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New Healthcare Center Will Improve Access to High Quality Health Services in Ganja, Azerbaijan

A new Primary Healthcare Training and Demonstration Center supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will open its doors in Ganja on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 1.00 p.m.. **All media representatives are invited to attend this event.**

Poised to play an important role in advancing the development of family and community-centered primary care, the USAID-supported Center will consolidate curative and preventive services at the primary care level and serve as a resource for training and demonstration activities for forthcoming government initiatives in primary healthcare.

The Center was established through the efforts of a USAID-supported partnership program implemented by the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) linking the Ganja City Health Administration with the Alameda County Public Health Department and ValleyCare Health System in Livermore, California. Part of a larger Healthcare Partnerships Project in the Caucasus Region, the Ganja/Livermore partnership was created in 2004 to develop a model community-oriented primary care and family medicine program in Ganja.

Working together, the US and Azerbaijani partners have ushered in marked improvements in health services delivery by retraining doctors and nurses at Ganja polyclinics, introducing new disease prevention and health promotion strategies, and implementing a wide range of community health initiatives.

For more information about AIHA and USAID, please visit www.aiha.com and www.usaid.gov. **For detailed information regarding the event, please contact Dr. Jeyhoun Mamedov, AIHA Country Coordinator (012) 492 18 88.**

