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PRESS RELEASE

USAID Assists School Renovations in Zrnovci and Probistip

Two primary schools, "Sinisha Stoilov" in Zrnovci and "Brakja Miladinovci" in Probistip, have been renovated, and celebrated the completion of their renovations with ribbon-cutting ceremonies on September 1st. The American people, through the USAID Primary Education Project, are investing \$3 million in school renovations across Macedonia.

"School renovations are only a part of how the United States is working to improve education in Macedonia" said USAID Democracy Officer Erin Epstein. "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 continue to partner with businesses to help build the link between schools and jobs."

The renovation component of the Primary Education Project (PEP) supports the creation of better learning environments and decentralization of the responsibility for school facilities to municipal governments. The project also works to increase access to and use of information technology and to improve the quality of math and science education in Macedonia's primary schools. PEP works with all public primary schools in Macedonia.

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>.