



**USAID** | **KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**  
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 28, 2011  
Contact person: Fatima Kasmahunova  
Project Management Specialist/  
Public Outreach and Humanitarian Assistance  
Tel. (0312) 55 12 41, ext. 4422  
e-mail:fkasmahunova@usaid.gov

## PRESS RELEASE

### UNICEF in Partnership with USAID Will Conduct a Safety Assessment of Schools

UNICEF project "Reducing Vulnerability of Children to Disasters in Kyrgyzstan", funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) was launched today in Bishkek.

The \$1 million project will support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in ensuring the safety of children in educational institutions throughout the country during natural disasters.

Between September 2011 and January 2013, a comprehensive assessment of all school buildings' safety and preparedness for natural disasters will be conducted based on a methodology developed by UNICEF.

Prepared by a team of specialists, the assessment results, recommendations and analytical report will serve as the basis for developing a three-year National Program to repair and strengthen the construction of schools and preschools throughout the Kyrgyz Republic.

For more information, please contact: Ms. Olga Grebennikova, UNICEF Media Liaison Officer, mobile: (0555) 71 26 99, (0775) 58 02 79, e-mail: ogrebennikova@unicef.org

Ms. Fatima Kasmahunova, USAID Project Management / Communication/Humanitarian Aid Officer, tel. (0312) 55 12 41 (ext. 4422), e-mail: fkasmahunova@usaid.gov

###