

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Georgia

SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for Children and Women

The humanitarian situation remains dire in Abkhazia and South Ossetia, with continued insecurity, violence and inhibited humanitarian access in these areas. The threat of renewed violence and heightened political tensions in the two regions compounds the vulnerability of the population, especially children and women, who have been paying the highest price for the prolonged and endemic crises.

Consequently, health services are deprived of any means to assist the population. There is not continuous supply of essential drugs, medical equipment. Health workers have a low capacity in delivering quality medical care. Homes and public facilities have no access to safe water, adequate sanitation and electricity. Quality of primary education remains low. Sport programmes and recreation facilities are neglected, due to the lack of funds. The collapse of social services results in the lack of appropriate psychosocial support and social protection for the most vulnerable people.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF continues to collaborate closely with other UN agencies and NGO partners to ensure strong inter-agency partnerships in conflict affected areas. In the same time, UNICEF maintains a strong working relationship with the local authorities and the line ministries.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will conduct in-depth health and nutrition assessments and define appropriate interventions accordingly. UNICEF aims at providing medical kits, and continuing exclusive breastfeeding and nutrition programme in all affected areas. Additionally, UNICEF strengthen support routine immunization activities, supply cold chain equipment and vaccines, and upgrade health professionals' skills as well as distribute health supplies to children and women in need.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will distribute safe water tanks and de-worming tablets to children in conflict areas through schools and immunization programmes.

Education: UNICEF will provide school-in-boxes" and educational and recreational materials to schools. UNICEF will support teacher training activities also focusing on life skills and conflict resolution themes.

Protection: UNICEF will support "right-to-play" initiatives for children in conflict affected areas, training of community based social workers in the field of psychosocial support and counselling, and youth centres for developing projects in, for example, conflict resolution. UNICEF will conduct Mine Risk Education activities and develop a larger programme on disability and landmine survivors.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for Conflict Affected Areas of Georgia in 2005: Abkhazia and South Ossetia	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	200,000
Water and Environmental Sanitation	100,000
Education	500,000
Child Protection and Social Development	430,000
Programme Support	30,000
Total	1,260,000