

GET AIRPORTS READY FOR DISASTER (GARD)

IS YOUR AIRPORT READY IF DISASTER STRIKES?

Airports play a major role in disaster response and humanitarian assistance situations, providing a fast and effective mode of transportation for critical aid. However, airports can quickly become overwhelmed due to the large volume of incoming supplies. This can often delay or stop onward transport that is usually coordinated by national relief agencies.

The **GARD** Programme prepares airports and stakeholders in disaster management to ensure a better response.

This airport preparedness programme begins with a **workshop** where participants undergo experiential learning, with the aim of creating a customized action plan for the airport. Equipped with a clear plan, the airport and stakeholders move on to **implement cost-effective solutions** to cope with unexpected influx of cargo, passengers and flights in an emergency or disaster situation. Within a year, a follow up workshop, **GARD Plus**, is held to validate the action plan.

BENEFITS



Participants are fully involved in creating a tailored action plan for the airport



Cost-effective solutions and achievable within a defined timeline



Airport can manage a sudden 3-fold surge in cargo, passengers, and flights



Networking opportunities with relevant agencies in disaster management

TARGET GROUP

- Selected management representatives from the airport, disaster management agency and international organizations.

DETAILS

- Costs:** Nominal operational costs. DPDHL, UNDP and ACI provide services pro-bono.
- Workshop phase:** Assessment and experiential learning to develop a report and an action plan to boost the airport's surge capacity.
- Implementation phase:** Airport and government authorities work closely to implement the findings developed during the workshop. The airport works on preparing itself as an emergency logistical hub, and the government integrates the airport into the national preparedness plan. During this phase, authorities can seek advice from technical experts within DPDHL, UNDP and ACI.
- Prerequisites:** Readiness of airport and government authorities to implement solutions to enhance airport preparedness over the long term.

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