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USAID Commemorates Its 50th Anniversary

Over 120 Kyrgyz Government and donor representatives, local and international companies, and civil society representatives gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of USAID yesterday.

The U.S. Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Pamela L. Spratlen, USAID Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Asia Bureau, Denise Rollins, and the Head of the Apparatus of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Emilbek S. Kaptagaev, made opening remarks at the reception celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted by the U.S. Ambassador.



USAID was created in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy and is funded by the American people. Over the past half century, the United States, through USAID, has led the way in assisting countries to unleash the potential of their citizens through fostering equitable economic growth, revolutionizing agricultural productivity, fighting endemic diseases and new pandemics, finding new ways to expand educational opportunities, and improving local governance.

In her opening remarks, the U.S. Ambassador said: "Since 1992, USAID, on behalf of the American people, has partnered with the Kyrgyz Republic in its efforts to transition to a peaceful, democratic society, which is able to provide its citizens with the services and opportunities to live healthy and productive lives. USAID's programs reach to the farthest corners of the country, from Karakol to Batken and from Talas to Naryn. From reforming the way health care is delivered to providing micro-finance opportunities for market women, USAID has put the dignity and well-being of the Kyrgyz people





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USAID has been working in Kyrgyzstan over 18 years and, during that time, the American people through USAID have provided over \$490 million dollars of assistance in support of reforms in a wide range of sectors including agriculture, health care and economic development.

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