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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Government and UNICEF Open a Youth Center in the city of Jalalabad

On October 13, 2011, the United States Government, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Ministry of Youth and local government representatives will open a newly renovated Youth Center in the city of Jalalabad. This joint project, funded through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the UN Peace Building Fund, aims to provide a more conducive space for young people in Jalalabad to engage in constructive activities.

This project is part of UNICEF's initiative to establish a network of 17 youth centers in the cities of Osh and Jalalabad through the UN-initiated Youth Livelihood and Peace Promotion Project. The U.S. Government complemented these efforts by fully rehabilitating the Youth Center in Jalalabad, with UNICEF providing computers, furniture and funds for activities in the center. The Youth Center will be open 7 days a week to offer young people computer and language training, as well as seminars on conflict resolution and peace-building, volunteerism and leadership, and other areas of interest for young people.

This activity was part of the "Renewal" campaign implemented by USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) to encourage positive interaction among youth.

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