

# Paraguay Program Summary

Paraguay’s program is focused on combating corruption by strengthening the rule of law and building a transparent business environment. It aims to fight impunity and confront informality in the economic sector by improving the capacity of the judicial system to carry out investigations, process allegations of corruption, and strengthen its internal controls and disciplinary capabilities.

## *Program Highlights*

- ★ On April 13, 2009, MCC and Paraguay signed a Stage II, or second, MCC Threshold Program. The program builds on Paraguay’s first Threshold Program and focuses on anti-corruption efforts in law enforcement, customs, and the healthcare and judicial sectors. The second Threshold Program is in the process of hiring program implementers.
- ★ The first Threshold Program is on track to complete the identification information database. The program is digitizing and scanning hard copy ID files and expects 80% of all ID files to be input by next quarter. The first prototypes of the new system will be tested by government staff and then training on the new system will be conducted next quarter. The program also plans to install a security system and refurbish the server room that supports the ID system.

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| <b>Stage II Threshold Program Status</b>      |                        |
| Status.....                                   | Implementation, Year 1 |
| <b>Stage II Threshold Program Information</b> |                        |
| Total Amount.....                             | \$30.3 million         |
| Agreement Signed.....                         | April 13, 2009         |
| <b>Country Information</b>                    |                        |
| Population.....                               | 6,158,259*             |
| GNI Per Capita Income.....                    | \$1,280*               |

\*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005