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About 110 types of worldwide well known natural disasters are characteristic to Armenia.

And all these in one region, the area of which composes 29.8 thousand square kms.

It is explained with some reasons , two of which I shall note now.

The first reason is the complicated relief space. It represents itself an area of drastic mountain chains, valleys and big fluctuations of divided heights. The lowest part above the sea level is about 350metres, and the highest one is 4.000 meters. In fact the difference of heights in that little area is about 3 500metres.

Consequently 10 geographical zones exist in the Republic of Armenia because of which existing natural disasters are characteristic to those 10 geographical zones.



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The second reason is that the whole area of the Republic of Armenia is located under the active seismic zone.

Armenia is one of those unique areas where historical wealthy data about the regional active earthquakes have been maintained, the time involvement of which composes 2000 years. The historical statistic data concerning the earthquakes with 8-10 intensity strength dates since 782 B.C until the period of Spitak earthquake in 1988.



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chronology of the strong earthquakes of the 20-th century

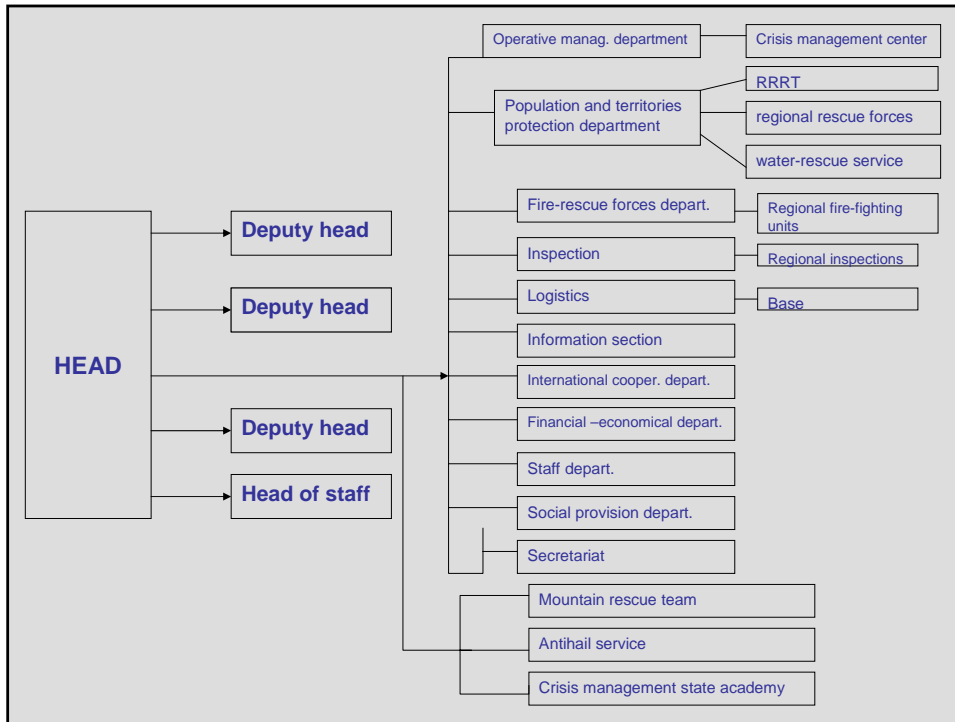
1920	8-9 intensity
1924	9 intensity
1926	8-9 intensity
1930	10 intensity
1931	8-9 intensity
1935	8-9 intensity
1968	8 intensity
1976	9 intensity
1988	9-10 intensity



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Historical review

1991 December	The Emergency management state administration was established.
1992 January	Economical basis was provided to the Emergency management state administration according to the RA government.
1993 April	The civil protection republic headquarters joined the Emergency management state administration.
1995 July	The Emergency management state administration was renamed Emergency management administration.
1997 October	The Emergency management administration was renamed Emergency management administration under the government of the Republic of Armenia.
1999 April	According to the decision of the RA government structural changes were made in the Emergency management administration.
During 2005	The Emergency management administration under the RA government in the result of the reforms was renamed "Armenian Rescue Service" of the Territorial Management ministry of the Republic of Armenia as a state management body.
During 2005-2006	In the result of some reforms there was adopted Ra law about the "Armenian rescue service" about 23 decisions of RA government in which the activity of the Armenian rescue service was regulated.



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Legislative base



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Laws on:

- Population protection during emergencies
- Civil protection
- Seismic protection
- Fire security
- Rescue forces and the status of rescuer
- Armenian Rescue Service



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Laws of other fields:

- On Protection
- On martial law
- On the Police of RA
- On internal forces
- On urban development
- On local authorities



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Orders of the President of the Republic of Armenia:

- On the state governing in the local administrations
- On the state governing in Yerevan city



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***International
cooperation***



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Similar structures in other countries

USA, Argentina, RF, Italy, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, England, Estonia, Belgium, Japan, China.



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International organizations

UN(UNDP), International civil defense organization, EU "Open agreement against major disasters", International federation of red cross and red crescent, NATO(PfP), OPCW, IAEA, Doctors without frontiers, Black sea partner countries, CIS countries, Intergovernmental council of natural and man- made disasters



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