

GARD

GET AIRPORTS READY FOR DISASTER
2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

3 
COUNTRIES

7 
AIRPORTS

214
PARTICIPANTS


Group





Peru

PIO Capitán FAP Renán Elías Olivera International Airport, Pisco, March 2022

IQT Coronel FAP Francisco Secada Vignetta International Airport, Iquitos, July 2022

TRU Capitán FAP Carlos Martínez De Pinillos International Airport, Trujillo, October 2022

TPP Cadete FAP Guillermo del Castillo Paredes, Tarapoto, October 2022

Throughout the year, GARD workshops were held at four airports across Peru, training 154 professionals including airport staff and national authorities.

These workshops form part of a country-wide initiative in Peru led by the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI), with support from the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (BHA/USAID), the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC), airport authorities, and regional and local governments.

Coordinated by UNDP Peru, this initiative is creating a strategic network of disaster-prepared airports and ports across the country, fostering a territorial approach to GARD which can be seen as a global benchmark due to its integrated vision and strong commitment from national authorities and the private sector.

The workshops held in October this year mark the final airports to be trained by GARD Partners in Peru as part of this national project which, since 2014, has seen 11 airports across the country GARD trained.

Strong ownership from national institutions and 36 nationally trained GARD facilitators will now move all trained airports through stages two and three of the GARD Lifecycle.



Honduras

XPL Palmerola International Airport, Comayagua, June 2022

SAP Ramón Villeda Morales International Airport, San Pedro Sula, June 2022

Simultaneous workshops were held at two international airports in Honduras, engaging nearly 40 participants. Palmerola International was built to replace Toncontin International as the main airport in Honduras in December 2021.

GARD was instrumental in assessing the new airport's surge capacity and in optimizing its preparedness systems.

Initial follow-up discussions with GARD Co-owners revealed strengthened collaboration between the airports, government, and other national and local organizations since the workshops.



Philippines

CRK Clark International Airport, Pampanga, November 2022

20 participants were trained during a GARD workshop at Clark International Airport (CRK) in November 2022. The GARD Owner welcomed the recommendations collected in the Action Plan and committed to creating a working group (comprising focal points for each technical area: Airport Operations, Cargo Handling, Passenger Terminal, and Facilities) to implement actions over the coming months.

The success of the workshop at CRK has prompted long-term plans to roll-out GARD at subsequent airports in the Philippines from 2023 onwards. Partners have identified up to 10 airports that could benefit from GARD in the next few years, and the Philippines could soon replicate a territorial model of the programme similar to Peru.

GARD has seen a strong local partner in the form of the **Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF)**, the country's major private sector vehicle and coordinator for disaster risk reduction. PDRF's national network facilitates outreach to important local stakeholders and potential GARD Owners, and PDRF is expected to take an increasingly leading role (with support from UNDP and DHL) in the roll-out and scale-up of GARD across the country. There is also strong interest from the **Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)** to get involved as GARD Owner for the state-run airports that it directly manages.

Strong interest from these institutions is a positive signal for the long-term success of GARD.



“With the GARD workshop, we will be able to systematically assess our capabilities and readiness to address disasters and identify areas where there are opportunities to make improvements...with CRK's new terminal, we already have the facilities but equally important is how to make these facilities relevant during difficult times”

Noel Manankil, CEO of LIPAD and GARD Owner at CRK

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. Over the course of 2022, impact monitoring efforts involving interviews with GARD Owners, informed the refocusing of GARD to leave a lasting impact through improving implementation and follow-up mechanisms and driving impactful communications.

Interviews with GARD Co-owners at Velana International Airport (VLE), Maldives (GARD-trained in August 2017) prompted the publishing of a blog for the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022: Guarding against disaster risk: Airport preparedness takes off in the Maldives.



“GARD has changed the way we look at risk. It brings together diverse stakeholders and has shifted the airport’s priorities for emergency planning” –

Kashif Naseer,
NDMA Maldives and GARD Co-owner at MLE

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