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- ***Goal*** – Conflict mitigation

- ***Programs***
  - Economic development: access to credit, agri-business and SME growth
  - More effective governance and improved social services: training for regional and municipal governments, support for UN and NGO programs working on health and human services
  - Productive civil society, engaged with government
- ***Assumptions***
  - Level of conflict static or reduced
  - Federal, regional and local government support
  - Improved governance—and better social services, economic growth and small business development, and expanded communications/contacts between NC and rest of Russia will ease tensions and improve prospects for peace

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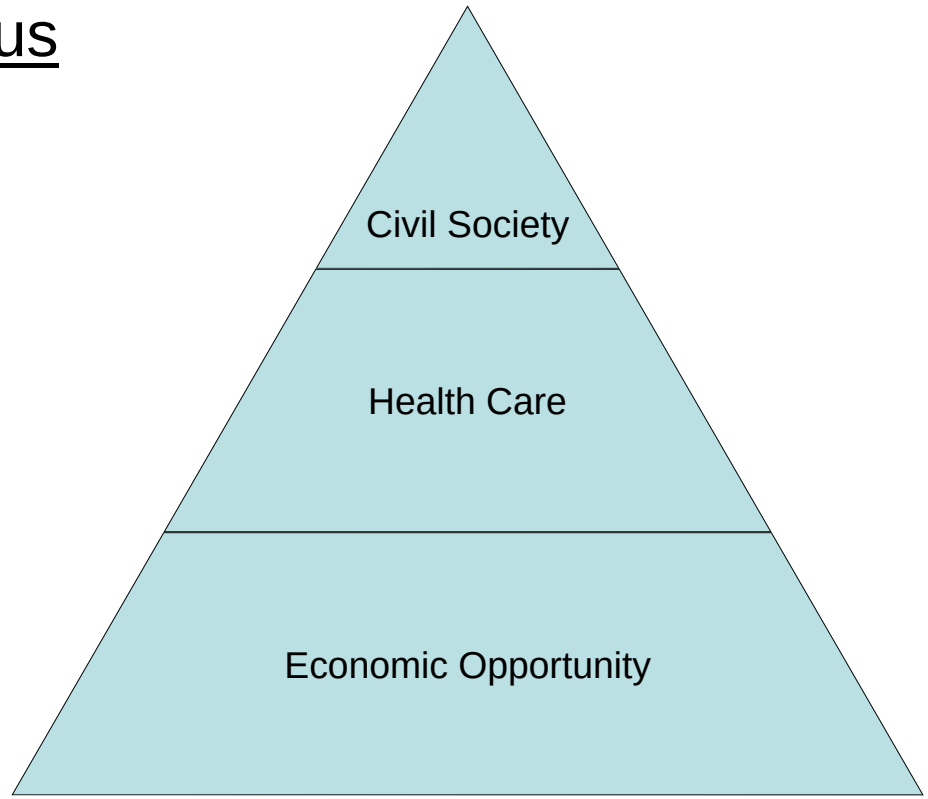

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North Caucasus' Program – Stages

SRRC

- **First – Humanitarian** (up to 2005)
  - Basic needs (food, water, shelter) (WFP, IRC)
  - Psycho-social support (World Vision)

- **Second – Transition** (2005 – 2008)
  - Basic needs (food, water, shelter)
  - Psycho-social support
  - Basic economic development (Children's Fund of North Ossetia - labor-intensive public works, ACDI/VOCA - access to credit)
  - Regional development (Institute for Urban Economics - local governance training)
  - Community Development (IRC, World Vision, CARE – job skills training, community centers)

- **Third - Development** (2008 -)
  - Agri-business development
  - Incorporation into Russian Credit Cooperative System
  - Integration into larger Russian civil society network
  - Improvement and standardization of health care system

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North Caucasus' Program – 2006 – Transition

WFP

- ***Keystone*** - Support to vulnerable children
- ***UNICEF*** - Vaccination and mine risk education
- ***Faith – Hope – Love*** - Improve legal assistance to forced migrants
- ***Bay Area Council*** - Promote tolerance in multi-ethnic communities
- ***Southern Regional Resource Center*** - Promote ethnic reconciliation
- ***International Rescue Committee*** - Community infrastructure
- ***ACDI/VOCA*** - Agribusiness development, credit, farmer-to-farmer
- ***Institute for Urban Economics*** - Training to local governments
- ***Center for Fiscal Policy*** - Increase transparency of government spending
- ***Children's Fund of North Ossetia*** - Labor-intensive public works
- ***World Vision*** -Poverty reduction and ethnic reconciliation in mixed Ingush-Ossetian villages
- ***ARD*** - Agri-business assessment (planning for 2007)
    - Vocational Education
    - Internship programs with local agribusiness community
    - Regional exchange program
    - Agricultural extension

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North Caucasus' Program – 2006 – Support

- **Mr. Alexander Pochinok, Deputy Plenipotentiary Representative of the President**
  - **Federal priorities are shifting** from post-crisis measures towards dynamic economic growth. The valuable support that UN agencies and other international organizations have been providing to the North Caucasus throughout the difficult post-conflict years needs to be continued with particular emphasis made on the following **main priority areas:**
    - **Facilitating the involvement of business community**
    - **Solving the remaining social issues**
    - **Supporting agricultural development**
    - **Building the capacity of local governance structures**
    - **Supporting rehabilitation of the communal infrastructure**
    - **Ensuring long-term solutions for IDPs**
    - **Supporting Small and Medium Enterprises**

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North Caucasus' Program – 2007, 2008 – Transition to Development

- Continue program at $5 - $10 million level – assuming funds are available
- Transition away from labor-intensive public works to more long-term development to mitigate conflict in the region.
- Expand Russian Federation 'systems' to North Caucasus – credit, agri-business, health care, civil society

UNICEF