

A.8 Ingushetia - 1999 - Conflict displaced

Case study:

Cash for shelter: host families

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Project type:

Cash grants to assist host families to shelter displaced people in private households

Disaster:

Displacement following second conflict in Chechnya, 1999

Shelter needs:

At the peak, 213,000 people fled to Ingushetia. Up to 150,000 people were accommodated by host families.

Project target population:

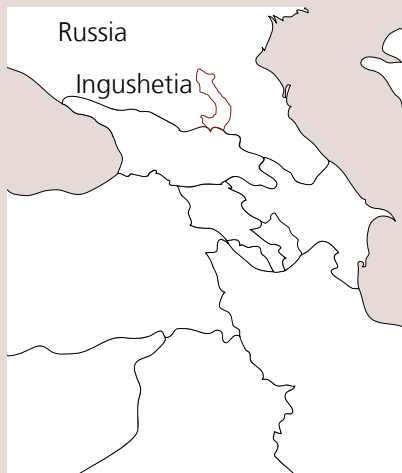
Winter 2000/01 – 15,000 host families.
 Winter 2001/02 – 11,000 host families.

Occupancy rate on handover:

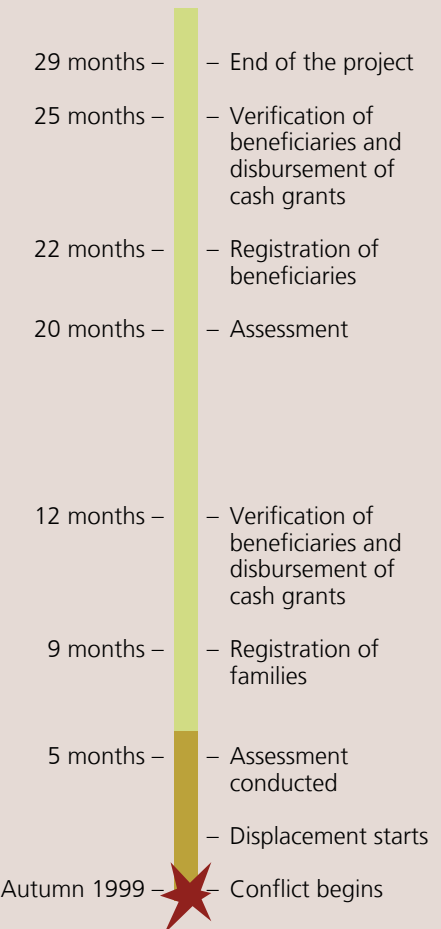
100% of the host families accommodated an average 5 IDPs from Chechnya.

Shelter size

Cash grant was equivalent to a one month local salary. 21m² minimum floor area was recommended. Shelters have two rooms, one corridor, and an external latrine.



Project timeline



Summary

An international donor, in close cooperation with the leading international agency for shelter assistance in Ingushetia, provided cash grants to every family that was hosting displaced people from the conflict in neighbouring Chechnya. The project goal was to prevent IDPs, who were being accommodated by host families, from being evicted during winter. This was achieved through provision of cash grants to all registered host family in Ingushetia

A one-off cash grant, roughly equivalent in value to a one month's income, was given with no restrictions to host families. The programme was implemented by the donor in close cooperation with the government of Ingushetia. The Ingush branch of the Russian postal service made the cash payments.

After a successful implementation during winter 2000/01, it was decided to implement a second phase, since the situation for displaced people in Ingushetia had not improved.



Left: by supporting host families with one off cash grants, the project aimed to avoid evictions

Right: cash for shelter collection point

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