Reduce poverty through economic growth.

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MCC Investments

- Promote economic growth
- Help people lift themselves out of poverty
- Create more stable, secure countries and regions
- Open the door for companies to work in new markets with fewer up-front risks
- Enhance American interests
Sectors Where MCC Works

- Investments selected based on an assessment of the greatest constraints to inclusive economic growth
- Investments address policy, institutional and social constraints to growth
Countries Where MCC Works

Compact, Threshold Program and Eligible Countries
Challenges Related to Building Codes

• Many identified by the International Building Quality Centre in *Good Practice Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Building Regulations in Low Income Countries* (April 2021)

• Particular challenges in MCC partner countries:
  o Balancing MCC’s “minimum standards” with local culture, norms, vernacular design traditions, and customary means and methods of construction
  o Regulatory framework and an *Authority Having Jurisdiction*
  o Responsibilities of designers, constructors, inspectors, insurers, etc.
  o Cultural and legal aspects of building and construction worker safety, professional liability and code compliance/enforcement
  o Resilience vs. preparedness vs. recovery vs. safety vs. necessity
Challenges Related to Building Codes

• Some ways ahead for MCC

**Collaborate** with other stakeholders with shared goals

**Evaluate** potential costs and benefits of increased building resilience funded by MCC

**Refine** MCC internal guidelines related to codes and standards, including building resilience to extreme weather hazards