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### **USAID, CHEVRON, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CONDUCT TRAINING WITH TOURISM INDUSTRY**

**AWAZA, TURKMENISTAN** — On June 1, Junior Achievement Worldwide opened a three-day workshop aimed at improving standards and customer service in Turkmenistan's tourism and hospitality industry. With funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Chevron Nebitgaz B.V. Turkmenistan, the workshop discussed international standards in the hospitality industry with representatives from across a broad spectrum of Turkmenistan's government, as well as private entrepreneurs.

On the heels of a successful April 2012 "Tourism and Hospitality" workshop, these sessions were led by international experts and local specialists with the aim of providing Turkmen specialists with additional information on international hospitality quality, with particular reference to how these international standards can be applied in Turkmenistan.

This workshop is one of the many activities made possible by the American people through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in cooperation with Chevron Nebitgaz B.V. Turkmenistan. Since 1992, the American people through USAID have provided about \$100 million in programs that support Turkmenistan's economic growth, social sector, and community initiatives.

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