

Organization Overview

Outreach Aid to the Americas (OAA)/Americas Relief Team (ART)

OAA/ART's Purpose – The purpose of OAA/ART, a non-profit, non-governmental organization, is to provide aid; alleviate the suffering; improve the dignity and quality of life of individuals, families, and communities; and fermenting positive change toward democracy and freedoms. OAA/ART promotes citizen participation in developing sustainable, capable, and more resilient communities.



OAA/ART's Distinction – Our strength is the trust we have earned over more than 30 years of experience (founded in 1994), OAA/ART has proven methodologies and tools to provide capacity building and assistance to vulnerable people and communities through faith-based local partners. OAA/ART targeted interventions improve the lives of the poorest and most disadvantaged people; people who permanently or during crisis do not have the resources to live active and healthy lives.

OAA/ART's Model



OAA/ART's Program

ART, as one of the main initiatives of OAA, has the mission to provide humanitarian logistics assistance and educational programs for disaster victims in the Americas and to develop sustainable programs that establish long-term benefits for those in need. ART focuses on the following three programmatic areas:

- a. *Disaster Preparedness*, by conducting disaster prevention programs in urban centers and ports in Latin America;
- b. *Disaster Response and Aid*, by collaborating with partners to stage and deliver humanitarian aid after a crisis occurs; and
- c. *Humanitarian Assistance* to alleviate human suffering in the Americas.

To help LAC communities respond at the highest possible level during future critical events, ART provides planning, strategy development, and training along with the tools and resources needed to increase local preparedness and self-sufficiency. When disasters strike, ART provides humanitarian logistics assistance to coordinate targeted, efficient relief efforts to reduce the suffering of the most vulnerable people.



With the support of FedEx, ART and its partners developed and implemented the **Community Port Resiliency Program (C-PreP)** to improve the delivery of humanitarian aid and speed economic recovery following a disaster with the mission to elevate the preparedness and resilience of airports, seaports and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region. **C-PreP** works with airports

to assess needs and apply proactive measures to ensure that they are operating at an optimum level to mitigate the impact of extreme events, respond effectively, and restore ordinary operations as quickly as possible. **C-PreP** uses self-assessment, focused planning, and targeted training to prepare airports to respond effectively to extreme events. Then, when a crisis strikes, **C-PreP** focuses on supporting essential employees and their families, engaging rapid damage assessment and repair, and promoting interagency cooperation and mutual aid.

C-PreP seeks to:

- 1) Elevate an airport’s ability to restore function and facilitate efficient delivery of humanitarian aid after a disaster strikes;
- 2) Maintain economic stability and/or hasten a region’s, island’s, or nation’s economic recovery by restoring full airport function as quickly as possible; and
- 3) Reconcile these two intentions to maximize benefits and minimize conflicts.

OAA/ART has implemented several **C-PreP** trainings including:

AIRPORT	CITY	COUNTRY	SITE VISITS/ WORKSHOPS	MAIN HAZARDS
C-PreP 2013				
Las Américas International Airport	Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic	August 2013	Hurricane Earthquake Tsunami Flooding
C-PreP 2014-2016				
Institute of Aviation (ICAO)	Mexico City	Mexico	January 2014	n/a
Manuel Crescencio Rejón International Airport	Merida, Yucatan	Mexico	February 2014 February 2015	Hurricane Flooding Wildfire Smoke
Juan Santamaría International Airport (Liberia International Airport attended)	San José	Costa Rica	August 2015	Volcanic ash Earthquake Flooding Hurricane
Sangster International Airport	Montego Bay	Jamaica	July 2015	Hurricane Flooding
Norman Manley International Airport	Kingston	Jamaica		Hurricane Earthquake Flooding
Ian Fleming International Airport	Ocho Rios	Jamaica		Hurricane Flooding

C-PreP 2017-2018				
International Airports of: - Merida - Cancun - Cozumel - Villahermosa - Manzanillo - Puerto Vallarta	Implemented in Miami, FL	Mexico	May 2017	Hurricanes Earthquake Tsunami
Airgyle International Airport	Kingstown	Saint Vincent and the Granadines	September 2017	Hurricane Volcanic ash Tsunami Flooding
CIFAL/ASUR's "International Hurricane Conference" for 37 airports.	Merida	Mexico	Marzo 2018	Hurricanes
V.C. Bird International Airport	Saint John	Antigua & Barbuda	May – June 2018	Hurricane Volcanic ash Flooding
Hewanorra International Airport	Castries	Saint Lucia		Hurricane Volcanic ash Flooding
Douglas Charles International Airport and Cane Field International Airport	Roseau	Dominica		Hurricane Volcanic ash Flooding
C-PreP 2019-2022				
25 Airports in Mexico including: - Merida, Cancun, Cozumel, Villahermosa, Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta	Merida	Mexico	February 2019 February 2020	Hurricanes
- Luis Munoz Marin - Rafael Hernandez - Las Americas (DR) - Antigua VC Bird - Montego Bay Jam. - Nassau Linden - PuertoVallarta(MX) - El Cabo (MX)	San Juan	Puerto Rico	March 2019	Hurricanes
- Las Americas , La Isabela - Maria Montes, La Romana - Gregorio Luperon, Juan BoschEl Catey, Cibao Santiago - 6 Mexican airports	Virtual	Dominican Republic	June 2020	Disasters and COVID-19
45 Airports of 16 countries, including Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Colombia, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Spain	Virtual	Mexico	April 2021 and March 2022	Hurricanes and COVID-19
50 participants, one port and three airports.	Georgetown	Guyana	July 2022	Natural Disasters Tsunami Flooding
100 participants, one port and two airports.	Paramaribo	Suriname	July 2022	Natural Disasters Tsunami Flooding
65 Airports in Mexico including: Merida, Cancun, Cozumel, Villahermosa, Baja California, Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta	Merida	Mexico	March 2023	Hurricanes
2 Ports (Amber Cove Port, and Cibao) and 13 airports, including La Romana, Las Americas, La Isabela, Maria Montes, Gregorio Luperon, El Catey.	Puerto Plata	Dominican Republic	May 2023	Regional preparations and disaster management
Several airport in the US and the Caribbean	United States and the Caribbean		June 2023	Provided to FAA in coordination with ICAO, WFP, and IATA

Map of C-PReP Conducted Trainings.



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