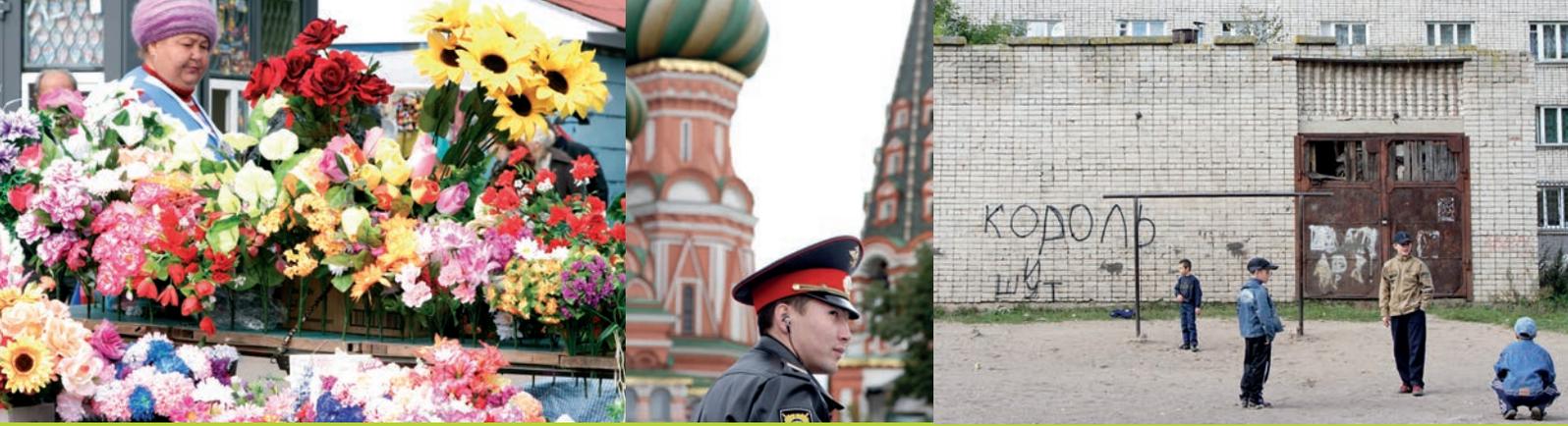




Although Russia has experienced economic growth in recent years, the gap between rich and poor is widening. One in six people in Russia live below the poverty line, and many still lack access to basic social services such as health care. Oxfam is helping to redress this balance.





Overleaf: Daily life in Tuva, photo: Justin Jin; Above left: Artificial flower stall in Vyshny Volochek market. Photo: Geoff Sayer; Above centre: Outside St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow's Red Square. Photo: Geoff Sayer; Above right: Children play outside Soviet-era flats in Ostashkov. Most young people leave Ostashkov to look for education and jobs elsewhere. Photo: Geoff Sayer.

In Russia, we work with a coalition of organisations to campaign against poverty and inequality, both nationally and internationally.

Russia's role in the world

Russia's economy is the tenth largest in the world and, as one of the largest grain producers, it has an important role to play in helping to feed the world's growing population.

Oxfam is working to support Russia to become a major global donor for aid and development. Russia has the potential to take the lead on, and help co-ordinate, international development policy. Oxfam is engaging with the government to make this happen.

Tackling climate change

Oxfam also believes Russia has a large role to play in the global debate on climate change. Oxfam is working with national partners to raise awareness about the challenges of growing food in an ever-changing climate. Oxfam has built a public policy forum where government officials, international institutions, academics and civil society organisations can address these issues together and learn from the experiences of other countries.

Oxfam campaigns at a national level to encourage the Russian government to take a greater lead on climate change within the international community and sign up to global agreements to help vulnerable countries cope with the effects of extreme weather events. Oxfam is also supporting a network of digital activists to campaign for more environmentally-responsible lifestyles in Russia today.

Addressing inequality

Although Russia is a middle income economy, its society remains extremely unequal and the gap between rich and poor is growing, with many poorer families struggling to access health care, education and jobs. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia has witnessed a rapid increase of income inequality and has become one of the most unequal countries in the G20, falling behind China and Indonesia. Oxfam works to highlight this problem and is lobbying national governments to introduce pro-poor social policies.