

## Expanding Primary Care in Ganja, Azerbaijan

AIHA's Ganja/Livermore partners opened a model Primary Healthcare Training and Demonstration Center September 12 in Azerbaijan's second largest city, Ganja.

Since it was established in 2004, the USAID-funded partnership linking the Ganja City Health Administration with ValleyCare Health System and the Alameda County Public Health Department in California has been working to develop the professional skills of practitioners in Ganja.



US partner David Mertes fields questions from the Azerbaijani press following the opening of the model PHC Center in Ganja.

Now, through the model Primary Healthcare Center, partners are poised to play an important role in advancing the development of family medicine and community-centered primary care in Ganja and its surrounding rural communities.

The Center helps to consolidate curative and preventive services at the primary care level and serves as a resource for training and demonstration activities for government initiatives to improve primary healthcare services and delivery in Azerbaijan.