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## PRESS RELEASE

### U.S. Government Restores Community Sports Center in Mady

The United States Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), supported the rehabilitation of the Youth Sports Center in Mady. USAID, Osh Oblast government officials, and residents of Mady celebrated the reopening of the newly rehabilitated Youth Sports Center during a ribbon-cutting event on December 21, 2011. The rehabilitation initiative was led by the non-governmental organization "Erbol" with grant support from USAID.

In the aftermath of the civil disturbances in June 2010, the lack of public resources for improving community sports facilities jeopardized access to community spaces for multi-ethnic activities. To open access USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) provided a grant to renovate the Youth Sports Center by replacing the wooden floor, installing new windows, and strengthening the ceiling frame. "Erbol" NGO will use the newly refurbished sports facility to create a community-based athletics program that will foster trust and cohesion among Mady's multicultural residents.

This renovation is part of the ongoing renewal campaign supported by the American people through USAID/OTI. The renewal campaign's objective is to encourage constructive and productive activities for youth, provide economic stimulus for at-risk communities, revitalize public spaces, and strengthen ties among multicultural communities across the country.

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