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## PRESS RELEASE

### U.S. Government Supports Barpy Drama Theater Rehabilitation in Jalalabad

On December 6, U.S. Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic Pamela L. Spratlen, representatives from the President's Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Culture, Jalalabad oblast and municipal governments, and residents from the local community commemorated the completion of a joint project to rehabilitate the Barpy Drama Theater. An acting troupe staged a locally produced comedy-drama *Neighbors* as the opening performance in the restored facility.

The U.S. Government supported this community-driven infrastructure rehabilitation project through the United States Agency for International Development's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) to foster public dialogue among the region's multi-ethnic communities. In addition to full refurbishment of the 500-seat theater, USAID/OTI supported the travelling production of *Neighbors* to 36 different village council districts throughout Jalalabad oblast. The play highlights the values of conflict resolution, social cohesion, and community harmony. The performance will be filmed for national broadcasting.

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