

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION CHECHNYA AND NEIGHBOURING REPUBLICS SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for Children and Women

The humanitarian situation in Chechnya and neighbouring countries continues to be characterized by overall instability and low intensity conflicts in some areas of Chechnya. Widespread destruction of social and physical infrastructures and on-going violations of human rights and international humanitarian law have been reported, affecting in particular women and children.

The most vulnerable groups, i.e. pregnant and lactating women, orphans and under-three children, make up 16% of the total population in Chechnya, where over 99% of residents live below the official Russian poverty line. Some 70,000 internally displaced people still live in camps.

The national health care system is currently unable to cope with the outstanding needs, water and sanitation facilities remain inadequate, access to education and psychosocial support to children is limited, and landmines and unexploded ordnance continue to dramatically impact the daily life of the civilian population.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

Despite significant access and security constraints, UNICEF will carry out core emergency activities in Chechnya and Ingushetia, in coordination with UN agencies, government counterparts, the ICRC and NGOs. UNICEF's emergency programme is part of the 2005 CAP for Chechnya.

Health: UNICEF will strengthen capacities of maternity and paediatric health care facilities, through the provision of basic clinical equipment, health kits, and medical consumables. EPI activities will also be further expanded. Additionally, specific youth awareness programme on HIV and STI will be initiated.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will provide adequate access to clean water and safe sanitation, and support the management of sewage and garbage disposal systems in Grozny. UNICEF will also support the distribution of personal hygiene items, and intensify sensitisation activities on best hygiene practices.

Education: UNICEF will support the rehabilitation and management of schools, kindergartens and child-friendly spaces, supply education and recreation materials, and provide psychosocial counselling to affected children. Pilot training project on the CRC for school teachers will also be undertaken.

Mine Action: UNICEF will support mine sensitization through sponsoring MRE sensitive drama groups within at-risk communities, and conducting awareness campaigns. UNICEF will continue to support prosthetic and orthopaedic activities, psychosocial rehabilitation programme and vocational and sport training capacities.

Summary of UNICEF financial needs for 2005	
Sector	US\$
Health and nutrition	930,500
Water and environmental sanitation	562,700
Education	4,078,000
Child protection/Mine action	994,300
Total	6,565,500

¹ The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12 per cent. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.