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FIRST ANONYMOUS JUDICIAL TESTING HELD IN UKRAINE



Eight hundred ninety six aspiring judges passed Ukraine's first ever anonymous judicial test, administered by the High Qualifications Commission of Judges of Ukraine, on May 22, 2011. The goal of anonymous testing – developed with the help of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) *Ukraine Rule of Law* project – is to enhance the transparency of the judicial selection process and the professionalism of judicial corps. Judicial testing became required with the July 2010 law *On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges*.

The exam was simultaneously administered to 3,385 candidates at four universities across Ukraine, including the *Kyiv National University, Odesa National Law Academy, Kharkiv National Law Academy and Lviv National University*. [Read more](#)

Ukraine

USAID OPENS TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER IN BAKHCHYSARAY



The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Embassy of Czech Republic joined efforts to open a Tourist Information Center in Bakhchysaray, Autonomous Republic of Crimea. [Read more](#)

USAID "SUNRISE" PROGRAM TAILORS HIV PREVENTION TO WOMEN



An HIV/AIDS prevention program supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Ukraine is helping women to find help in their communities and personally change their lives. The USAID *Scaling Up the National Response to HIV/AIDS* through Information and Services project – also known as "SUNRISE" – is tailored to female injection drug users, and is implemented by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine.

The program assists woman like 35-year-old Galina (not her real name), a single mother who had been injecting drugs for approximately 10 years before receiving social support and treatment through the USAID program. [Read more](#)

CRIMEAN STUDENTS BUILD NEW MEDIA SKILLS AT USAID SUMMER CAMP



Fifteen high school students from the Autonomous Republic of Crimea took part in a new media summer camp sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), held in the city of Feo-

dosia from June 27 -30, 2011. The summer camp was organized by the USAID Strengthening Independent Media in Ukraine (U-Media) project in partnership with Google Ukraine. [Read more](#)

Moldova

U.S. AND MOLDOVAN GOVERNMENTS SIGN AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW

On July 22, 2011, the United States Government and the Government of Moldova signed an assistance agreement to support justice sector reforms in Moldova. Under this agreement, the U.S. Government, represented by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Moldovan Government will cooperate to improve policies, laws, regulations and overall administration of the judiciary. USAID intends to provide up to \$10 million, which underscores USAID's commitment to support Moldovan efforts to implement necessary reforms within the justice sector. These efforts include strengthening the institutional capacity, transparency and accountability of the judiciary.

Prime Minister Vlad Filat and U.S. Ambassador Asif J. Chaudhry signed the Agreement, together with Robin Phillips, Acting Director of the USAID Regional Mission for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.

"The Acting Director of the USAID Regional Mission for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Mr. Robin Phillips, traveled here from Kyiv to be with us today and sign the agreement along with me. I would like to recognize the hard work of his team and of our counterparts in the Government of Moldova who made this agreement possible," said Ambassador Chaudhry in his remarks. [Read more](#)

TEHCAMP MOLDOVA "JUMP STARTS" THE OPEN GOVERNMENT DATA INITIATIVE



On July 15 and 16, 2011, TechCamp Moldova brought together representatives of civil society, media, government and the private sector to explore how the government can make much of the data it holds public, and how civil society, utilizing the latest information technology applications, can use that information for the benefit of Moldovans. TechCamp Moldova was created through a collaboration of partners, including the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of State Office of eDiplomacy, the Moldovan eGovernment Center and the Chisinau ICT firm *Tri-metrica*. The partners contributed funds and their organizational talents to the event and initiative. [Read more](#)

Belarus

USAID HELPS FARMER IMPROVE DAIRY GOAT PRODUCTION



Dmitry Krylov, an entrepreneur and owner of the DAK goat milk farm, has been in the farming business for almost 18 years. He is also one of the first private farmers registered in Belarus.

Initially, Dmitry's farm specialized in pig production, but the increase in fodder price, herd disease and management issues made his farm unprofitable. Dmitry decided to look for a new niche and decided to tag goat milk production. Goat milk is considered a highly promising and fast-growing segment of the Belarus market.

Dmitry purchased a small herd of 126 Saanen breed dairy goats from Lithuania and got started in the sector. The business was going well as the demand for goat milk was increasing, but familiar challenges threatened to once again, derail his enterprise. "Our main concern was to keep the herd healthy as it affected the quality of our dairy products," recalls Mr. Krylov. "It turned out that goats have their own specific diseases different from those of cows and pigs. But even worse was to realize that our Belarus veterinarians lack the knowledge and skills needed to identify and treat these diseases." [Read more](#)

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