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New Windows for a Tetovo Primary School

The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project, are investing \$3 million in school renovations across Macedonia. USAID, together with the Municipality of Tetovo and the "Kiril and Metodij" Primary School community marked the installation of new windows at the school with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Primary Education Project has already coordinated renovations at 85 schools in Macedonia. By 2011, they will have worked on renovations at over 100 schools, nearly one-third of the primary schools in Macedonia.

"School renovations are only a part of how the United States is working to improve education in Macedonia" said USAID Education Office Director Alexander Woods. We have also provided training for over 10,000 teachers in this country. We have helped initiate "Green Clubs" at 15 schools to promote environmental awareness. And we've recently started a new program to help integrate children with special needs into regular classrooms."

The renovation component of the Primary Education Project supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase the access to and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonian primary schools.

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>.