

RPX announces technology donation to Kyrgyzstan Computers will support Central Asian healthcare reform

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan – December 17, 2006 - The Resource & Policy Exchange (RPX) has shipped 120 computers to Central Asia in support of healthcare reforms in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. The donation enables improved management of government supported hospitals throughout the mountainous, former-Soviet Republic.

“The healthcare reforms taking place in the Kyrgyz Republic could end up offering a lot of lessons to the West”, said Matthew Krzyston, Executive Director of RPX. “RPX has been looking for ways to contribute”, added Krzyston.

Krzyston explained that the computers are currently in transit to Kyrgyzstan, where they will be distributed throughout the country by RPX’s local partner, Social Fund Ergene. Dr. Saltanat Abazbekova, Director of Social Fund Ergene, noted that these would be the first computers for many of the targeted hospitals.

“This donation is needed and we at Ergene are excited to see that they have an impact,” added Dr. Abazbekova.

One hundred hospitals and twenty pharmacies belonging to the Kyrgyz Hospital Association are expected to benefit from the project. Computers will be used for patient registration and case management, financial and materials management, continuing education and a variety of other applications.

Computers were donated to RPX by Computer Ministries, Inc (Mechanicsburg, PA), the State University of New York at Delhi, and Bassett Healthcare (Cooperstown, NY). Shipping support was provided by ZdravPlus, a USAID-funded health reform project managed by US-based consulting firm, Abt Associates (Boston, MA).

RPX was founded as a nonprofit organization in 2003 to equalize standards of health care, information access and participation in government around the world. RPX addresses its mission by providing material and technical support to other nonprofit organizations in developing regions.