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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. LAUNCHES A PROGRAM TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES FOR OSH CITY COMMUNITIES

Over The U.S. Government, through USAID, has awarded a \$232,841 grant to increase access to essential medical services and mental health counseling in the areas most affected by the June 2010 violence in Osh. The “Program on Improving Access to Health Services in Osh City” will be implemented by CitiHope International in the Kyrgyz Republic. The program will target its support to Osh city communities including Cheremushky, Navoy, On-Adyr, Ak-Bura, Alymbek-Datka, as well as those in Kara-Suu Rayon (Kyzyl Kyshtak and the Furhkat/Shark areas, Maddy Kyshtak, Nariman).

As part of the USAID Program, CitiHope International and its partners will identify residents with chronic diseases and injuries left untreated or under-treated since the June 2010 conflict. The assistance will include transportation services, referral to medical specialists and assistance with disability documents. Additionally, the project will conduct door-to-door mental health assessments in the most-affected areas in order to identify sufferers of post-traumatic stress disorder. Psychotherapists and psychologists will offer on-the-spot counseling and invite those affected to ongoing counseling sessions within their community. Mental health counseling will also be provided for children in schools.

For additional information on USAID’s work in the Central Asian Republics, please visit the USAID website at <http://centralasia.usaid.gov/kgmap/?langu=ru>.

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