

Innovative Policy on Fighting Fraud and Corruption underscores Commitment to Anti-Corruption Efforts

As part of its ongoing focus on anticorruption efforts, the U.S. Government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has published and made public its policy focusing on the prevention, detection, and remediation of corruption and/or fraud in MCC's programs and projects in its 35 partner countries.

Control of corruption is one of the eligibility indicators that a country must meet before becoming eligible for an MCC-funded compact. In partnership with MCC, countries like, Paraguay, Malawi, and Zambia continue to respond to the call to control corruption in their countries by enacting stronger anticorruption laws, strengthening oversight institutions, opening up the public policy-making process to greater scrutiny, and increasing investigations and prosecutions focused on corruption offenses.

MCC's anti-corruption policy aims to:

- ★ Bolster the risk detection and management capacity of Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) implementing entities to identify corruption and/or fraud in MCC-funded programs and projects,
- ★ Achieve greater consistency across MCC and MCA teams in their approaches to the prevention of fraud and corruption;
- ★ Ensure corruption allegations are consistently addressed internally at MCC and referred to the Office of the Inspector General for investigation.

Among MCC's 17 eligibility indicators, countries must pass corruption to be eligible for MCC compact funds. MCC's threshold program has invested more than half of its funding—about \$250 million—in

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programs to strengthen anticorruption laws and procedures, making MCC among the largest funders of anticorruption activities.

To read the *MCC Policy for the Prevention, Detection, and Remediation of Fraud and Corruption* and to learn more about how MCC is helping fight corruption around the world, please visit www.mcc.gov.

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