



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT – ARMENIA PROGRAM

Fourth Year Fact Sheet

The US Government Funded MCA-Armenia Program Enters the Fifth and Final Program Year Results and Achievements of Four Years

September 2010 marks the end of the fourth year and the beginning of the fifth and final year of implementation of the MCA-Armenia Program. Through this Program, funded by the US Government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation and implemented by the Government of Armenia, nearly USD 180 million is being invested into the rehabilitation of Armenia’s vital irrigation infrastructure as well as to provide extensive technical and financial assistance to rural farmers and to the government irrigation entities that support them.

MCA-Armenia Program’s Infrastructure Activity is refurbishing portions of Armenia’s main canal systems; modernizing some of the most urgently needed pumping stations; introducing new gravity irrigation schemes; building new tertiary canals; and restoring sections of the Ararat Valley Drainage system. Major infrastructure accomplishments to date include:

- 20 km of lining completed in 6 main canals;
- 41 km of lining completed in 5 gravity canals;
- 231 irrigation structures rehabilitated in 6 main canals;
- 65 km of tertiary canals rehabilitated in more than 10 communities;



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- 48 km of main drainage canals cleaned in Ararat Valley.



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- 22 industrial irrigating pumps imported and ready to be installed in 17 pumping stations across Armenia.

Under the Water to Market Activity (WtM) the Program is training 45,000 farmers in improved agricultural practices, providing USD 8.5 million in small loans to farmers and strengthening the institutional capacities of irrigation system management entities such as Water User Associations (WUAs) and Water Supply Agencies (WSAs). Major training and technical support accomplishments to date include:

- Over 43,000 farmers trained in improved agricultural practices;
- Over 215 farmer demonstration sites established across Armenia;
- 110 enterprises/farmer groups assisted;
- USD 8.5 million disbursed in loans to 840 farmers.
- Management Improvement Plans developed in all 44 Water User Associations (WUAs) and Water Supply Agencies (WSAs)
- Training, office furniture, computer equipment (including software) and mobile water measurement and management devices provided to all 44 Water User Associations (WUAs) and Water Supply Agencies (WSAs);



When completed in September 2011, the MCA-Armenia Program expects to benefit over 420,000 rural residents in 350 communities across Armenia

For more information regarding this event and the MCA-Armenia program, please visit:

www.mca.am

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In 2006, the Millennium Challenge Corporation signed a five-year Compact with the Government of Armenia aimed at reducing rural poverty through a sustainable increase in the economic performance of the agricultural sector.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation is a U.S. Government agency designed to work with developing countries, based on the principle that aid is most effective when it reinforces sound political, economic, and social policies that promote poverty reduction through economic growth. For more information, please visit www.mcc.gov.

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