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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Government and UNICEF Open a Youth Center in Osh City

On December 7, 2011, the United States Government, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Ministry of Youth and local government and civil society representatives opened a newly renovated youth center in the Amir-Temur community in Osh city. This joint project, funded through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the UN Peace Building Fund will provide a more conducive space for young people in Osh 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 Amir-Temur, with UNICEF providing computers, furniture, and funds for activities in the center. The youth center will be open seven days a week and will 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.

This program is one of many assistance projects supported by the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). For more information about USAID programs, please visit our website at: <http://centralasia.usaid.gov/kgmap/?langu=ru>.

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