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### US MISSION DELIVERS FOOD TO REPUBLICAN TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Macheton, Vahdat District, February, 23, 2009. Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson and Firuza Abdullaeva of the Tajik charitable organization Avesto presented 2,800 kilograms of lentils and vegetable soup mix to patients at Tajikistan's National TB Hospital. The food was part of a total donation worth \$86,600 and weighing 37,500 kilograms that will provide two million portions of soup.

Resource & Policy Exchange, Incorporated, a United States non-governmental organization, arranged the delivery to Tajikistan and Avesto is distributing the food to 75 institutions throughout Tajikistan and monitoring consumption. The donation was made under the auspices of the Food for Peace Program administered by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support patients at psycho-neurological, narcological, and other social institutions in Tajikistan and improve food security in the country.

Kevin Dean, Deputy Country Director of the United States Agency for International Development and Sohibnazar Rahmonov, Deputy Minister of Health also participated in the ceremony along with Ambassador Jacobson.

The Harvest Lentil Pro soup mix is produced by the Breedlove Dehydrated Foods Company and consists of dried carrots, potatoes, soy, rice, lentils, and is enriched with vitamins, and minerals.

In 2007, USAID provided more than two million portions of dry vegetable mixture to support 22,000 people in need in Tajikistan, including children and adults with chronic psychiatric diseases, and tuberculosis.

Resource & Policy Exchange Incorporated strives to improve health care standards, increase access to information, and improve dialogue between governments and their citizens worldwide. The organization also facilitates actions by local non-commercial entities in developing countries to improve the quality of life. Avesto is dedication to improving health care and supporting democratic processes in Tajikistan.

The USAID Food for Peace program is one of the many assistance projects implemented in Tajikistan by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on behalf of the American people.

Since 1993 the American people through USAID have provided more than \$300 million in assistance programs that support economic growth, democratic institutions, health care, and the education system of Tajikistan.

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