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Thousands of Azerbaijani Lives Could Be Saved by Preventing Accidents

New USAID-funded project to strengthen emergency medicine services

The Injury Surveillance and Prevention Conference detailing how the lives of thousands of Azerbaijanis could be saved will take place on **Friday, June 16, 2006, at 9.30 AM at the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Health**. The one-day conference will be arranged in the framework of the Emergency Medicine Development Initiative (EMDI) Program aimed to improve emergency medical services in Azerbaijan with a focus on addressing road accidents and other emergencies which are among the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in Azerbaijan.

The EMDI program was designed and is being implemented by International Medical Corps, a US based leading public health NGO with more than 6 years experience in working to improve the health system in Azerbaijan. The program is conducted with support from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Emergency Situations. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Johns Hopkins University provide important technical assistance for the program. The funds for EMDI were provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with matching funds from the companies who are partners to the Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli oil development, Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil export and South Caucasus Pipeline (SCP) gas export pipeline projects operated by BP, Amerada Hess, and Chevron.

For more information about International Medical Corps (www.imcworldwide.org) and USAID (www.usaid.gov) please visit their websites.

For detailed information regarding this event, please contact Dr. Shirin Kazimov, EMDI Project Coordinator, International Medical Corps Azerbaijan at (012) 447 38 30 or 598 00 37.

All media representatives are invited to attend this event.

