



USAID | MACEDONIA
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 2nd, 2010

Press office: +389 (0)2 310-2314

Cell phone: +389 (0)70 367 547

Email: bvelickovska@usaid.gov

PRESS RELEASE

Science is Fun with Student Science Clubs

An exhibition of projects made by Student Science Club members was held today at the Kliment Ohridski Primary School in Bitola. These clubs, supported by the American people through the USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), help improve student grades and motivate them to continue their education in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"We want to inspire primary students by introducing them to fun and exciting activities that promote lifelong exploration in the field of science," said PEP Chief of Party, Keith Prenton. "Science clubs allow students to explore, investigate, and discover science subjects in a unique and often more stimulating learning environment than the traditional classroom setting."

Over 200 people attended the exhibition, including teachers, students, parents, school directors, education advisors and inspectors. PEP awarded certificates to the teachers and students who run the Student Science Clubs.

The PEP math and science component, managed by Indiana University in collaboration with the Macedonian Civic Education Center, works with the Ministry of Education and Science to improve math and science teaching, trains teachers and prepares materials to enable students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$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>.