Armenia is subdivided into three administrative levels: marzes, regions and hamaynk (communities).

**First administrative level: Marz**
- 11 units
- The first administrative level comprises marzes and the capital city of Yerevan.

**Second administrative level: Region**
- 38 units
- The second administrative level comprises regions. It is the former subdivision into raions during the time of the Soviet Union.

**Third administrative level: Hamaynk**
- 805 units
- The third administrative level comprises hamaynk (communities) and administrative districts within Yerevan.

**Caveat:** The second administrative division is not an official administrative level, but is sometimes used by Government agencies.

Not all administrative units have subdivisions. Moreover, some administrative levels have different types of administrative units. To better understand the administrative structure, please find a more detailed overview of the subdivisions below (with in brackets the number of units).

Admin 1
- Marzes (10)
- Independent city (1)

Admin 2
- Regions (38)

Admin 3
- Hamaynk (793)
- Administrative districts (12)

**PLACE CODES (P-CODES)**

Humanitarian emergencies generate massive amounts of data, much of it referring to locations of events, infrastructure and activities. Using place names as identifiers can easily lead to confusion over spelling and transliteration as well as duplication. Datasets become difficult or impossible to combine and analyze, limiting the collective understanding of the humanitarian situation and how to plan the response. Place codes, commonly referred to as P-codes, are unique geographic (geo) identification codes, represented by combinations of letters and/or numbers to identify a specific location on a map or in a database.

The National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia has developed a Classification of administrative - territorial units (the classificator), which is the P-coding system in Armenia. Please find below an illustration of how the classificator works. When looking at the code for Djivikhlu it is immediately obvious to which community and marz this settlement belongs.

**Please note:** as the second administrative division is not an official administrative level, it does not follow the classification scheme.

**Example - Djivikhlu village (05 010 22)**

*This administrative level is not officially used and hence not reflected in the official classificator of the National Statistics Service. This is why the p-codes for admin3 and populated places do not incorporate the unique identifier ("2" for Karmir). The admin2 p-code is from the Ministry of Emergency Situations.*

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Download P-codes in easy to use format
- Advocate for use of P-codes by all humanitarian partners for improved data sharing and analysis
- Integrate P-codes into your datasets to improve quality of data and interoperability