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USAID “SUNRISE” HELPS STREET CHILDREN



For the first time in the history of Ukraine, local communities, state agencies and faith-based organizations joined together to provide street children with HIV prevention services. This was just one of several major achievements presented at a conference that summed-up the results of USAID’s *Scaling-Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS through Information and Services (SUNRISE) Project*. One of the SUNRISE project priorities was to provide information and prevention assistance to decrease risky behaviors of run-aways, orphans and homeless children. [Read more](#)

Ukraine

ACTING USAID MISSION DIRECTOR SARAH WINES WELCOMES PARLIAMENTARY INTERNS

K yiv, November 7 – Acting USAID Mission Director Sarah Wines and Verkhovna Rada Deputy Secretary General Dmytro Markov congratulated 102 new interns of the USAID 2011-2012 Parliamentary and Executive Internship Program during a welcoming ceremony held in Kyiv. Verkhovna Rada Deputy Secretary General Dmytro Markov and *Interns’ League* Head of Board Taras Prytula also participated in the ceremony.

During the next eight months, these interns will work in 28 parliamentary committees and departments as well as in six ministries of Ukraine. [Read more](#)

KYIV AND USAID PROJECT HOLDS ENERGY EFFICIENCY INFORMATION FAIR



On November 12, 2011, over a thousand children and adults gathered together in Shevchenko Park to participate in an Energy Efficiency Information Fair organized by USAID’s Municipal Heating Reform (MHR) Project in collaboration with Kyiv City Administration.

“Today, our guests are children – young Ukrainians who will determine the future of our country. So it is very important for us to tell them about the necessity to save energy, to teach them to save and correctly use heat and light in their homes. [Read more](#)

PARTNERING TO KEEP YOUTH SAFE



On a warm autumn day Becky Robinson, a Peace Corps volunteer in the small town of Derazhnya, Khmelnytskyi oblast, Ukraine, was browsing the internet in search of materials on sexual education, family planning and reproductive health. Her search was in response to a request from colleagues and students for a course in sexual education in her area, and was the beginning of a fruitful partnership between USAID and the communities where Peace Corps Volunteers serve.

Ms. Robinson was working in collaboration with a local school psychologist, Tetyana Solomya, to compile materials for a class on healthy lifestyles for high school students. [Read more](#)

Moldova

USAID/MOLDOVA SUPPORTS CREATION OF FIRST REGIONAL TV STATION NETWORK

Offering Moldovan television viewers an independent source of news coverage, a new network of regional television stations has been established with the support of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID's) Media Program in Moldova (MPM). Known as AICI TV, the network's board includes representatives of six regional TV stations, including Drochia TV, Sor-TV, VTV Ungheni, TV Elita, Media TV and Eni-Ai.

"AICI TV is the first 'bottom-up'-built television network in Moldova. It has national coverage, and its founders have a direct responsibility to the American people, who contributed financially to the establishment and development of the network to keep it objective, apolitical, and promoting democratic values," said Andrei Bargan, the director of Cimislia Media TV, during a roundtable of board members held on September 29, 2011.

Under the MPM project that began in 2008, USAID helped partner stations share locally produced programming and improve their opportunities to generate revenue through building skills in journalism, advertising, and management at both station and network levels. In the first year of the program, an informal TV network developed, as regional TV stations exchanged news and produced a common weekly program. [Read more](#)

STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION BRINGS NEW POSSIBILITIES



Through the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID's) *Farmer-to-Farmer Program*, Moldovan farms like *Agrodor Succes LLC* have benefited from on-site, tailored training from U.S. volunteers. This assistance has enabled *Agrodor* to expand its operations into strawberry production, bringing higher profits and new possibilities for the future.

In early 2010, *Agrodor Succes*, a farm and input supply company located in Moldova, decided to head into a new direction: strawberry production. After encountering mixed results in producing other types of crops, the company determined that there was a great market opportunity in strawberries and opted to move forward. [Read more](#)

Belarus

USAID ASSISTANCE REDUCES RISK OF TRAFFICKING AMONG YOUTH



This summer 16 university-aged young adults (18 to 21 years of age) seeking employment in Pinsk, Belarus participated in a job search skills training the USAID *Countering Trafficking in Persons: Belarus Project*, implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Through the training, young people currently entering the job market have acquired skills that will enhance their competitiveness and ability to find and secure local employment. Such training also reduces the risks of being recruited for human trafficking.

During the 2010 to 2013 phase of the USAID anti-trafficking project, specially trained instructors are delivering a series of job search trainings to approximately 1,200 victims of trafficking and at-risk groups in all regions of Belarus. The training aims to empower target populations to make educated career choices, identify appropriate job opportunities in the local market, and explore and take advantage of existing economic opportunities, while raising their awareness of the dangers of being trafficked.

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