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## PRESS RELEASE

### **U.S. Supports Educational Opportunities for Children in New Settlements around Bishkek**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) allocated \$40,000 for a small grants program to nongovernmental organizations working with youth and school-aged children. On November 25, the USAID Quality Learning Project, through its “Youth Aid Program for Education”, has organized a tour for members of the media to visit its projects based in the informal settlements around Bishkek.

Media tour participants visited the “Improvement of the English Language Teaching” project that builds capacity of school teachers and improves children’s English language learning; “Altyn Ordo Future” project which has constructed a playground and supports vulnerable children; ‘Back to School’ project which organizes educational activities for children who do not attend school or come from low-income families.

USAID, in partnership with the Bishkek Mayor’s Office and the Bishkek City Development Agency, selected 10 project proposals supporting youth and school-aged children in 45 informal settlements of Bishkek through a full and open competition.

USAID Quality Learning Project Youth Aid Program for Education has been working closely with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Bishkek City Mayor’s Office to improve the access and quality of education for children in Kyrgyzstan since 2010.

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