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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



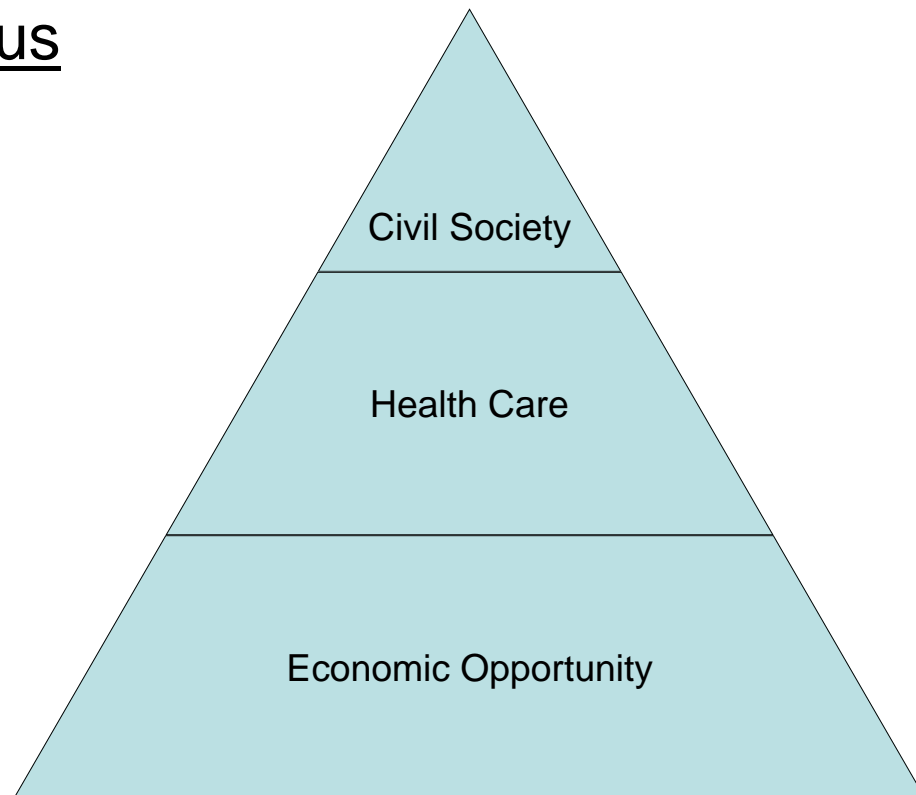
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North Caucasus' Program – Stages

- **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

- **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

