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PRESS RELEASE

US Government Restores Access to Document Services in Kara-Suu District

On October 12, 2011, U.S. Government representatives and local government officials opened a rehabilitated Passport Office in the Mady ayil okmotu of Kara-Suu district in Osh province. Denise Rollins, USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Asia Bureau will take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony as part of her official visit to Kyrgyzstan. The U.S. Government supported this rehabilitation project through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in an effort to help restore critical government services to the residents of southern Kyrgyzstan.



The previous passport office, located in nearby Nariman ayil okmoty, was destroyed during the June 2010 conflict. In response to the increased needs of the local population, the Mady local government recently donated a public building dedicated to the reopening of the passport office. Osh province Visas and Passport Department complemented their efforts by staffing two positions—a senior officer and a clerk. USAID partnered with the Mady local government and the Osh province Visas and Passport Department to rehabilitate the building and provide new

office furniture and computer equipment. These efforts should reduce the obstacles and time it takes residents of Kara-Suu district to obtain internal passports and other key documents necessary for accessing critical government services and for participating in the upcoming presidential elections in Kyrgyzstan.

This rehabilitation project is one of many supported by the American people through USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI).

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