CZECH USAR TEAM WORKED IN 7 EARTHQUAKE TERRITORY

- ARMENIA
  7 December 1988
  7 RICHTER SCALE

- TURKEY
  17 August 1999
  7,4 RICHTER SCALE

- CHINA – TAIWAN
  21 September 1999
  8 - 8,2 RICHTER SCALE

- TURKEY
  13 November 1999
  7,4 RICHTER SCALE

- ALGERIA
  21 May 2003
  6,7 RICHTER SCALE

- IRAN
  26 December 2003
  6,7 RICHTER SCALE

- PAKISTAN
  8 October 2005
  7,6 RICHTER SCALE

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Humanitarian assistance to abroad is provided based on request of an affected country which requests through representative bodies or through international organisations.

Providing of rescue activities (USAR team, Flood team, Fire team, Chemical team,...) is one of the forms of humanitarian assistance.

The Ministry of Interior decides in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the humanitarian assistance, provided by the State to foreign countries and on engagement into international rescue operations. Details are given by implementary regulations.

Tasks of the Ministry of Interior are fulfilled through the Ministry of Interior - General Directorate of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic.

State humanitarian assistance of the Czech Republic to abroad is funded by financial resources, allocated by the Government for the current year in State Budget into a bound reserve for humanitarian assistance of the General Cash Administration.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes financial resources from this bound reserve, and twice a year informs the Government on these spending.

**BASIC FORMS OF ASSISTANCE**

- **Rescue (USAR team, etc.)**
- **Material**
- **Financial**
- **Advisory**
- **Combined**
  - combines the four above
  - mentioned forms of assistance.

The Czech Republic has been providing humanitarian assistance either on bilateral level, or through international organisations.

Is a self-contained team with logistics for at least 5 days of operation in the full number of 23 members. The team is transported to the place by air or by ground (up to 1,000 km).

The **USAR team is composed** of 6 dog handlers, one doctor, one logistics officer, two squads of firefighters-rescuers (1+6), one commander of the team and one liaison officer. This structure allows two squads of firefighters-rescuers to work continuously at least for 72 hours in 8-hours shifts.

USAR team is working on the bases of international rules i.e. on the bases of UN - INSARAG guidelines and methodology.