



# PEACE AND RECONCILIATION CENTRE IN THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC

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# BACKGROUND

- Conflicts in Chechnya in 1994 and 1999
- Reconstruction and Recovery 2005 – present, but...
- Society very deeply traumatized
- Chechens stigmatized as “rebels and terrorists” in Russia and world wide
- Situation in Chechnya is not unique; similar problems in the rest of the Caucasus between different communities



# GOALS

- Building trust and facilitating dialogue between communities within Chechnya and in the Caucasus; work to end image of “enemy”
- Changing the image of Chechens in Russia and beyond



# ACTIVITIES

## YEAR I

- Establishing a Peace and Reconciliation Centre as a Resource Space for a peace building activities
  - 1) Secure the support of local authorities (including by providing premises)
  - 2) Secure basic funding
  - 3) Organizing the structure of the Centre (Management, Staff, Advisory Board)

## YEAR 2 and further

- As part of the healing process within society, organize round-tables and discussions on:
  - community initiatives with involvement of youth;
  - sustainable development projects
- Regional meetings in Grozny on reconciliation and building trust between communities in the Caucasus




# OUTPUTS

- Reconciliation and peace building space set-up in Chechnya
- Regular discussions and follow-up meetings organized
- Ideas and different views from the meetings communicated to the local authorities
- Round tables on regional aspects organized in Grozny with participation of non-Chechen participants



# OUTCOMES

- Different parts of the Chechen community reconciled with each other
- The society that is able to look forward for a future
- An improved image of the Chechen people in Russia and beyond
- An improved dialogue between communities in the Caucasus



**«Необходимо менять общественную атмосферу, как на самом Северном Кавказе, так и вокруг него, нужно преодолеть фобии и стереотипы, кардинально улучшить восприятие региона в России и в мире в целом»**

**В.В.Путин**

**06.07.2010**

межрегиональная конференция "Стратегия социально-экономического развития Северного Кавказа до 2020 года. Программа на 2010-2012 годы".

***"It is essential to change the public atmosphere both in the North Caucasus and around it. We should overcome phobias and stereotypes, cardinally improve the perception of the region in Russia and in the entire world"***

***Vladimir Putin***

***06.07.2010***

conference entitled: "The strategy of social–economic development of the North Caucasus until 2020. Program for 2010-2020"

THANK YOU!!!

