

## **U.S. Government Supports Criminal Justice Reform**

A three-day training course for police officers took place June 6-8, 2014 in Jalal-Abad as part of the U.S. Government-funded United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) project “Support to Criminal Justice Reform in the Kyrgyz Republic.”

The aim of this project is to strengthen cooperation between police and local communities on crime prevention and public safety based on social partnership principles.

The training course “Enhanced interaction between police and the local community to prevent crime and ensure public safety,” developed by a national trainers’ team in the Kyrgyz language, is intended to train mid-rank police officers in effective communication skills. Twenty three mid-rank police officers – juvenile inspectors and community police officers – from the Jalal-Abad Department of Interior Affairs took part in the training, which will enhance the participants’ ability to plan and conduct negotiations. A similar training course was organized in June 2014 in the town of Batken.

The training activity, implemented by UNODC with generous support from the U.S. Embassy Bishkek International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Office, is an example of cooperation between UNODC, the U.S. Government, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs in support of the implementation of the National Strategy on Sustainable Development of the Kyrgyz Republic and Police Reform Measures, adopted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in 2013.