



HART CY2024 Summary

The Center delivered ten Humanitarian Assistance and Response Training (HART) courses in CY2024, producing a total of 329 graduates. The flagship HART-Disasters (HART-D) course was presented eight times to 256 students, while the HART-Conflict (HART-C) course was presented twice to 73 students. Eleven courses were initially scheduled, but one canceled on short notice due to an emerging mission. All deliveries were in-person.



Both courses are designed to inform the students, both civilian and military professionals, of their role in civilian-led humanitarian assistance operations and complex civil-military operations. The curriculums utilize theory grounded by U.S. Department of Defense joint doctrine, guidance from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), and generally accepted international norms on humanitarian assistance and civil-military coordination. Case studies, small group practical applications, and role-playing exercises enhance lectures by civilian and military subject matter experts. Students develop a better understanding of the humanitarian partner perspective via invited guest instructors from International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and World Food Programme (UNWFP), and different various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

CY2024 HART Program Highlights

CY2024 started in San Diego with support to Pacific Fleet's Pacific Partnership FY24 Exercises. The next course HART-D course supported the INDOPACOM JTF 505 (HADR) response force, the Marines in Okinawa, keeping to an established rhythm of winter and fall offerings. The instructor team also conducted an office call with Brigadier General Hall, commanding general of the 3d MEB. This year we continued the back-to-back format of presenting HART-D and HART-C courses to USINDOPACOM staff and surrounding units with positive feedback from students noting how the topics logically build to deliver impactful training. As requested, we returned to SOUTHCOM prior to the start of hurricane season to deliver a HART-D course.

In July we delivered a HART-D to the Hawaii National Guard Joint Staff (HING) in Honolulu, HI. The HING Director of Joint Staff, Brigadier General Ross delivered the opening remarks highlighting how this training would reinforce HING's missions and enhance HING's work with Indonesia and the Philippines through the State Partnership program. Coordinating through CFE-DM's Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance Advisor, JUSMAGTHAI in Bangkok hosted a HART-D course for all the security cooperation and forward-deployed DoD, DoS personnel, and partners in the region. I Corps, G9 continued to be a committed partner by hosting HART-D and HART-C courses in the spring and fall respectively. A HART-D course was on the schedule with ARSOUTH, however due to dynamic mission requirements, they had to cancel on short notice. ARSOUTH is now a priority for the CY2025 schedule.

We welcomed our partner instructors from USAID/BHA in 8 of 10 courses and increased our slate of guest instructors from our humanitarian partners (IFRC, ICRC, UNOCHA, UNWFP, and various NGOs).

Additionally, the online HART-Disasters course offered on the Joint Knowledge Online (JKO) platform was completed by 16,778 students in calendar year 2024.

CY2024 Schedule		
JAN	HART-D	Pacific Partnership '24, San Diego, CA
FEB	HART-D	III MEF, Okinawa, Japan
MAR	HART-D	INDOPACOM, Honolulu, HI
	HART-C	
APR	HART-D	SOUTHCOM, Miami, FL
MAY	HART-D	I Corps/G9 JBLM, Lakewood, WA
JULY	HART-D	Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu, HI
AUG	HART-D	JUSMAGTHAI, Bangkok, Thailand
OCT	HART-C	I Corps/G9 JBLM, Lakewood, WA
NOV	HART-D	III MEF, Okinawa, Japan



The HART-D course prepares United States military commanders and their staffs to respond more effectively during civilian-led humanitarian assistance and foreign disaster response missions. The two and a half day, operational-level training course focuses on applying the military planning and decision-making process to the unique circumstances associated with a Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) operation in response to a natural disaster.

“I would tell anyone who may be tasked to participate in any humanitarian mission that this course is A MUST. HART-D gives a clear understanding of how to plan for and conduct FDR operations.”

HART-D Student, SOUTHCOM, Miami, FL

“This course should be required training for military planners in the INDOPACOM AOR. In the most disaster-prone geographic COCOM, planners need to be well-versed in the whole government response to foreign disasters to best support critical allies and partners.”

HART-D Student, INDOPACOM, Hawaii

“This 3-day investment will better prepare staff and planners for foreign disaster response missions, that are frankly not widely discussed in most DOD orgs. The opportunity to learn from instructors who have successfully conducted FDR missions, from humanitarians that have worked with DOD during FDR, and other students is invaluable.”

HART-D Student, JUSMAGTHAI, Bangkok, Thailand

HART-Disasters Course Topics

- DoD role in Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA)
- USAID BHA Role in FHA/Foreign Disaster Relief (FDR) & interaction with DoD
- FDR Operating Environment (Disasters)
- The International Humanitarian Response Community
- Role of Affected State
- Civil-Military Coordination, Mil-Mil Coordination in FDR, Use of Foreign Militaries
- DoD Capabilities & Challenges in Response Logistics
- Information Sharing for FDR
- Planning Considerations / USINDOPACOM FHA CONPLAN
- Selected Case Studies: 2021 & 2010 Haiti Earthquake Responses // 2015 Nepal Earthquake, Operation Sahayogi Haat // 2014 Ebola-West Africa, Operation Unified Assistance // Other selected case studies

The HART-C course prepares the US joint force for supporting, and when necessary, conducting humanitarian assistance before, during, and after combat operations. Beyond delivery of humanitarian assistance, the 4-day course presented the protection of civilian dimensions of a conflict and the reasons why these need to be fully incorporated as military planning considerations at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels.



HART-Conflict Course Topics

- Humanitarian Challenges in Conflict
- International Humanitarian Community
- Humanitarian Analysis, Plans, & Security
- Civil-military coordination mechanisms
- Humanitarian Notification System
- Protection of civilians/ large scale civilian displacement
- Cross-border/Cross-Line Humanitarian Access
- Case study on major urban operations in Mosul
- Subject Matter Experts Panel Discussion
- Civilian Harm Mitigation & Response (CHMR)
- Future DPRK scenario analysis of potential contingencies

“The wealth of knowledge and diverse experience that the instructors possess and interactive nature of the course provides a great learning environment for students to gain a better understanding of HA in complex emergencies.”

HART-C Student, INDOPACOM, Hawaii

“Outstanding course! In an increasingly volatile world, we {DOD} need to be ready to effectively answer the call for Humanitarian Assistance during conflict. HART-C provides the context and background to help me reevaluate how my unit should prepare this type of mission.”

HART-C Student, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA

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JAN	HART-D	95th CA Bde, Ft Liberty, Fayetteville, NC	AUG	HART-D	JUSMAGTHAI, Bangkok, Thailand
FEB	HART-D	Pacific Partnership 25, Honolulu, HI III MEF, Okinawa, Japan	OCT	HART-C	I Corps/G9, JBLM, Lakewood, WA
MAR	HART-D	ARSOUTH, San Antonio, TX USINDOPACOM, Honolulu, HI	SEP	HART-D	III MEF, Okinawa, Japan
APR	HART-C	USINDOPACOM, Honolulu, HI	TBD	HART-D	621st CRW, Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
	HART-D	SOUTHCOM, Miami, FL	TBD	HART-D	AFRICOM/EUCOM, Stuttgart, Germany
MAY	HART-D	I Corps/G9, JBLM, Lakewood, WA	TBD	HART-D	Defense Security Cooperation Univ, Wash, DC
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