



COMPACT GOAL

MCC is currently working with the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) to define potential compact projects centered around access to basic services, with a focus on the power and water and sanitation sectors. This program definition process is based on concept note proposals submitted by the GoSL in November 2013, and an economic constraints analysis and related social and gender and investment opportunity assessments completed in the fall of 2013.



COMPACT AT A GLANCE

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Constraints Analysis.....	11-12-2013
Concept Note Received.....	11-15-2013
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12-19-2012	MCC Board of Directors selected Sierra Leone as eligible to develop a compact.
Constraints Analysis	
11-12-2013	MCC and the GOSL agreed on the findings of the constraints analysis, as well as a complementary social and gender analysis and an investment opportunity assessment, in each case following nation-wide consultations with civil society, private sector, and local and national government. This analysis identified as binding constraints to economic growth access to power, access to safe water and sanitation, poor condition of the rural road network, and policy and institutional effectiveness.
Concept Note Received	
11-15-2013	A core team, funded by the GOSL, submitted initial concept note proposals based on the constraints analysis and related analyses. Following assessment of these concept notes, MCC and the GOSL are currently considering a program designed to increase the reliability of, and access to, power and water, sanitation, and hygiene services through infrastructure improvements, institutional and sector strengthening, and targeted access, utilization, and behavior change activities.
Eligibility Notification	
12-10-2013	The MCC Board of Directors did not vote to reselect Sierra Leone as eligible for FY2014 because the country did not pass the Control of Corruption indicator, which is a hard hurdle for passing the MCC scorecard. However, because of the GOSL's increased efforts to combat corruption and good partnership on compact development, the Board directed MCC to maintain limited engagement with Sierra Leone.

Based on the GOSL's commitment to a compact partnership with MCC and its increased efforts to combat corruption, the MCC Board authorized MCC to continue working with the GOSL in a limited engagement capacity in FY2014. This limited engagement status means Sierra Leone is not eligible to access compact funds in FY2014, but can continue to invest its own resources in compact development, with limited support and coordination from MCC.

In the context of limited engagement, MCC is continuing to work with the GoSL to assess, refine and shape investment opportunities included in the GOSL's concept note proposals, and will assess the GOSL's full concept paper proposal. However, MCC will not be directly funding feasibility or detailed design work.