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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Rehabilitates Youth Center in Tokmok

On December 16, 2011, local government officials, youth leaders and NGO Global, hosted a ceremony at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the reopening of Smart Club, a youth center located at 389 Lenin Street in Tokmok. The U.S. Government, through the United States Agency for International Development's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI), provided financial support for infrastructure improvements and upcoming programming activities.

Youth in Kyrgyzstan face burdens of political and socio-economic volatility. Many are at risk of exploitation from forces that breed ethnically motivated violence. The center is planning a series of wintertime activities including leadership and computer technology trainings, hiking and camping excursions, and discussion groups that will foster social tolerance and cross-ethnic understanding and reduce the potential for conflict. The center will be open to Tokmok's diverse youth population on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This is one of many assistance projects supported by the American people through the United States Agency for International Development's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI). For more information about USAID programs in Kyrgyzstan please visit:
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