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OMLADINSKE BANKE GRADE MIRNU BUDUĆNOST

Sarajevo, 2. decembra, 2010. – Vlada SAD, putem Američke agencije za međunarodni razvoj (USAID), sa zadovoljstvom najavljuje da će ambasador SAD u BiH, Patrick S. Moon, otvoriti godišnju konferenciju “Zajedno izgradimo mirnu budućnost – Omladinske banke” u **petak, 3. decembra u 14:00 sati u Domu mladih Skenderija**, u Sarajevu. Pozivaju se predstavnici svih medija da prisustvuju ovom događaju.

Na konferenciji će se promovirati koncept omladinske inicijative za razvoj zajednice dok će 170 mladih iz svih krajeva BiH prezentirati rezultate 142 projekta, iniciranih od strane mladih a implementiranih putem Fondacije Mozaik u opštinama širom BiH.

Projekat Omladinskih banaka pomaže etnički i rodno mješovitim grupama mladih u multietničkim zajednicama da pokrenu inicijative, omoguće pristup i upravljanje resursima za implementiranje tih inicijativa, izgrade svoje vještine upravljanja i steknu povjerenje u sebe kao lidere i nositelje društvenih promjena. Tokom dvije godine, putem projekta Omladinskih banaka, biće implementirano do 220 projekata koje će inicirati mladi, a koji će obuhvatiti oko 2,000 mladih ljudi različite etničke pripadnosti.

Program Omladinskih banaka se fokusira na mlade i njihove lokalne zajednice ali zahtijeva i finansijsku podršku lokalnih vlasti. Ukupna vrijednost projekta je 260,000 američkih dolara koju su osigurali USAID i deset opština, dok su mladi prikupili 150,000 dolara kroz donacije pojedinaca i firmi u njihovim sredinama.

Do danas je Vlada Sjedinjenih Američkih Država, u većini putem USAID-a, obezbijedila više od milijardu i po dolara namijenjenih podršci ekonomskom, demokratskom i socijalnom napretku Bosne i Hercegovine.

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Sarajevo, December 2, 2010 – The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is pleased to announce that U.S. Ambassador to BiH Patrick S. Moon will open the annual conference “Piecing the future together – Youth Banks” on **Friday, December 3 at 14:00 at Dom mladih Skenderija**. All media are invited to cover the event.

The Youth Banks conference will promote the concept of youth-led community development. At the conference, 170 young men and women from across the country will present results of 142 projects implemented in 10 BiH municipalities through USAID’s project with the Mozaik Foundation.

The Youth Banks project helps ethnically and gender mixed youth groups in multiethnic communities to develop community initiatives. Youth Banks helps youth access and manages resources to implement these initiatives, build their management skills, and gain confidence in themselves as leaders and agents of social change. During the two-year period, the Youth Banks program will implement up to 220 projects and reach approximately 2,000 youth from all ethnic backgrounds.

The Youth Banks project is a youth and community focused program that requires financial contribution from local governments. The total value of the project is \$260,000, funded by USAID and the ten municipalities, while another \$150,000 was raised by youth through donations from individuals and local businesses in their communities.

To date, the U.S. Government, primarily through USAID, has provided more than \$1.5 billion in assistance to support economic, democratic and social progress in BiH.

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