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U.S. AMBASSADOR DELIVERS HEATERS AND DESKS TO RURAL SCHOOLS

It gets cold in the Caucasus in winter, and even more so with failing power systems and shaky economies. So to keep the schools, hospitals, and orphanages of Georgia warm, Counterpart International is distributing a thousand kerosene heaters with a total value of \$75,000 among institutions in Tbilisi, Shida Kartli, Samtskhe Javakheti, Samegrelo, Racha Lechkhumi, Mtskheta Mtianeti, Kvemo Kartli, Kakheti, Imereti and Guria regions of the Caucasus mountain state.

U.S. Ambassador to Georgia Richard Miles will visit Counterpart International's warehouse in the outskirts of Tbilisi on Tuesday, February 10th at 1 PM to participate in the distribution of the heaters and also of school desks, donated by the U.S. government, to the principals of rural schools from Kvemo Kartli.

The heating equipment and school furniture are both part of humanitarian assistance that the United States government is offering to the Republic, which is just settling down under a new government. The U.S. Department of Defense European Command (EUCOM) donated the heaters and shipped them from Wurzburg, Germany together with beds and mattresses, which will be donated to orphanages in Georgia. Counterpart International transported the school student desks from a U.S. military base in California.

Since 1995, Counterpart International's CHAP, a U.S. Government-funded humanitarian aid program, has imported into Georgia over 650 forty-foot containers of humanitarian assistance valued at about \$110 million. CHAP has a distribution network of almost 800 partner beneficiaries in Georgia.

This particular delivery is part of a continuing cooperation between two U.S. government-sponsored programs: Counterpart International's Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program (CHAP), which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, and the Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP), which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

EUCOM's Humanitarian Program Assistance (HAP) is an important U.S. Department of Defense program. The U.S. Department of Defense, through American Embassies, donates supplies to be used in orphanages, schools, or health clinics to countries around the world.



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