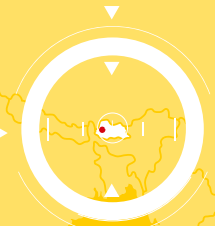


GARD

GET AIRPORTS READY FOR DISASTER
2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



SJJ
Bosnia & Herzegovina



PBH
Bhutan



CGY
Philippines

92

PARTICIPANTS

3 

COUNTRIES

3 

AIRPORTS





Bosnia & Herzegovina

SJJ Sarajevo International Airport
Sarajevo, May – June 2023

Following its introduction to the GARD programme in 2018, **Sarajevo International Airport advanced to the second phase of GARD in 2023 with the implementation of GARD Plus**. This phase involved a comprehensive self-assessment of progress since 2018 and the updating of recommendations to ensure the airport's readiness for disaster.

The GARD Plus workshop was conducted in partnership with the **Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South-Eastern Europe (DPPI-SEE)**, an organization dedicated to regional cooperation and coordination in disaster preparedness and prevention, alongside the **Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina**. Attended by local and national stakeholders, as well as disaster management professionals from seven of DPPI-SEE's member states across South-eastern Europe, the workshop laid the groundwork for the future replication of GARD at other airports throughout the region.



GARD Plus Workshop at Sarajevo International Airport, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Beyond serving as a crucial refresher for airport staff and disaster managers within Bosnia and Herzegovina, the workshop contributed to a broader initiative spearheaded by DPPI-SEE aimed at enhancing the region's preparedness for disasters.

The DPPI-led 'Full-Scale Exercise (FLEX)', held in Bosnia and Herzegovina in October 2023, saw participation from over 170 professionals in a simulation exercise focusing on flooding scenarios. Insights gained from the GARD programme at Sarajevo International were integrated into exercises addressing logistics in emergencies. As part of these exercises, Kim Melville, lead GARD Trainer, led an assessment of surge capacities at Bosnia and Herzegovina's second largest airport, Tuzla International (TZL), highlighting a strong understanding among airport professionals of their critical role in disaster relief operations.



Philippines

CGY Laguindingan Airport
Mindanao, July 2023

Laguindingan Airport is the fourth GARD-trained airport in the Philippines, and the first GARD-trained airport owned by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), whose active role in the preparation, roll-out, and follow-up of GARD has been critical to its success so far. A Technical Working Group has been set up at Laguindingan Airport to implement the GARD action plan over the next 12-months, with support from (and in close collaboration with) CAAP and the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) to integrate the findings of GARD into the airports business continuity and emergency plans.

CAAP are confident that GARD will enhance their response efficiency and streamline the distribution of humanitarian aid during disasters. Consequently, UNDP and DHL Group are steadfastly collaborating with PDRF and CAAP to expand the implementation of GARD to additional airports nationwide in the coming years.



Participants are evaluating Laguindingan Airport's capacity to support a surge in humanitarian aid.

“GARD showed participants the value of strengthening the resiliency of our airports through active collaboration with stakeholders“

“As we establish our fourth GARD-trained airport, we aim for Laguindingan to be a responsive hub for disaster relief distribution during crises and maximize the use of our airports to serve as gateways to the delivery of people, goods, and services“

Eric Apolonio, Spokesperson at CAAP

Bhutan

PBH Paro International Airport
Paro, November – December 2023

Unparalleled for the number and commitment of participants, **GARD at Paro International Airport** trained more than 50 regional, national, and local stakeholders, including key partners from the Department of Air Transport, Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority, Department of Local Governance, Bhutan World Food Programme (WFP), and **Airports Council International for Asia Pacific and the Middle East**. Paro International Airport is considered one of the most perilous airports in the world, with only 17 pilots qualified to fly in and out. GARD training materials were therefore tailored to meet the specific demands of this unique and diverse landscape.

The workshop yielded a set of impactful and actionable recommendations to propel Bhutan further along its journey towards sustained disaster resilience. National owners and partners of the GARD programme are now collaborating to integrate Paro International Airport into Bhutan's overarching disaster preparedness and response framework.



Airport walkabout to assess existing capacities at Paro International Airport (PBH), Bhutan.

“The GARD programme indeed signifies the inaugural step on a long-term journey toward sustained engagement”

Karma Wangchuk,
Department of Air Transport and GARD Owner at PBH



About GARD

GARD is a public-private partnership between the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and **DHL Group** to enhance airport preparedness for response capacities in disaster situations. **Airports Council International (ACI)** is a regional partner of GARD in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). GARD readies airports to operate as logistics hubs for incoming humanitarian aid, relief supplies, and personnel, supporting efficient and effective response efforts.

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