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# To Be Self Confident

**Supported by USAID and Chevron Nebitgaz, Junior Achievement programs helped 21-year-old alumna to get a job**



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*Myakhri Goshjanova (left) volunteers for Chevron Nebitgaz during the 2010 Turkmenistan Oil and Gas Exhibition*

*“When it comes to getting a job, it isn’t enough to be knowledgeable and competent. You have to be self-confident, communicative and develop your leadership and teamwork skills. Junior Achievement gave me both theoretical economics and management knowledge, and unique hands-on experience that helped me to develop these skills.”*

- Myakhri Goshjanova, Junior Achievement Turkmenistan Alumna

Turkmenistan is a fast-growing state with a large youth population, making the issue of job placement for young people a hot topic. Supported by USAID and Chevron Nebitgaz, Junior Achievement programs in Turkmenistan are dedicated to helping young people realize their potential.

Myakhri Goshjanova graduated from secondary school in her hometown in rural Turkmenistan and found herself faced with the question of what she was going to do next. She tried to find work, but realized that furthering her education was going to be necessary if she wanted a good job.

She entered professional school in Ashgabat and heard about the Junior Achievement programs for the first time. She enrolled in the Economics class and liked it because of its unconventional approach to explaining complicated economic concepts in simple and easy to understand language. When her teacher offered her the chance to participate in similar programs, she accepted.

In December 2009, Myakhri participated in the School Companies products fair. In spring 2010, she also participated in management, economics, and banking computer simulation programs. As one of the most active participants, she was chosen to participate in a job shadow program. Later, Myakhri entered the Junior Achievement Programs Alumni Club and assisted staff with organizing various events. She also volunteered for Chevron Nebitgaz during the 2010 Turkmenistan Oil and Gas Exhibition.

Upon graduating from professional school, Myakhri qualified as a bookkeeper. She was interviewed and hired by “Toprak”, one of biggest private companies in her hometown. Myakhri says, “The knowledge and skills I gained from participating in these programs and activities played a significant role in passing the interview and getting this job, along with the knowledge I learned at professional school.” She is very thankful for having these opportunities, which are made possible by USAID and Chevron Nebitgaz.