

# Millennium Challenge Corporation Grant

The MCC Sri Lanka Compact is the largest grant funding ever received by Sri Lanka. GOSL and MCC together identified weak transport infrastructure and weak land administration practices as two binding constraints to economic growth in Sri Lanka

## What is the Millennium Challenge Corporation?

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is an independent U.S. foreign assistance agency aimed at fighting global poverty.

MCC forms partnerships with developing countries who are committed to good governance, economic freedom and investing in their citizens.

Grant disbursement is based on competitive selection – MCC's Board examines a country's performance on 20 independent and transparent policy indicators and selects countries based on policy performance.

MCC requires selected countries to identify their priorities for achieving sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction

When a country is awarded an MCC compact, it sets up a local accountable entity to manage and oversee all aspects of implementation

Total Grant value : **USD 480 million over five years**  
 Grant approved on : **April 25, 2019**  
 Projects : **Transport & Land**

## ■ Transport Project – USD 350 million

### ■ Advanced Traffic Management System **USD 160 million**

- Optimise efficiency of 205 km of urban road networks
- Technology for vehicle detection and real time analysis of traffic flow data
- Interconnected traffic signal system
- Bus priority systems across network
- Civil works improvements to 132 junctions in greater Colombo
- Expand pedestrian crossings and improve sidewalks

### ■ Bus Service Modernisation **USD 50 million**

- Automated fare collection systems (smart cards)
- Single schedules for bus operators on given route
- GPS bus tracking – schedule efficiency
- Improved accessibility and safety for women, seniors, disabled people
- Assistance to SLTB and private bus operators to develop financing arrangements to purchase state of the art buses

### ■ Rural Transport Activity **140 million USD**

- Connect economically lagging central region with ports and markets in the Western Province
- Strengthen capacity for road maintenance
- Develop new financing mechanisms for road maintenance fund
- Introduce road safety measures
- Upgrade 131 km inter provincial road network in Uva, Sabaragamuwa and Central Provinces

## ■ Land Project **USD 67 million** (8 districts in Sri Lanka)

Assist Government to map and survey state lands and enter data in Government's e-State Lands Information Management System  
**USD 23,400,000**

Strengthen capacity of Government to accurately assess state & private lands  
**USD 6,500,000**

Provide training and equipment to digitize Deeds and other land records preserving them from damage, loss and theft.  
**USD 11,400,000**

Research in support of measures to improve land administration policies

**\$6,700,000**

Improve tenure security for all land holders by assisting Government to move properties from the Deeds system to the Title Registration system through the Government's BimSaviya program

**\$19,300,000**

