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

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.

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.

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

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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

Oxfam International and the START Network 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 Project. 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 ongoing 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.

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)
- Inclusion, Protection and Gender
- Monitor & Evaluation/Accountability & Learning (MEAL)

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