

**Is having a roof enough to feel
at home in the EU of 2012?**

CYPRUS



WE OWN A HOUSE (87,5% in 2009)



Most have a “good” house (67% in 2009)



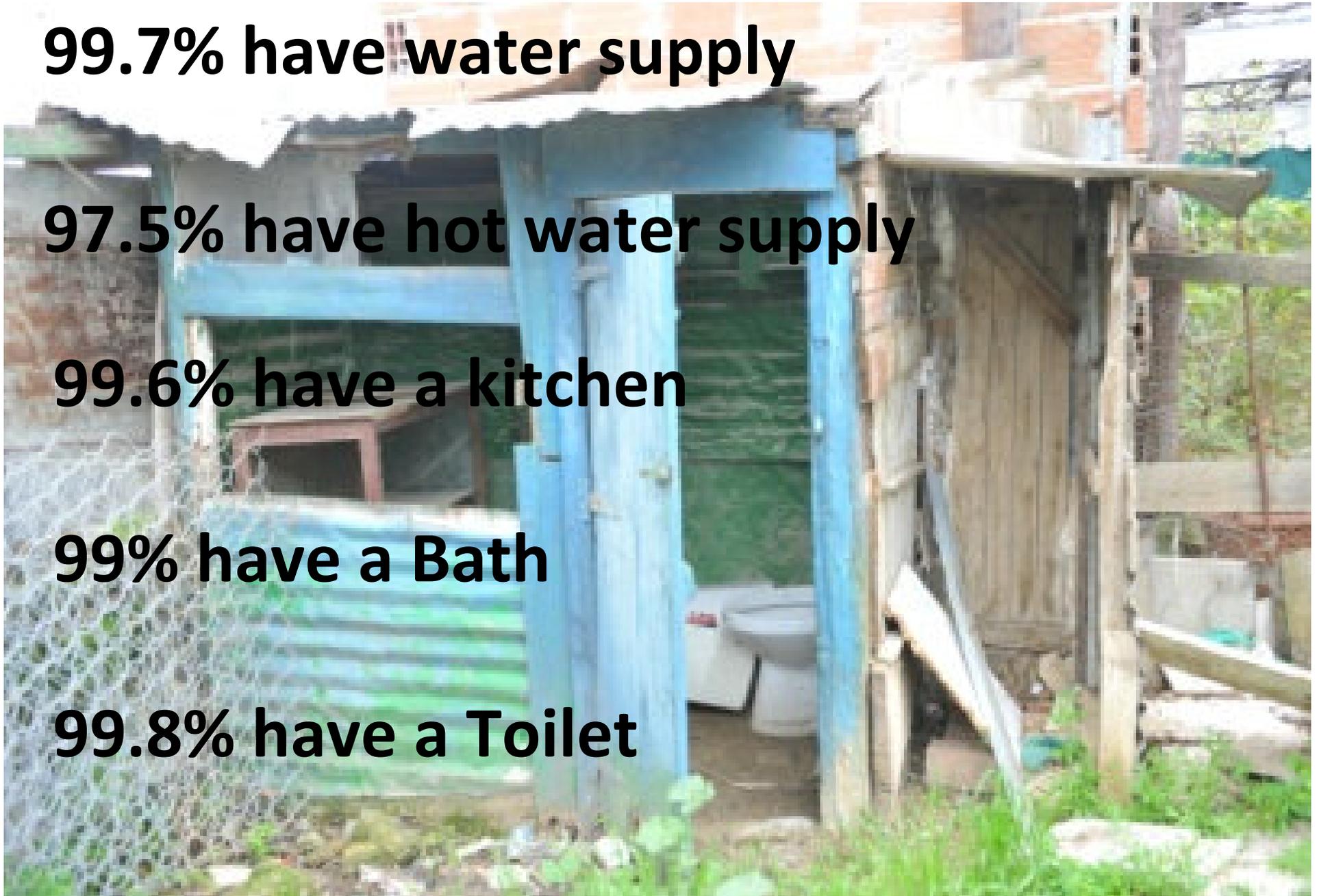
99.7% have water supply

97.5% have hot water supply

99.6% have a kitchen

99% have a Bath

99.8% have a Toilet



In 2009, 29% of the houses had a
LEAKING ROOF



In 2009

Less than 1% of the population in Cyprus lived in households that faced severe housing deprivation.



Only 1% of the population lived in overcrowded dwellings - the lowest percentage in the EU (average 17,8%)

12.2% of the EU population lived in a household that spent more than 40% of their income on housing.

Only 2.5% of the population in Cyprus has this problem.



CURRENT HOUSING SCHEMES (based on income and other financial and social criteria)

- ✓ **Low-Cost Housing Programme**
- ✓ **Self-Help Housing Programme on Government Land**
- ✓ **Self-Help Housing Scheme on Private Land**
- ✓ **Purchase of a House or an Apartment Scheme**
- ✓ **Rebuilding and Rehabilitation Programme**
- ✓ **Division of Building Plots for Low-Income Families**
- ✓ **Scheme for Large Families AND for Families in Rural Areas**
- ✓ **Housing Scheme for Low-Income Households Housing**
- ✓ **Housing Scheme for the Repair of Houses for Public Assistance Recipients**
- ✓ **Rental Subsidies Scheme for Public Assistance Recipients**



Why all these schemes?

Strong commitment to social cohesion

Strong informal networks – the family and the community

A tradition to place a high value on housing and accommodation

A comprehensive housing policy

Strong engagement in land and housing investment

Strong engagement in the protection of the social system



Yet... We are worried

Immigrants: safeguard equal and easy access to housing, and protection from exploitation especially in the areas of housing and employment.

Quality for services: A systematic evaluation and research to safeguard the quality of services and programmes addressing social and housing exclusion.

Housing policies: The housing needs of all vulnerable groups should be carefully re-assessed and their participation re-enforced in all evaluation and policy making processes.

Develop **preventive measures** against homelessness in Cyprus.

*It is important that **housing exclusion**, as a term, gains its own recognition and status at policy making levels.*

We do not have Street Children, Homeless People, People begging for food...



and we want to make sure that these will

NEVER BECOME OUR REALITY...

**THANK YOU!
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