

Policy Research on Fragile States



Project Title	Policy Research on Fragile States
Project Summary	Research MCC's experience in vulnerable states and provide recommendations to shape policy and approaches
Country	United States
Agency	Agency for International Development
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

The duties of the position are two-fold: (1) to identify and disseminate lessons learned and best practices pertinent to Millennium Challenge Corporation's (MCC) work in vulnerable states; and (2) to identify and provide timely additional resources to MCC country teams.

Among other responsibilities, the selected candidate may be asked to:

- Contribute to a literature review to learn about approaches being used by other donors and help organize a seminar series to learn from outside experts and practitioners.
- Help facilitate a retrospective analysis of MCC's approach to developing and implementing compacts in vulnerable states to identify lessons learned and document these findings.
- Assist in generating real-time learnings on how best to refine MCC approaches in vulnerable states, and provide technical support to management and practice groups.
- Provide on-going advisory support to MCC country teams, as needed.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill _____

foreign aid
international development
research
policy analysis
fragile states
conflict
economic analysis
poverty
economic growth
Post-conflict
economic development

Additional Information

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is an innovative and independent U.S. foreign aid agency whose mission is to reduce poverty through economic growth. MCC has a history of engagement in vulnerable states, and its involvement continues to grow as poverty is increasingly concentrated in fragile states. Despite its growing experience in vulnerable states, there is a recognized need for MCC to refine its approaches through evidence-based policy research.

MCC's new five-year strategic plan, MCC NEXT, outlines this new strategic direction for the agency: "learning from experience, MCC will continue to refine its approaches to working in vulnerable states and devote extra resources when needed..." The recently established Vulnerable States Task Force (VSTF) will identify and implement concrete actions to support the operationalization of this new strategic direction, and the candidate selected for this position will play a key role in advancing the work of the task force.

Language Requirements

None