

# Office of the State Minister for Reintegration



## Georgia After August War with Russia

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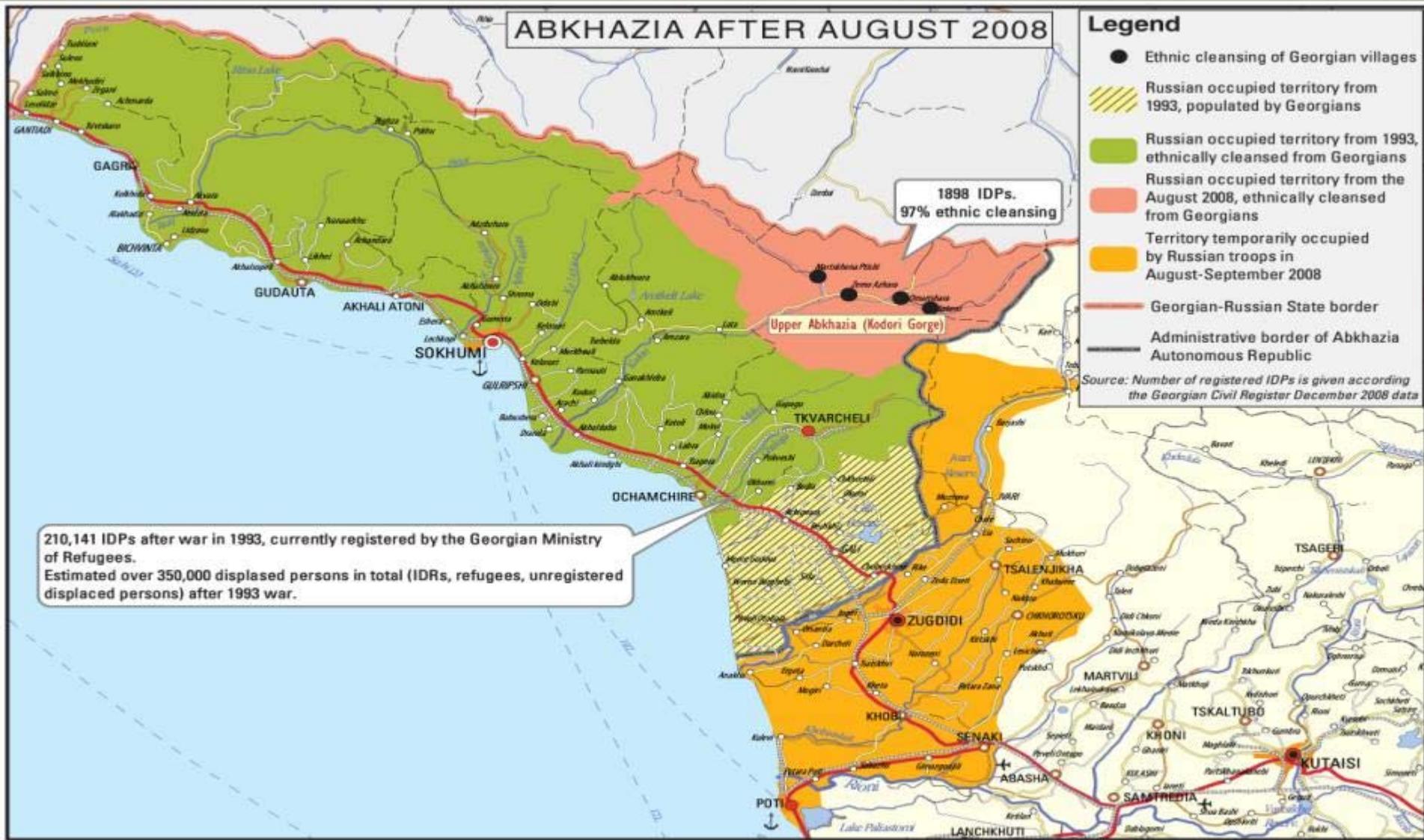
## *After War – Reconfirmation*

- ❑ Conflicts in Georgia are not *internal ethnic conflicts*
- ❑ There is an external conflict between Russia and Georgia
- ❑ Russia is using Separatist-minded groups against the Georgian State



# Occupation Map – Abkhazia, Georgia

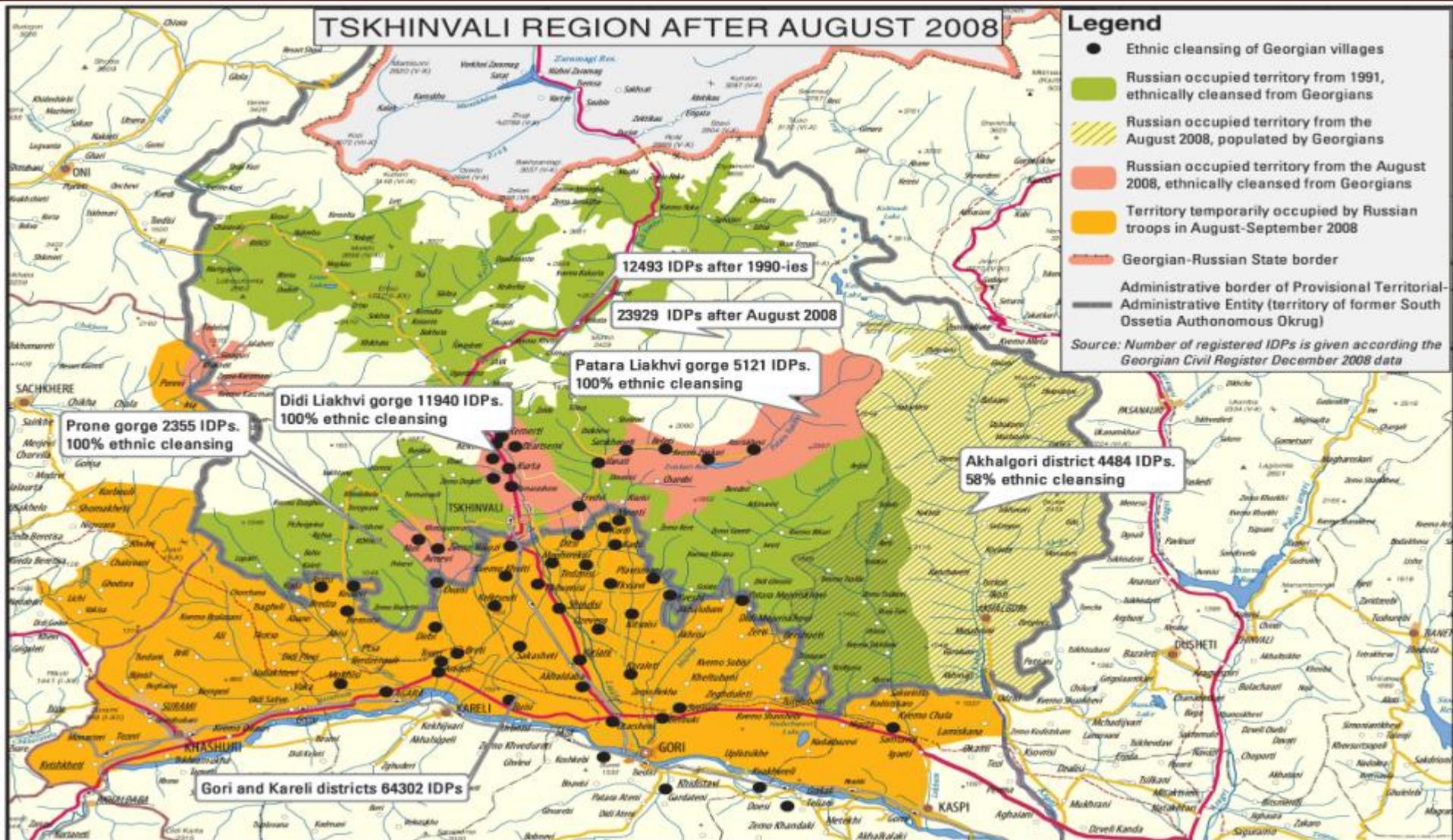
## Abkhazia- after August 2008





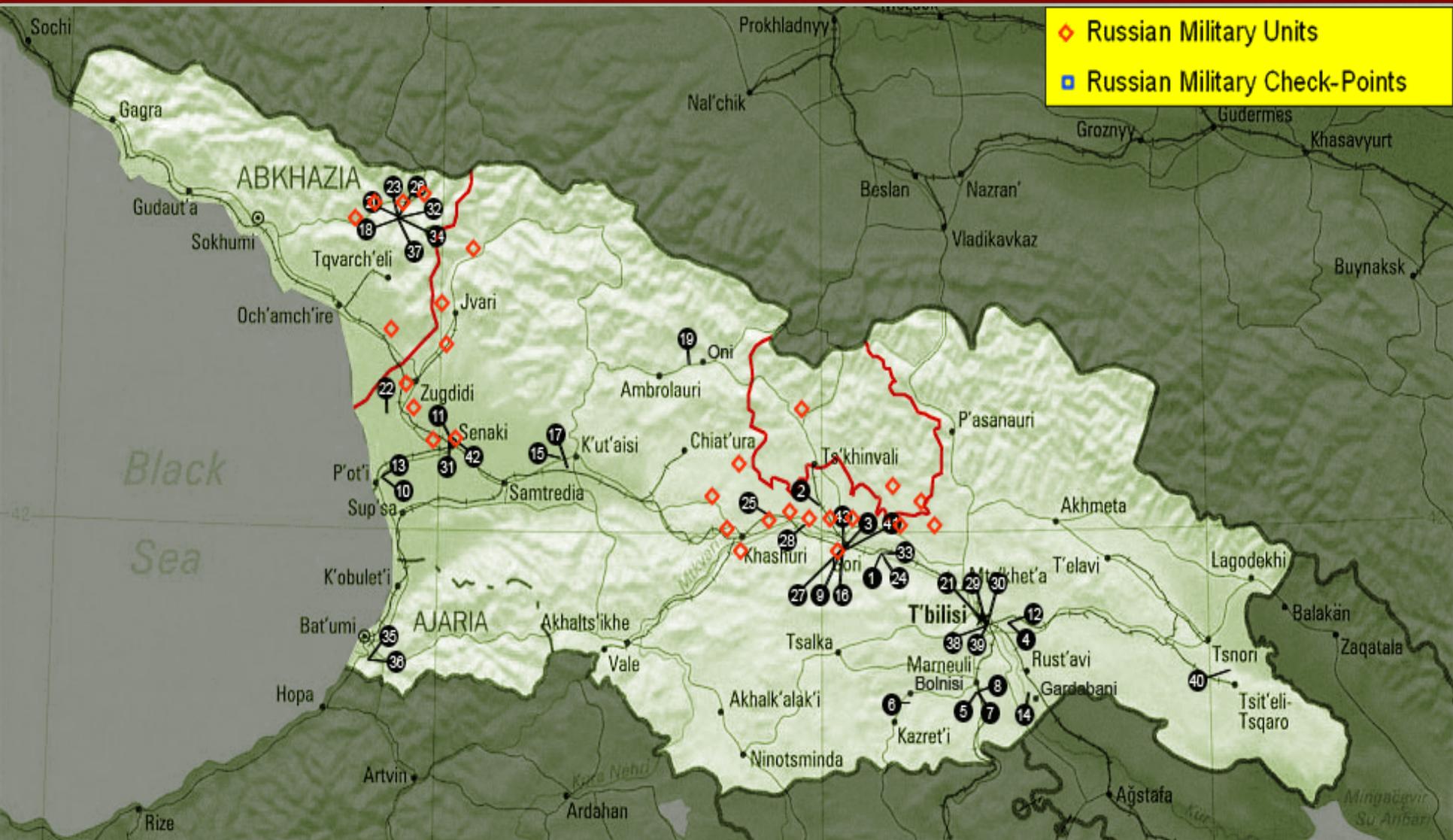
# Occupation Map – Tskhinvali, Georgia

Tskhinvali- after August 2008





# Bombing Map - August 2008





# *Six Point Peace Plan of August 12*

**The Six Point Peace Plan was signed between Presidents of Georgia, France and Russia:**

- **The principles to which the parties have subscribed are as follows:**
  - 1. Not to resort to force;**
  - 2. To end hostilities definitively;**
  - 3. To provide free access for humanitarian aid;**
  - 4. Georgian military forces will have to withdraw to their usual bases;**
  - 5. Russian military forces will have to withdraw to the lines held prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Pending an international mechanism, Russian peace-keeping forces will implement additional security measures;**
  - 6. Opening of international talks on the security and stability arrangements in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.**



# *International Engagement*

- UNOMIG and OSCE were present since early 90-es:**
  - UNOMIG – UN Observer Mission in Georgia**
    - Military Observation of Abkhazia, Georgia**
    - The new Mandate will be decided in June 2009**
  - OSCE – Mission to Georgia**
    - Previously Observing situation in Tskhinvali Region, Georgia**
    - Russian Federation vetoes continuation of OSCE mission in Georgia**



# ***Involvement of International Organizations***

- EUMM was launched after the August War with Russia: (October 1, 2008)**
- Mandate is to monitor the implementation of the Agreements of August 12 and September 8**
- Number of Monitors: over 226**
  - Total staff 388 (340 International and 48 Local)**
- EUMM mandate covers the whole territory of Georgia**
- EUMM has no executive power**



# *Involvement of International Organizations*

## **Position of the Government of Georgia:**

- GoG is committed towards supporting further international presence on the ground**
- Establishing International Police Operation**

## **Red Lines:**

- Territorial Integrity**
- Non recognition of Georgia's Separatists Regions**
- Unconditional Return of IDPs, Refugees and war affected population**



# *Georgian Law "On Occupied Territories"*

Adopted on 23 October 2008, after the August 2008 conflict:

**□ Purpose:**

- Define the status of territories occupied as a result of the military aggression of the Russian Federation**
- Establish a special legal regime on the above territories.**
  
- The legal premise is that the two break-away regions of the Republic of Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, are integral parts of the Republic of Georgia, that are currently under the Russian occupation.**
  
- Law provides limitations with regard to free migration, economic activities, real estate transactions and other activities**



# *Georgian Law "On Occupied Territories"*

- Sets limitations with regard of traveling of Foreign citizens to the occupied territories. It is permitted to travel:
  - To Abkhazia from Zugdidi municipality
  - To Tskhinvali region from Gori municipality
  
- The law also introduces “special cases” that can be granted in compliance with the rules set in the relevant normative document of the Georgian Government.
  
- Parliament of Georgia mandated GoG/SMR to developed special mechanisms enabling International Institutions to carry out humanitarian activities.



## *Our Approach regarding Occupied Territories*

- ❑ Confidence building between returning and receiving communities
- ❑ Active involvement of NGO-s
- ❑ Development of socio-economic aspects by creating special environment for confidence building:
  - ❑ Integrated Socio-Economic Zone



# *Human Rights Violations on Occupied Territories*

## **Ethnic Cleansing:**

- Georgian villages in Tskhinvali zone of the conflict were completely cleansed and destroyed.
- Georgian population of Upper Abkhazia were forced to flee.
- Human rights of the population under occupation are violated on a daily basis.





# *Internally Displaced Persons*

- ❑ The Georgian Agency for Civil Registration has to date recorded a total of **131 169** Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
- ❑ As of 27 October, **35 495** IDPs were still unable to return to their homes.





# *Geneva Talks*

- Takes into consideration new Paradigm
  - Co-chairs – UN, OSCE, EU
  - Participants – US, Georgia, Russian Federation
- During Technical meetings separatists as well as non-separatist communities are present
  
- Expectations from *Geneva Talks*:
  - The only mechanism stipulating conflict resolution on the international level
  - Has a chance to be transformed into real Conflict Resolution Talks between Georgia and Russian Federation



# *Reconstruction works*

## **Housing:**

**4 542** new houses have been built in Kvemo Kartli, Shida Kartli, Mtskheta-Tianeti and Kakheti regions. Besides, many other apartments have been renovated, which will also shelter the IDPs still unable to return to their homes.

## **GoG is determined to:**

- Create employment opportunities for new IDPs
- Provide housing to the Old IDPs and Refugees

## **Aim:**

- Do not politicize Humanitarian issues





# *International Aid*

**International Donors pledged total of 4,643 bill USD**

**Pledged amount will be allocated for:**

- Infrastructure rehabilitation, incl. Energy Sector**
- Socio-economic assistance to war affected population and regions**
- State programs on social assistance**
- Financial assistance to the private sector\**

**GoG guarantees transparency and provides spending reports**



# *The independent international fact-finding mission on the conflict in Georgia*

- ❑ President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili requested International Investigation of the August war between Russia and Georgia**
- ❑ The EU Fact-Finding Mission was established for the purpose to find truth behind Russian-Georgia war**
- ❑ The EU fact-finding mission is headed by Heidi Tagliavini**
- ❑ Georgian Government is committed to cooperate closely with the mission**
- ❑ On July 31, 2009 the fact-finding mission will present its conclusions to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), EU nations, Georgia and Russia.**



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**Thank You**