\* These amounts represent disbursements made that will be allocated to individual projects in the subsequent quarter(s) and reported as such in subsequent quarterly report(s).

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Country: Honduras Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$215,000,000 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Honduras Total quarterly disbursement: \$13,479,730				
Rural Development Project.	\$70,687,000	Increase the productivity and business skills of farmers who operate small and medium-size farms and their employees..	\$21,844,528	Increase in farm income resulting from Rural Development Project. Funds lent by MCA-Honduras to financial institutions.  Increase in employment income resulting from Rural Development Project. Number of Program farmers harvesting high-value horticulture crops. Number of hectares harvesting high-value horticulture crops.
Transportation Project .....	\$127,491,876	Reduce transportation costs between targeted production centers and national, regional and global markets.	\$8,329,169	Freight shipment cost from Tegucigalpa to Puerto Cortes. Price of basic food basket. Number of days per year road is passable.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$16,821,124	.....	\$3,994,766	
Pending subsequent reports**.	.....	.....	\$776,067	
Projects	Obligated	Objectives	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Cape Verde Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$110,078,488  
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Cape Verde Total quarterly disbursement: \$9,450,397

Watershed and Agricultural Support.	\$10,848,630	Increase agricultural production in three targeted watershed areas on three islands.	\$3,541,205	Increase in horticultural productivity. Increase in annual income. Value-added for farms and agribusiness.
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Projects	Obligated	Objectives	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Infrastructure Improvement.	\$83,160,208	Increase integration of the internal market and reduce transportation costs.	\$16,923,184	Volume of goods shipped between Praia and other islands. Mobility Ratio: Percentage of beneficiary population who take at least 5 trips per month. Savings on transport costs from improvements.
Private Sector Development.	\$2,800,000	Spur private sector development on all islands through increased investment in the priority sectors and through financial sector reform.	\$356,711	Value added in priority sectors above current trends. Volume of private investment in priority sectors above current trends.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$13,269,650 .....	..... .....	\$6,218,097 0	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Nicaragua Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$174,710,890  
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Nicaragua Total quarterly disbursement: \$ 11,129,188

Property Regularization Project.	\$22,000,000	Increase Investment by strengthening property rights.	\$4,669,995	Value of investment on land. Value of urban land. Value of rural land. Number of days to conduct a land transaction. Total cost to conduct a land transaction.
Transportation Project .....	\$105,193,200	Reduce transportation costs between Leon and Chinandega and national, regional and global markets.	\$8,990,461	Price of a basket of goods. Travel Time.
Rural Business Development Project.	\$32,897,500	Increase the value added of farms and enterprises in the region.	\$11,325,597	Annual percentage increase in value-added of clients of business office. Number of jobs created. Number of program farm plots harvesting higher-value crops or reforestation under improvement of Water Supply Activities.
Program Administration *, Due Diligence, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$14,909,300 .....	..... .....	\$6,867,070 \$2,129,337	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Georgia Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$295,300,000  
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Georgia Total quarterly disbursement: \$21,853,277

Regional Infrastructure Rehabilitation.	\$216,600,000	Key Regional Infrastructure Rehabilitated.	\$45,138,132	Reduction in Akhalkalaki-Ninotsminda-Teleti journey time. Reduction in vehicle operating costs. Increase in internal regional traffic volumes. Decreased technical losses in gas through the main North-South pipeline Reduction in the production of greenhouse gas emissions measured in tons of CO2 equivalent. Increased collection rate of the Georgian Gas Company (GOGC). Number of household beneficiaries served by Regional Infrastructure Development projects. Actual operations and maintenance expenditures.
Regional Enterprise Development.	\$47,350,000	Enterprises in Regions Developed.	\$16,230,586	Increase in annual revenue in portfolio companies. Increase in number of portfolio company employees and number of local suppliers. Increase in portfolio companies' wages and payments to local suppliers. Jobs created. Increase in aggregate incremental net revenue to project assisted firms. Direct household net income.

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Program Administration *, Due Diligence, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$36,100,000	.....	\$10,630,824	Direct household net income for market information initiative beneficiaries. Number of beneficiaries.
	.....	.....	\$1,162,968	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Vanuatu Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$65,690,000  
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Vanuatu Total quarterly disbursement: \$9,498,932

Transportation Infrastructure Project.	\$60,587,816	Facilitate transportation to increase tourism and business development.	\$188,462	Number of Tourists. Number of days per year road is closed. Number of S-W Bay, Malekula flights cancelled per year due to flooding. Vessel wait time at wharf.
Program Administration *, Due Diligence, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$5,074,768	.....	\$19,844,963	
	.....	.....	\$19,844,963	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Armenia Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$235,650,000  
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Armenia Total quarterly disbursement: \$5,030,672

Irrigated Agriculture Project (Agriculture and Water).	\$145,680,000	Increase agricultural productivity Improve and Quality of Irrigation.	\$12,015,860	Increase in hectares covered by high value added horticultural and fruit crops. Percentage of respondents satisfied with irrigation services. Share of Water User Association water charges as percentage of Water User Association annual operations and maintenance costs. Number of farmers using improved on-farm water management practices. Annual increase in irrigated land in Project area. State budget expenditures on maintenance of irrigation system.
Rural Road Rehabilitation Project.	\$67,100,000	Better access to economic and social infrastructure.	\$5,541,926	Value of loans provided under the project. Government budgetary allocations for routine maintenance of the entire road network Average daily traffic in Project area. Kilometers of Package 1 road sections rehabilitated. Kilometers of Package 2 road sections rehabilitated. Kilometers of Package 3 road sections rehabilitated.
Program Administration *, Due Diligence, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$22,870,000	.....	\$5,411,097	
	.....	.....	\$1,224,709	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Benin Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$307,298,040  
Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Benin Total quarterly disbursement: \$9,377

Access to Financial Services.	\$19,650,000	Expand Access to Financial Services.	\$1,737,505	Operational self-sufficiency of participating microfinance institutions. Number of microfinance institutions supervised by the microfinance cellule. Total incremental increase in value of new credit extended and savings received by financial institutions participating in the project.
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Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Access to Justice .....	\$34,270,000	Improved Ability of Justice System to Enforce Contracts and Reconcile Claims.	\$1,424,538	Share value of all loans outstanding that have one or more installments of principal over 30 days past due. Total number of loans guaranteed by land titles per year. Number of cases processed at the arbitration center. Percentage of all cases in the "Tribunal de Premiere Instance" courts per year. Percentage of all cases resolved in court of appeals per year. Average distance to reach TPI. Number of enterprises registered through the registration center. Average number of days required to register an enterprise.
Access to Land .....	\$36,020,000	Strengthen property rights and increase investment in rural and urban land.	\$6,417,860	Total value of additional investments in target rural land parcels.
Access to Markets .....	\$169,447,000	Improve Access to Markets through Improvements to the Port of Cotonou.	\$4,328,427	Total value of additional investments in target urban land parcels. Total metric tons of exports and imports passing through Port of Cotonou per year.
Program Administration *, Due Diligence, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports **.	\$47,911,040	.....	\$9,554,759	
			\$933,326	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Ghana Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$547,009,000  
 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Ghana Total quarterly disbursement: \$10,423,856

Agriculture Project .....	\$240,984,001	Enhance Profitability of cultivation, services to agriculture and product handling in support of the expansion of commercial agriculture among groups of smallholder farms.	\$12,127,070	Number of hectares irrigated. Number of days to conduct a land transaction. Number of land disputes in the pilot registration districts. Registration of land rights in the pilot registration districts. Metric tons of products passing through post-harvest treatment. Portfolio-at-risk of agriculture loan fund. Value of loans disbursed to clients from agricultural loan fund. Number of additional loans. Vehicle operating costs on minor, medium and major rehabilitated roads.
Rural Development .....	\$101,288,000	Strengthen the rural institutions that provide services complementary to, and supportive of, agricultural and agriculture business development.	\$973,565	Time/ quality per procurement. Score card of citizen satisfaction with services. Gross enrollment rates. Gender parity in school enrollment. Distance to collect water. Time to collect water. Distance to sanitation facility. Travel time to sanitation facility. Incidence of guinea worm, diarrhea or bilharzias. Average number of days lost due to guinea worm, diarrhea or bilharzias. Percentage of households, schools, and agricultural processing plants in target districts with electricity.
Transportation .....	\$143,104,000	Reduce the transportation costs affecting agriculture commerce at sub-regional levels.	\$1,913,952	Number of inter-bank transactions. Value of deposit accounts in rural banks. Volume capacity ratio. Vehicles per hour at peak hour. Travel time at peak hour. International roughness index.

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Program Administration *, Due Diligence, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$61,632,999	.....	\$10,134,998	Annual average daily vehicle and passenger traffic.
	.....	.....	\$808,368	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: El Salvador Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$460,940,000  
 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA El Salvador Total quarterly disbursement: \$6,521,093

Human Development Project.	\$95,073,000	Increase human and physical capital of residents of the Northern Zone to take advantage of employment and business opportunities.	\$1,172,454	Number of students enrolled in the Chalatenango Center functioning as a MEGATEC institute. Graduation rate of students enrolled in the Chalatenango Center functioning as a MEGATEC institute. Number of students enrolled in participating middle technical schools. Graduation rate of students enrolled in participating middle technical schools. Number of students enrolled in non-formal training activities. Graduation rate of students enrolled in non-formal training activities. Number of households with access to water in the Northern Zone. Number of households with access to basic sanitation in the Northern Zone. Number of households with electricity in the Northern Zone. Number of individuals that benefit annually from the strategic infrastructure projects.
Productive Development Project.	\$87,466,000	Increase production and employment in the Northern Zone.	\$5,514,266	Investment in productive chains by selected beneficiaries.
Connectivity Project .....	\$233,560,000	Reduce travel cost and time within the Northern Zone, with the rest of the country, and within the region.	\$94,900	Weighted average of the International Roughness Index for the rehabilitation of the Transnational Highway.  Weighted average of the International Roughness Index for the rehabilitation of the network of connecting roads.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending Subsequent Report**.	\$44,841,000	.....	\$4,998,673	
	.....	.....	\$703,921	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Mali Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$460,811,164  
 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Mali Total quarterly disbursement: \$1,638,291

Bamako Senou Airport Improvement Project.	\$182,007,541	Establish an independent and secure link to the regional and global economy.	\$1,377,281	Number of weekly flight arrivals and departures. Average time for passengers to complete departures and arrivals procedures.
Industrial Park Project .....	\$2,080,155	Develop a platform for industrial activity to be located within the Airport domain.	\$2,080,155	Occupancy level. Average number of days required for operator to connect to Industrial Park water and electricity services.

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Alatona Irrigation Project	\$234,884,675	Increase the agricultural production and productivity in the Alatona zone of the ON.	\$436,925	Weighted average of the International Roughness Index for the rehabilitation of the Niono-Goma Coura road. Annual average daily count of vehicles on the Niono-Goma Coura road. Total amount of land irrigated by the Project in the Alatona zone. Average water volume delivered at the farm level in the Alatona zone. Crop water requirements as a percentage share of water supply at the canal headworks in the Alatona Zone. Number of 5 and 10 hectare farm plots allocated in the Alatona zone. Total market garden parcels allocated in the Alatona zone. Number of titles registered in the land registration office granted to households in the Alatona zone. Number of students enrolled in schools established by the Project. Graduation rate of students enrolled in schools established by the Project. Number of farms adopting at least one new extension technique as a percentage of all farms receiving technical assistance under the Project. Total amount of credit extended in loan portfolios by participating microfinance institutions and banks in the Alatona zone. Number of active clients of microfinance institutions and banks in the Alatona zone.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$41,838,793	.....	\$6,363,455	
Pending Subsequent Report **.	.....	.....	\$43,016	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Mongolia Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$284,911,363  
 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Mongolia Total quarterly disbursement: \$1,216,243

Property Rights Project ....	\$188,378,000	Increase security and capitalization of land assets held by lower-income Mongolians, and increased peri-urban herder productivity and incomes.	\$0	Immovable property value of hashaa plots. Households accessing bank credit. Hashaa plots directly registered by the Property Rights Project.  Income of herder households on long-term lease land. Herd mortality rate. Number of herder groups adopting intensive/semi-intensive farm management techniques.
Rail Project .....	\$23,062,286	Increase rail traffic and shipping efficiency.	\$0	Increase in GDP due to rail improvements. Freight turnover. Mine traffic. Percent of wagons leased by private firms. Railway operating ratio. Customer satisfaction. Wagon time to destination. Average locomotive availability.
Vocational Education Project.	\$25,512,856	Increase employment and income among unemployed and underemployed Mongolians.	\$5,000	Annual salary.  Rate of employment. Non-governmental funding of vocational education. Students completing newly designed long-term programs. Certified vocational education teachers. Percent of active teachers receiving certification training.

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Health Project .....	\$17,027,119	Increase the adoption of behaviors that reduce non-communicable diseases (NCDs) among target populations and improved medical treatment and control of NCDs.	\$16,377	Diabetes and hypertension controlled. Cervical cancer prevention. Percentage of cancer cases diagnosed in early stages.  Percentage of those with known diagnosis of hypertension/diabetes out of all actual cases in adult population. Women screened for breast and cervical cancer. Counseling for diabetes and hypertension.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation. Pending subsequent reports**.	\$30,931,102	.....	\$1,635,428	
		.....	\$0	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Mozambique Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$506,924,053  
 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Mozambique Total quarterly disbursement: \$2,662,982

Water and Sanitation Project.	\$203,585,393	Increase access to reliable and quality water and sanitation facilities.	\$0	Value of productive days gained due to less diarrhea, cholera and/or malaria.  School attendance days gained due to less diarrhea, cholera and/or malaria. Number (Percent) of businesses with access to improved water source. Reduction in time for rural/urban households to access improved water sources. Number (Percent) of urban households with access to improved water sources. Number (Percent) of rural households with access to improved water sources. Number (Percent) of urban households with access to improved sanitation facilities.
Road Rehabilitation Project.	\$176,307,480	Increase access to productive resources and markets.	\$0	Increase in agricultural production among communities affected by road rehabilitation works.  Increase in the number of new businesses within 5 km of rehabilitated roads. Reduction in vehicle operating costs as a result of rehabilitated roads. Time savings due to a reduction in time to travel a fixed length of rehabilitated road. Weighted average of the International Roughness Index for the rehabilitation roads. Average annual daily traffic volume on rehabilitated roads disaggregated by vehicle type.
Land Tenure Services Project.	\$39,068,307	Establish efficient, secure land access for households and investors.	\$0	Increase (Percent) in value of new investments on land.  Number of new businesses. Reduction (Percent) in time to right to land usage. More efficient, free and secure land transfers/transactions. Increase (Percentage) in parcel-holder land value.
Farmer Income Support Project.	\$17,882,211	Improve coconut productivity and diversification into cash crop.	\$123,900	Reduction (Percent) in costs to right to land usage. Reduction (Percentage) in loss of coconut production and coconut products' sales.  Increased income (Percentage) from sales from intercropping activities to small farm plot holders. Increased number (Percentage) of live coconut trees. Increased productive capacity (Percentage) of coconut trees.



Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$70,924,053	.....	\$2,670,336	
Pending Subsequent Report **.	.....	.....	\$48,716	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Country: Lesotho Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$362,551,000 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Lesotho Total quarterly disbursement: \$2,178,797				
Water Project .....	\$164,027,584	Improve the water supply for industrial and domestic needs, and enhance rural livelihoods through improved watershed management.	\$4,621	Increased urban access to potable water supply. Increase in volume of water delivered after treatment at Metolong site.  Decrease in percentage of urban water that is not accounted for (non-revenue losses plus physical losses). Number of people covered per year in rural areas with MCC funded rural water supply. Number of new VIP latrines provided to households.
Health Project .....	\$122,398,000	Increase access to life-extending ART and essential health services by providing a sustainable delivery platform.	\$548,807	Increase in the percentage of health facilities providing full package of standard services for level of center (MoHSW 2007 standard). Increase in TB treatment success rate. Increase in the percentage of health facilities staffed with standard number and type of qualified staff (MoHSW 2007 standard). Increase in the number of patients treated in health centers in Lesotho. Increase in immunization rate (measles). Number of people receiving ARV treatment (number). Increase in annual enrolment at National Health Training College. Increase in average referred tests performed at the central laboratory per quarter during the past year. Increase in average number of blood units collected per quarter during the past year.
Private Sector Development Project.	\$36,208,000	Stimulate investment by improving access to credit, reducing transaction costs and increasing the participation of women in the economy.	\$401,992	Increase in the percentage of the adult population listed by a private credit bureau with current information on repayment history, unpaid debts or credit outstanding. Increase in the number of payments associated with salaries and pensions made through EFT per year. Land used as collateral (number of mortgage bonds registered). Land transaction costs (percent of property value). Land transaction times (median number of days necessary to complete a procedure). Increase in the number of pending civil cases in the High Court. Gender equality index (percent change in index of knowledge, attitudes, and practices for supporting gender equality in economic rights).
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$39,917,416	.....	\$3,054,152	
Pending Subsequent Report **.	\$0	.....	\$422	

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Country: Morocco Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$697,500,000 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Lesotho Total quarterly disbursement: \$639,367				
Fruit Tree Productivity .....	\$306,411,391	Reduce volatility of agricultural production and increase volume of fruit agricultural production.	\$433,590	Total annual volume of production of dates and olives. Cropped area covered by olive trees. Survival rate of newly planted olive trees after 2 years project-supported establishment period. Yield of rehabilitated olive trees. Cropped area covered by date trees. Yield of rehabilitated date palms.
Small Scale Fisheries .....	\$109,162,154	Improve quality of fish moving through domestic channels and assure the sustainable use of fishing resources.	\$0	State of fish stock. Domestic fish consumption level. Fisherman net revenue. Average fisherman sales price at PDA. Volume sold at wholesale markets.  Fish sale price. Average sales price. Volume of sales among mobile fish vendors.
Artisan and Fez Medina ..	\$106,331,421	Increase value added to tourism and artisan sectors.	\$0	Average revenue of potters receiving Artisan Production Activity. Employment and wages among Project graduates. Tourist arrivals. Artisan profits (artisans engaged in product finishing and points of sale). Employment created. SME value added.
Financial Services .....	\$46,200,000	Increase supply and decrease costs of financial services available to microenterprises.	\$0	Gross loan portfolio outstanding of microcredit associations. Portfolio at risk >30 days ratio. Operating Expense Ratio.
Enterprise Support .....	\$36,442,894	Improved survival rate of new SMEs and INDH-funded income generating activities; increased revenue for new SMEs and INDH-funded income generating activities.	\$0	Average annual sales of participating businesses. Survival rate of participating businesses.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$92,952,140	.....	\$342,304	
Pending Subsequent Report**.	\$0	.....	\$0	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Country: Tanzania Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$698,136,000 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Tanzania Total quarterly disbursement: \$315,187				
Energy Sector .....	\$206,471,000	Increase value added to businesses.	\$0	TBD.
Transport Sector .....	\$372,776,000	Increase cash crop revenue and aggregate visitor spending.	\$0	TBD.
Water Sector Project .....	\$66,335,000	Increase investment in human and physical capital and to reduce the prevalence of water-related disease.	\$0	TBD.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$52,554,000	.....	\$563,129	
Pending Subsequent Report**.	\$0	.....	-\$247,942	

Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures
Country: Burkina Faso (CIF ONLY) Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$16,101,0650 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Burkina Faso Total quarterly disbursement: \$3,260,580				
Roads Project .....	\$337,983	Enhance access to markets through investments in the road network.	\$0	TBD.
Rural Land Governance Project.	\$1,105,412	Increase investment in land and rural productivity through improved land tenure security and land management.	\$0	TBD.
Agriculture Development Project.	\$4,771,602	Expand the productive use of land in order to increase the volume and value of agricultural production in project zones.	\$0	TBD.
Bright 2 Schools Project ..	\$3,000,000	Increase primary school completion rates.	\$3,000,000	TBD.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$6,886,068	.....	\$201,694	
Pending Subsequent Report **.	\$0	.....	\$58,886	
Projects	Obligated	Objective	Cumulative disbursements	Measures

Country: Namibia (CIF ONLY) Year: 2008 Quarter 4 Total obligation: \$19,543,175 Entity to which the assistance is provided: MCA Namibia Total quarterly disbursement: \$0				
Education Project .....	\$8,976,296	Improve the education sector's effectiveness, efficiency and quality.	\$0	TBD.
Tourism Project .....	\$2,475,145	Increase incomes and create employment opportunities by improving the marketing, management and infrastructure of Etosha National Park.	\$0	TBD.
Agriculture Project .....	\$1,369,139	Sustainably improve the economic performance and profitability of the livestock sector and increase the volume of the indigenous natural products for export.	\$0	TBD.
Program Administration * and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation.	\$6,722,595	.....	\$0	
Pending Subsequent Report **.	\$0	.....	\$0	

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619(b) transfer or allocation of funds	Amount	Description of program or project
U.S. agency to which funds were transferred or allocated		
USAID .....	\$43,405,520	Threshold Program.

Dated: January 2, 2009.

**Matthew McLean,**

*Vice President, Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection to evaluate methods of assessing student learning arts education programs. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below on or before March 5, 2009. The NEA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Sarah Cunningham, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 703, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5515 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5002.

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Submission of OMB Review: Comment Request

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35]. Copies of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Sunil Iyengar via telephone at 202-682-5654 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail at [research@arts.endow.gov](mailto:research@arts.endow.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call 202-682-5496 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* National Endowment for the Arts.

*Title:* Study of Outdoor Arts Festivals.  
*OMB Number:* New.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Festival organizers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7769.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 16.0 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2071 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* 0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* 0.

*Description:* The National Endowment for the Arts plans to conduct a study of outdoor arts festivals in the United States. There currently is no single, comprehensive research publication or database that describes the range and/or impact of arts festivals in this country. The study proposed here is a two-pronged research effort to describe the U.S. outdoor festival community—among other characteristics, its number, types, financing, staffing, regional distribution, and artist employment patterns. The first prong of the study is a national on-line survey of the universe of outdoor arts festivals, and the second is a series of seven case studies of festivals involving site visits, audience surveys, interviews with festival administrators, focus groups of artists, and focus groups of volunteers. Festivals in the study may be one-day or season-long programs, multi-disciplinary or discipline-specific, and funded by non-profit or for-profit organizations. The activities include collecting uniform data from festival organizers while still keeping data collection burdens to a minimum.

**ADDRESSES:** Sunil Iyengar, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 616, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5654 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5677.

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