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The Armenian government is seeking help from foreign states and international agencies to help rebuild northern regions devastated by flooding.

Rivers in the Tavush and Lori provinces burst their banks in late May, killing four people and causing extensive property damage. The floods, the worst in decades, submerged towns and villages and destroyed roads and bridges. The government declared about a dozen settlements disaster zones and allocated 300 million drams (\$775,000) for emergency relief.

The scale of the disaster is huge, said Gnel Sanosyan, minister of territorial administration and infrastructure, at a cabinet meeting in Yerevan. Sanosyan, who heads the government task force dealing with the recovery effort, said officials were still assessing the total material damage, with at least 20 bridges either completely or partially destroyed.

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