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On March 6, 2012, U.S. Ambassador John F. Tefft and the U.S. Embassy opened a *Crimean-Tatar Art Exhibit* to showcase and promote Crimean Tatar art works to the larger Ukrainian community attending meetings or programs at the Embassy, as well as to American and Ukrainian employees of the Embassy. The exhibit includes kilims by Mamut Churlu and decorative pictures by Yuliya Tulupova and showcases the rich cultural and artistic traditions of one of Ukraine's ethnic minorities – the Crimean Tatar people. Both artists are supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) *Local Investment and Competitiveness Project*, which promotes tourism and economic development in Crimea. [Read more](#)

LEGAL AID IMPROVES ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Tetyana S. (not her real name), a young widow with a small daughter, is the fortunate owner of an apartment who recently avoided eviction following the death of her husband, thanks to free legal aid made possible by a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) project partner in Khmelnytskyi.

Tetyana's husband owned a three-quarters' interest in the

flat, but had not secured necessary legal documentation guaranteeing ownership before tragically passing away in a car accident. After his death, Tetyana contact the *Podillya Legal League*, a Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine-based non-governmental organization (NGO). The NGO's lawyers provided her with free legal aid, which helped her to file a lawsuit. [Read more](#)

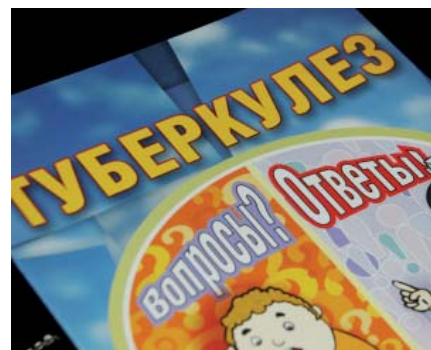
UKRAINIAN YOUTH TO STUDY FINANCIAL LITERACY



Poorly educated consumers are a very weak base upon which to build a strong financial system. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) *Financial Sector Development Project* (FIN-REP) conducted the first ever national survey of financial lit-

eracy in Ukraine in December 2010, and found that more than 50 percent of the respondents struggled with answering basic questions about finances. Young Ukrainians were no more financially literate than older generation, according to the study. [Read more](#)

INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN TB CONTROL



To commemorate World Tuberculosis Day, the international donor community held a press-conference highlighting challenges and opportunities in TB control in Ukraine. Representatives of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Regional Mission for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova; the State Service of Socially Dangerous Diseases; the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office; the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH); and the National Committee of Ukrainian Red Cross Society participated in the event.

In his remarks, USAID's Health Office Director Bradley Cronk praised joint efforts of the Ministry of Health and the USAID *TB Control* project, which have resulted in increased access to quality TB services for 50 percent of the population and have demonstrated the effectiveness of the DOTS-based approach in TB diagnosis and treatment. [Read more](#)

Moldova

SWEET DREAMS FOR MOLDOVAN MOM TURNED ENTREPRENEUR



As a young girl, Silvia Lazu dreamed of becoming a fashion designer. Since she can remember, Silvia has drawn clothing sketches and sewn her designs using old sewing machines at the community center in her village in southern Moldova. Silvia transferred to a junior college after deciding that medicine was not her dream. She then went to the Technical University of Moldova, where she graduated with a degree in apparel design. Shortly after her graduation, Silvia's first child was born. Her daughter sparked an idea: she could design and manufacture children's clothing. Slowly, Silvia's dream took shape. At first, she designed and sewed outfits herself, selling them to friends and family who were impressed by the quality and style of her designs. [Read More](#)

USAID FOSTERS PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE IN MOLDOVA'S WINE INDUSTRY

In 2011, USAID/Moldova's *Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development II Project* (CEED II) helped the Moldovan wine industry improve private-private and public-private dialogue. With CEED II assistance, nine leading wine sector associations, united under a Wine Consortium, agreed to cooperate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (MAFI) to promote reforms to the wine sector, including the establishment of a National Office for Wine and Vine, which would be responsible for wine sector administration and promotion of Moldovan wine abroad. The office would be modeled after similar institutions in other leading wine producing countries and would be subordinated to MAFI but operate as a public-private partnership with joint management and funding. The establishment of this institution is an important step towards implementing changes in the wine and vine sector regulatory framework and the promotion of a national wine brand, which will increase sales and aid a key component of the Moldovan economy.

The cooperation began in October 2010, when the former Minister of Agriculture and five wine sector associations, building on the USAID Competitiveness Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CEED) project's efforts, signed a memorandum of understanding outlining broad areas of cooperation. [Read More](#)

Belarus

USAID HELPS WOUNDED CHILDREN FIND A HEALING FAMILY

Since 2010, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) activities in Belarus in the area of child protection have focused on sharing models of improving the care and housing of orphans and abandoned children. These models were developed in five Belarusian communities from 2005-2009. *Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education* (PRIDE) methodology, one of the key models introduced by USAID assistance, educates foster and adoptive parents on best practices of family-type care for abandoned and neglected children. It's an innovative approach to developing essential parenting competencies and promoting the importance of connecting to biological families and the caretakers' active role in providing childcare services.

Four-year old Alex has been suffering from severe neglect and the resulting developmental delays throughout his early childhood. The USAID project helped find a safe and loving family environment for him, boost his cognitive skills, and encourage his biological mother to start working towards improving her parenting skills.

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