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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Helps Kyrgyzstan to Fight Tuberculosis

The United States Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will launch a new program to fight tuberculosis in the Kyrgyz Republic. The TB CARE I Project was announced at the press center "ARPA GROUP," Business Center 'Russia' (19 Razzakov Str., 17th floor) on October 24 at 9:00 a.m.

USAID Deputy Director in the Kyrgyz Republic Lawrence Held; Deputy Minister of Health Kasymbek B. Mambetov; Chairman of State Service of Punishment Execution of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic Sheishembek Baizakov; and representatives of international and Kyrgyzstani organizations participated in the ceremony.

USAID supports this five-year regional TB CARE project aimed at improving access to quality tuberculosis (TB) prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services. This project will provide technical assistance to the Central Asian republics in their efforts to improve and strengthen TB control throughout the region. With TB CARE's support for enhanced capacity of the National TB Program and Ministry of Health, the Government of Kyrgyzstan will be able to scale up its management of drug-resistant tuberculosis in the prison system, strengthen laboratory management, improve clinical management of TB/HIV co-infection, and introduce international standards of infection control.

The project will be implemented by KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, one of the leading international technical agencies in the field of TB control. For more information, please contact: Bakyt Myrzaliev, Director of KNCV Branch Office in the Kyrgyz Republic, tel +996 778 407417 e-mail: bakytmyrzaliyev@gmail.com.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011. USAID was created in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and is funded by the American people. Since 1992, USAID has supported local efforts to improve economic growth, governance, and the quality of health and education in Kyrgyzstan.

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