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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Career Center Opens for Skopje Secondary Students**

The USAID Primary Education Project today opened a Career Center at Orce Nikolov High School in Skopje to enhance career education with information and materials for teachers, students and parents as well. The aim is to help students become aware of the relationships between school and employment, and the relevance of their learning.

"With career education, students can learn about different career opportunities and how these relate to their strengths, weaknesses and interests," said USAID Communications Specialist, Sharon Kellman Yett. "By exploring viable education and career options, they can make informed decisions and develop plans to achieve their career aspirations."

Career education can help students and their parents with decisions about which elective subjects they should take in secondary school, whether to pursue a degree program, and appropriate employment priorities. In addition to information about future educational opportunities and different careers, the Career Center will provide students with career counseling and assessments to help identify personal interests, values and skills. For parents, the Centers will have information such as parent guides, and will provide individual counseling upon request.

#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

The USAID Primary Education Project (PEP) works with all public primary schools in Macedonia. The project works to improve the quality of instruction and increase student employment skills. The overall goal of the USAID Education Program is to strengthen education in Macedonia and to support decentralization efforts, as Macedonia seeks entrance to the European Union.

The American people, through USAID, have invested over \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.