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Millennium Challenge Account-Armenia Presents its Efforts to Improve Agricultural Data and Overall Data Quality

Yerevan, Armenia- on September 12 and September 16 Millennium Challenge Account Armenia (MCA-Armenia) will present the results of two important studies.

The independent review of the quality of data reported to MCA-Armenia has been made through a regular *Data Quality Review (DQR)* since April 2008. Data quality reviews are new to Armenia and MCA-Armenia will share its experience in developing the review methodology and implementing it alongside with some key findings. The Millennium Challenge Corporation values the availability of reliable and quality data about its programs, and to emphasize this, Data Quality Reviews are set as a requirement for the provision of funding under the Compact. The DQR presentation will be held at 11:00 a.m. September 12, at the Erato hall of the Armenia Marriot hotel.

The Agriculture Data Study (ADS) examines the baseline state of the agricultural sector prior to the MCA-Armenia Program through the analyses of the agriculture section of the 2007 Integrated Living Conditions Survey (ILCS) and its comparison with the 2004 ILCS and other relevant data sources. Availability of reliable and comparable data will allow MCA-Armenia as well as other stakeholders in the agriculture sector to better assess the impact of interventions in this sector. The ADS presentation will be held at 15:00 September 16, at the Erato hall of the Armenia Marriot hotel

MCA-Armenia's partners in conducting these studies are AVAG Solutions and Economic Development and Research Center (EDRC) respectively.

Monitoring and Evaluation is one of the key aspects of MCA-Armenia's program through which it tracks program performance, measures the impact of its individual projects and assesses the effect of the overall program on Armenia's rural poor.

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

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