

BENEFITS



1. Faster deployment time due to proximity, availability and less visa restrictions
2. Skilled and trained staff - ability to retain capacity in the region
3. More cost-effective than international deployment
4. Culturally sensitive support
5. Familiar with the context and, in some cases, the language



ASIA RESPONSE TEAM (ART)



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WHO ARE WE?

The Asia Response Team is a gender-balanced and reliable group of trained personnel who offer a fast and reliable humanitarian surge resources to country team in Asia



GOAL

The Asia region is able to provide **timely, appropriate, and quality** humanitarian assistance to disaster and conflict-affected population

OBJECTIVES

To increase the **quality, speed and impact** of Oxfam's emergency response in Asia through the development of:

1. Region-specific, **predictable** and **effective** targeted staff resource
2. A mechanism to **rapidly** deploy these resources.



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ART CAN BE DEPLOYED WITHIN 72 HRS.


What ART will support the country team?

- ✓ **Conduct rapid assessments** anywhere within the region within the first phase of an emergency
- ✓ **Design, set up and implement emergency responses** with a focus on food security and livelihoods, public health and humanitarian advocacy
- ✓ **Prepare, plan and manage the handover of activities** to the country team, and work closely with partners
- ✓ **Integrate gender, protection and beneficiary accountability** in program design and implementation

14 SECTORAL AREAS

- * CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST (CTP)
- * EMERGENCY FOOD SECURITY VULNERABLE LIVELIHOODS (EESVL)
- * FINANCE
- * FUNDING
- * GENDER
- * HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)
- * INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
- * KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (KM)
- * LOGISTICS
- * MEDIA ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS (MAC)
- * MONITORING EVALUATION ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING (MEAL)
- * PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (PM)
- * WASH PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING (PHE)
- * WASH PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION (PHP)

FUNCTIONS



ART is a regional surge team of up to 30 current Oxfam staff from across country programmes in Asia who can be rapidly deployed to work along side and support country teams and partners.



APPROACH

Oxfam International and the **START Network¹** joined forces on 4th of October 2017. Along with ActionAid, Care, Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, Plan International and Save the Children, Oxfam is now part of the **Transforming Surge Capacity Project²**. This is an ambitious initiative and a real example of international agencies working together: a large international roster of specialists in and out of Asia coming from all the partner agencies will be on stand-by to be deployed to emergency responses and support on-going humanitarian work. Oxfam is part of the core group, managing their Regional Roster – **Go Team Asia (GTA)** and providing support to keep the consortium on track with their commitments.

PARTNERSHIP WITH GTA



Go Team Asia (GTA) is having more than 50 roster members across 10 countries in Asia. There are 6 functions in GTA as follows:



Cash Programming



Logistics and Supply Chain



Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL)



Water & Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)



Monitor & Evaluation/Accountability & Learning (MEAL)



Inclusion, Protection and Gender

Both ART and GTA can request support from one another and this means that we have a large pool of experts and trained staff who are ready to be deployed within 72 hours to work alongside and support the country teams in emergencies.

FOOTNOTE:

1. www.startnetwork.org
2. <https://startnetwork.org/start-engage/transforming-surge-capacity>