

Armenia, June 1997

Flash flood in Southern Armenia, near the border with Azerbaijan. 82 mm of rain fell on Goris town between 19:45 and 21:15 on 22 June, the highest fall in the 70-year record. Goris is in a narrow valley surrounded by mountains and the local flood channel overflowed through the town flooding houses and depositing considerable quantities of mud. Roads washed out, water supply and sewerage systems disrupted, risk of water-borne diseases. Fortunately only four deaths recorded, damage US\$ 8 million.

Azerbaijan, June 1997

Heavy rains starting 5 June caused severe flooding throughout Azerbaijan. Estimated US\$ 25 million damages including 25 bridges, 1,750 houses and other buildings, power lines and water supplies damaged. Large areas of crops submerged or destroyed by hail.

Benin, June 1997

Following heavy rains in last two weeks of June flooding occurred in the two principal towns, Cotonou and Porto Nuovo.

Chile, June 1997

Unusually heavy rainfall over a ten-day period. In two northern cities where annual average rainfall is 12 mm and 80 mm, rainfall on one day (23 June) was 68 and 105 mm respectively. 65,800 people affected, 22 deaths, 684 houses destroyed and 17,000 damaged.

