

# GET AIRPORTS READY FOR DISASTER (GARD)

## 2020-2021 RESULTS SNAPSHOT

### RESULTS 2020-2021



**4**  
COUNTRIES



**8**  
AIRPORTS



**208**  
AIRPORT STAFF  
TRAINED

#### Panama, October 2021

GARD Plus and Train the Facilitator were organised at Tocumen International (PTY) and Panamá Pacífico (BLB) airports in Panama. In October 2021, the Airport Assessment Report and Action Plan were updated, and 15 local facilitators trained and certified. GARD Partners are supporting with consultation, Action Plan follow up, and preparing a regional rollout of GARD at Enrique Malek International Airport (DAV) through facilitators trained at this workshop.



#### Jamaica, May 2021

The GARD Workshop at Sangster International Airport (MBJ) in Montego Bay was attended by 17 participants. GARD Partners aim to create an ecosystem of trained airports in the Caribbean, building upon the success of GARD in Montego Bay by connecting trained airports (international airports Las Américas (SDQ) and Cibao (STI) in the Dominican Republic, Luis Muñoz Marín in Puerto Rico, and Sangster in Jamaica) with others in the region to share best practices. Sangster International will share its plan with key stakeholders in the region for better regional coordination during emergencies.



#### Peru, November 2021

Standard GARD was rolled out in two airports (Padre Aldamiz International Airport (PEM), Puerto Maldonado and Rodríguez Ballón International Airport (AQP), Arequipa) and GARD Train the Facilitator in two further airports in Peru (Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport (CUZ), Cusco and FAP Captain David Abensur Rengifo International Airport (PCL), Pucallpa). The national-scale approach to GARD in Peru is considered a successful model because it secured strong engagement from local and regional authorities, facilitated inter-institutional collaboration, and paved the way for nationwide preparedness for critical entry points in the country. Across the four airports, 140 airport staff and disaster managers were trained. In Cusco and Pucallpa, workshops also delivered 29 newly certified facilitators, including airport managers. Newly trained facilitators were involved in subsequent GARD workshops in Puerto Maldonado and Arequipa and will host more trainings across Peru in 2022.

#### Puerto Rico, February 2021

16 participants attended the GARD Workshop at Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU). Team activities, including discussions and report writing, took place in comparatively small groups of four to maintain COVID-19 distancing. This resulted in higher levels of engagement from participants and the delivery of a high-quality Airport Surge Capacity Assessment Report and Action Plan. GARD was followed up by a simulation exercise held at the airport in October 2021, the goal being to exercise all phases of the airport's emergency plan.



▲ 16 Peruvian facilitators were nominated by authorities to attend the GARD Train the Facilitator workshop in Pucallpa.

## ABOUT GARD

GARD is a public-private partnership between UNDP and DP DHL to support airport readiness. It prepares airports to better respond to disaster relief surge, builds capacity by training local people, and enables disaster relief agencies to better plan and coordinate relief efforts.

### RESULTS SINCE 2009



**28**  
COUNTRIES



**60**  
AIRPORTS



**1400+**  
AIRPORT STAFF  
TRAINED

## ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-2021

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic halted face-to-face meetings, calling for a new way of working. The hybrid model of GARD was implemented in 2021 in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. This new format utilised digital tools including Augmented Reality glasses for airport assessments, and video conferencing solutions to connect participants and local trainers on-site with lead trainers elsewhere. Workshops were conducted in smaller group sizes to maintain safe distancing. As a result, there were higher levels of engagement during the airport assessment and group discussions.

In 2021, GARD workshops were held at eight airports in countries of the Americas prone to earthquakes, flooding, landslides, hurricanes/cyclones, and tsunamis. Over two hundred participants were trained (comprising airport staff, national disaster managers, government officials, and others) including 31 local GARD facilitators. At all trained airports, the GARD programme delivered comprehensive Airport Surge Capacity Assessment (ASCA) Reports and corresponding Action Plans to enhance operational capacities. GARD Partner, Airports Council International - Latin America and the Caribbean (ACI-LAC), provided additional support to airports in the implementation of Action Plans. With UNDP-DHL-ACI combining forces, GARD is gaining momentum and planning for 2022 is well underway.



▲ WhatsApp Video Calls and Augmented Reality glasses used for airport assessments.

Airports Council International is a partner of GARD in the Asia Pacific (AP) and the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) regions

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