IDPs in Georgia

June 2010
• The “IDPs in Georgia” survey was conducted for Conciliation Resources by the Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC), with the financial support of the European Commission’s Instrument for Stability.

• The survey was conducted in June 2010 with IDPs displaced from Abkhazia as a result of the 1992-1993 war, currently living in collective centers.

• All numbers are reported in percentages. Due to reporting the numbers in full percentages there are cases where the numbers do not add up exactly to 100.

• Answer opinions that received less than one full percent are generally not reported.

• CB refers to CRRC’s Caucasus Barometer survey. Data from the CB is included as an indication of similarities/differences in answers between IDPs and non-IDPs. The CB survey is conducted in the South Caucasus countries but in the following slides only data collected in Georgia in October 2009 are included.

• A detailed description of the methodology and the fieldwork can be found in “IDPs in Georgia – Fieldwork and methodology report”.

• Note that several of these slides require some background information, and should not be taken out of context. For details, please refer to the questionnaire to see how the questions were asked.

• Please also note that place names are highly politicized. The place names used here reflect those in use at the onset of the Georgian/Abkhaz conflict in the early 1990s, hence “Sukhumi” is used rather than “Sukhum”. We do not intend for our use of names to imply a position on the conflict.
Background Information
(Q 9) While you were still living in Abkhazia, did you have a job? (%)
(Q 11) What is your highest level of education? (%)

- Incomplete secondary education: 3%
- Completed secondary education: 38%
- Secondary technical education: 27%
- Incomplete higher education: 4%
- Completed higher education, either BA, MA or ‘Specialist’: 27%

IDP Survey
2009 CB
(Q 12) Do you currently work? (%)

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(Q 15) Let’s imagine there is a 10-step ladder reflecting the economic standing of all households in Georgia today (1 lowest, 10 highest). Which rung of this ladder do you think your household stands on currently? (%)
Identification and Integration
(Q 17) Which ethnic group(s) do you consider yourself a part of? (%)

94 - Georgian

17 - Mingrelian
(Q 18) Which language do you primarily speak at home? (%)

- Georgian: 75%
- Mingrelian: 23%
(Q 19) Would you approve if people of your ethnicity are friends with... (%)

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(Q 20) Would you approve of women of your ethnicity marrying... (%)
(Q 21_1) Do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, Georgian and Abkhaz people have more that unites them than divides them: their culture, values and mentality are similar? (%)
(Q 21_2) Do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, Georgian people are friendly towards Abkhaz people? (%)
(Q 21_3) Do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, Abkhaz people are friendly towards people of other ethnicities? (%)
(Q 21_4) Do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, Abkhaz people are hostile towards Georgian people? (%)
(Q 21_5) Do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, Georgian people are hostile towards Abkhaz people? (%)

- Completely agree: 3
- Somewhat agree: 5
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20
- Somewhat disagree: 33
- Completely disagree: 34
- DK: 5
(Q 22_1) Do you agree or disagree with the statement “I feel like a part of the Georgian society”? (%)
(Q 22_2) Do you agree or disagree with the statement “The Georgian society is supportive of IDPs”? (%)
(Q 22_3) Do you agree or disagree with the statement “I feel that IDP concerns are taken seriously by the Georgian government”? (%)

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(Q 22_4) Do you agree or disagree with the statement “I feel discriminated against because I am an IDP”? (%)
Displacement and Housing
(Q 25) Did your household own the dwelling where you / your household lived in Abkhazia? (%)
(Q 26) Do you currently have any official documents confirming the ownership of your dwelling in Abkhazia? (%)
**What is the current situation of the dwelling in Abkhazia (%)**

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(Q 28) Which of the following best represents your feelings towards the people now living in your dwelling in Abkhazia? (%)
(Q 29) Which of the following best represents your feelings towards people now living in IDPs’ dwellings in Abkhazia? (%)

- I resent that other people live in IDPs’ houses: 16%
- I appreciate that someone is looking after IDPs’ houses: 20%
- I would rather see the houses destroyed than someone else living there: 18%
- I ultimately do not care: 7%
- I understand that these people might also need a home: 3%
- DK: 9%
(Q 34) In general, do you approve or disapprove of IDPs making the following arrangements in respect to their house or flat in Abkhazia? (%)

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(Q 35) Since first becoming displaced, have you ever been back to Abkhazia?

(%)
(Q 36) Since first becoming displaced, which region(s) have you visited in Abkhazia? (%)

- Gali: 20
- Ochamchire: 3
- Sukhumi: 3
- Gagra: 1
- Gulripshi: 1
- Tkvarcheli: 1
(Q 37) Speaking about the majority of your visits to Abkhazia, what was their primary purpose? (%)
(Q 41) Do you have relatives or close friends currently living in Abkhazia? (%)
(Q 42) Are you in touch with these relatives or close friends in Abkhazia at least once a month? (%)
Media and Coverage of Abkhazia
(Q 43) How interested are you in current affairs in Abkhazia? (%)

- Very interested: 73%
- Quite interested: 20%
- Hardly interested: 5%
- Not interested at all: 2%
(Q 44) How would you evaluate your knowledge of current affairs in Abkhazia? (%)

- Know nothing about the current events in Abkhazia: 7
- 2: 11
- 3: 14
- 4: 10
- 5: 25
- 6: 6
- 7: 8
- 8: 6
- 9: 2
- Know a lot about the current events in Abkhazia: 7
- DK: 4
(Q 45) What is your main source of information about current affairs in Abkhazia? (%)
(Q 46) To what extent do you trust the information about current events in Abkhazia that you receive from your main source? (%)

- Completely trust: 26
- Somewhat trust: 21
- Neither trust nor distrust: 30
- Somewhat distrust: 10
- Completely distrust: 2
- DK: 6
(Q 47) What is your second main source of information about current affairs in Abkhazia? (%)
(Q 48) How much do you trust the information about current events in Abkhazia that you receive from your second main source? (%)
Return
(Q 49) How important is the ability to regularly visit Abkhazia? (%)

- Very important: 72%
- Somewhat important: 13%
- Not important: 12%
- DK: 3%
(Q 50) What would be reasons for you to visit Abkhazia if you cannot return there permanently? (%)

- Visiting / maintaining dwelling: 58%
- Visiting graves / cemetery: 55%
- Visiting friends / family: 32%
- Attending a special occasion such as wedding or funeral: 17%
- Harvest / cultivating land: 3%
- Trade: 2%
- Other reasons: 4%
(Q 51) Would you consider returning to Abkhazia permanently, if...? (%)

- Abkhazia reintegration with Georgia: 87%
- Abkhazia becomes an independent country recognized by most of the world, including Georgia: 17%
- Abkhazia maintains its current status as an entity not recognized by most of the world: 12%
- Abkhazia is integrated into the Russian Federation: 11%
- Abkhazia becomes an independent country recognized by most of the world, but not Georgia: 9%
(Q 52) Would you think about returning permanently to Abkhazia if it is outside of Georgia’s territory? (%)
(Q 54) When do you think Abkhazia will be reintegrated with Georgia? (%)

- Within the next 5 years: 12
- In 6-10 years time: 14
- In 11-25 years time: 5
- In 26-50 years time: 2
- In more than 50 years: 4
- Never: 14
- DK: 49
(Q 55) In your opinion, have the prospects of Abkhazia becoming an integral part of Georgia increased, stayed the same or decreased since the August 2008 conflict? (%)
Conflict Resolution
(Q 57) In your understanding, what was the major reason for the start of the war in Abkhazia in 1992? (%)

- External provocation: 35%
- Political elites vying for power: 33%
- Nationalistic politics of the Georgian government at that time: 9%
- Age-old ethnic hostility between Georgian and Abkhaz people: 3%
- DK: 16%
(Q 58_1) In your opinion, which role did the Georgian government in Tbilisi play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)

- Major role: 56
- Minor role: 15
- No role: 6
- DK: 20
(Q 58_2) In your opinion, which role did the Abkhaz government play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)
(Q 58_3) In your opinion, which role did the Russian government play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)
(Q 58_4) In your opinion, which role did Western governments play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)

- Major role: 17
- Minor role: 18
- No role: 27
- DK: 34
(Q 58_5) In your opinion, which role did Abkhaz irregular armed forces acting on their own initiative play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)
(Q 58_6) In your opinion, which role did Georgian irregular armed forces acting on their own initiative play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)

- Major role: 47
- Minor role: 19
- No role: 11
- DK: 21
(Q 58_7) In your opinion, which role did Russian irregular armed forces acting on their own initiative play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)
(Q 58_8) In your opinion, which role did ordinary Abkhaz people living inside Abkhazia play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)
(Q 58_9) In your opinion, which role did ordinary Georgian people living in Abkhazia play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)

- Major role: 11%
- Minor role: 26%
- No role: 44%
- DK: 16%
(Q 58_10) In your opinion, which role did ordinary Georgian people living outside Abkhazia play in the outbreak of the war in 1992? (%)
(Q 59) Before the August 2008 conflict, did you believe that the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict could be resolved by force, could be resolved by force as a last resort, or could not be resolved by force? (%)
(Q 60) How has your belief in that the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict can be resolved by force changed since the August 2008 conflict? (%)

- Increased a lot: 4
- Increased somewhat: 4
- Stayed the same: 10
- Decreased somewhat: 2
- Decreased a lot: 5
- DK: 3
(Q 61) Today, do you believe that the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict can be resolved by force, can be resolved by force as a last resort or cannot be resolved by force? (%)
(Q 62_1) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Abkhaz people and Georgian people can live together peacefully in a single state”? (%)
(Q 62_2) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Personal contacts between Georgian people and Abkhaz people are conducive to conflict resolution”? (%)
(Q 62_3) How would you evaluate the following statement: “To resolve the conflict, both parties need to acknowledge their mistakes”? (%)

- Completely disagree: 2
- Completely agree: 62
- Agree: 8
- Neutral: 7
- Disagree: 8
- DK: 6
(Q 62_4) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Abkhaz and Georgian governments of that time period share responsibility in the outbreak of hostilities in 1992”? (%)
How would you evaluate the following statement: “If the Georgian government had properly addressed the need to protect Abkhaz culture in the early ‘90s, there would have been no war”? (%)
(Q 62_6) How would you evaluate the following statement: “The conflict today is not between Georgian and Abkhaz parties, but between the Russian and Western governments”? (%)

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(Q 62_7) How would you evaluate the following statement: “The conflict today is not between Georgian and Abkhaz parties, but between the Georgian and Russian governments”? (%)
(Q 62_8) How would you evaluate the following statement: “The Abkhaz people are willing to be part of Georgia”? (%)
(Q 62_9) How would you evaluate the following statement: “The Abkhaz people are willing to be part of Russia”? (%)
(Q 62_10) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Georgia cannot exist without Abkhazia”? (%)

- Completely disagree: 15
- Agree: 34
- Completely agree: 14
- DK: 14

- Disagree: 7
- Strongly disagree: 3
- Not sure: 4
- Strongly agree: 5
- Agree: 6

(Q 62_11) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Abkhazia cannot exist without Georgia”? (%)
(Q 62_12) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Abkhazia cannot exist without Russia”? (%)
(Q 64_13) How would you evaluate the following statement: “Georgia cannot exist without the European Union”? (%)
(Q 63) In the next two years, would you support any of the following actions that the Georgian government could take in order to find a solution to the conflict? (%)

(Positive answers reported)

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(Q 64) In the event that the Georgian government commences direct negotiations with the de-facto Abkhaz authorities, which of the following issues would you like to be discussed? (%)

- Return of IDPs to Abkhazia: 83%
- Security along the boundary line: 48%
- Unrestricted travel of all Georgians to Abkhazia: 24%
- Political status of Abkhazia: 24%
- Development of trade between Georgian and Abkhaz people: 5%
- Other topic: 1%
Justice
(Q 65) With which of the following statements do you agree with? (%)

- Agree very strongly with “In order to resolve the conflict, we should leave injustices that happened in the past alone” (16)
- Agree with “In order to resolve the conflict, we should leave injustices that happened in the past alone” (16)
- Agree with “In order to resolve the conflict, we should address injustices that happened in the past” (28)
- Agree very strongly with “In order to resolve the conflict, we should address injustices that happened in the past” (31)
- Agree with neither statement (3)
- DK (4)
(Q 65_2) In order to resolve the conflict we should... (59%)

- Leave injustices that happened in the past alone: 32%
- Address injustices that happened in the past: 59%
(Q 66) Alleged war crimes should...

- Be investigated and all suspected perpetrators should be prosecuted: 35%
- Be investigated, but only high-ranking officials should be prosecuted: 32%
- Be investigated, but no one should be prosecuted: 11%
- Not be investigated and no one should be prosecuted: 6%
- DK: 15%
(Q 67_1) To what extent would you support a civil society–led process of investigating and documenting past injustices? (%)

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(Q 67_2) To what extent would you support giving victims and/or perpetrators the opportunity to participate in an official process of acknowledging past injustices? (%)
(Q 67_3) To what extent would you support financial reparation to compensate victims or their families? (%)
(Q 67_4) To what extent would you support symbolic gestures that acknowledge the other side’s losses?
(Q 67_5) To what extent would you support publications in the media of personal stories related to war-time experience? (%)
(Q 68) In your opinion, who, if anyone, should be primarily responsible for financial reparation to the Georgian victims of the conflict? (%)

- The Georgian government: 39%
- The Russian government: 23%
- Everyone: 18%
- Doesn't matter: 4%
- International organizations: 3%
- The de facto Abkhaz authorities: 3%
- DK: 9%
(Q 69_1) For you to feel that past injustices have been addressed, how important is an official apology by the de facto Abkhaz authorities? (%)
(Q 69_2) For you to feel that past injustices have been addressed, how important is financial compensation to IDPs for damaged and destroyed property? (%)
(Q 69_3) For you to feel that past injustices have been addressed, how important is prosecution of persons accused of war crimes? (%)

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(Q 69_4) For you to feel that past injustices have been addressed, how important is documentation of past abuses? (%)
(Q 69_5) For you to feel that past injustices have been addressed, how important is full reintegration of Abkhazia into Georgia? (%)

- Very important: 78
- Somewhat important: 15
- Neither unimportant nor important: 4
- Somewhat unimportant: 1
- Not at all important: 0
(Q 69_6) For you to feel that past injustices have been addressed, how important is the possibility of free right to return for IDPs? (%)

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(Q 70_1) How important do you think an official apology by the Georgian authorities is for the Abkhaz people to feel that past injustices have been addressed? (%)
(Q 70_2) How important do you think financial compensation for damaged and destroyed property is for the Abkhaz people to feel that past injustices have been addressed? (%)

- Very important: 27%
- Somewhat important: 32%
- Neither unimportant nor important: 14%
- Somewhat unimportant: 5%
- Not at all important: 11%
- DK: 9%
(Q 70_3) How important do you think prosecution of persons on the Georgian side accused of war crimes is for the Abkhaz people to feel that past injustices have been addressed? (%)

- Very important: 20
- Somewhat important: 23
- Neither unimportant nor important: 21
- Somewhat unimportant: 9
- Not at all important: 11
- RA: 3
- DK: 14
(Q 70_4) How important do you think documentation of past abuses is for the Abkhaz people to feel that past injustices have been addressed? (%)

- Very important: 15%
- Somewhat important: 24%
- Neither unimportant nor important: 21%
- Somewhat unimportant: 8%
- Not at all important: 13%
- DK: 16%
(Q 70_5) How important do you think independence of Abkhazia recognized by Georgia is for the Abkhaz people to feel that past injustices have been addressed? (%)
(Q 70_6) How important do you think settlement of property rights issues is for the Abkhaz people to feel that past injustices have been addressed? (%)
General Attitude Questions
(Q 71_9) How much do you trust the President of Georgia? (%)

- Fully trust: 33 IDP Survey, 20 2009 CB
- Rather trust: 35 IDP Survey, 28 2009 CB
- Neither trust nor distrust: 18 IDP Survey, 27 2009 CB
- Rather distrust: 5 IDP Survey, 9 2009 CB
- Fully distrust: 5 IDP Survey, 9 2009 CB
- DK: 4 IDP Survey, 4 2009 CB
(Q 71_15) How much do you trust the Ministry of Refugees and Accommodation of Georgia? (%)
(Q 71_16) How much do you trust the Abkhaz authorities in exile? (%)
(Q 73) Regarding your life in general, how much control do you feel you have over what happens in your life? (%)

- No control at all: 2, 3, 5, 4
- 18
- 5
- 4
- 4
- 12
- 12
- 4
- 9
- Complete control: 28
- DK: 7