

Thanks to all key stakeholders for their continued constructive support to GDACS, which was essential for the “needs-driven” evolution of its services



“...and many more!”

## The driving force behind GDACS' achievements

The success of this project has relied significantly on the invaluable dedication and technical expertise of the individuals below



Mr. Tom de Groeve, EC/JRC, instrumental in establishing GDACS from 2004 to 2011, active supporter of GDACS within the European Commission Joint Research Centre until present



Mr. Thomas Peter, developer of the Virtual OSOCC, GDACS secretariat from 2004 to present. GDACS Chairman from 2005 to 2010



Mr. Einar Bjorgo, Director, UNOSAT, GDACS partner from 2004 to present



Mr. Peter Billing, DG ECHO (retired in Aug. 2022), GDACS Chairman from 2010 to 2014



Mr. Alessandro Annunziato, EC/JRC, GDACS Chairman from 2019 - 2023



Mr. Luca Dell'Oro, UNITAR/UNOSAT, Managing the developments of the GDACS-SMCS




Mr. Samir Belabbes, UNOSAT, supports GDACS-SMCS implementation from 2013 to present




Ms. Pamela Probst, JRC (2010-2021) and Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss (2021-2024): tropical cyclones/storm surge modelling and impact estimation systems, data processing/visualization, maps/reports/expert advice for humanitarian agencies and support to the WMO Coordination Mechanism (WCM)



Ms. Sarah Muscroft, Chief of the Branch in OCHA that hosts the GDACS Secretariat (2023 – present) supports and promotes GDACS with partners and donors, such as members States and regional organisations



Mr. Arjun Katoch, former Chief of Section in OCHA that hosted the GDACS Secretariat (1999-2009) when the Virtual OSOCC and GDACS were conceived and created




Ms. Chiara Proietti, EC/JRC, working on GDACS since 2018, supervising and contributing to the developments of the Multi Hazard Early Warning System component (MHEWS)




Mr. Artavazd Davtyan, Armenia, GDACS Chairman from 2014 to 2019



Ms. Marzia Sartini, EC/JRC, member of the GDACS team since 2018, Chairwoman from 2023 to present



Mr. Rudi Müller, former Chief of Branch that hosted the GDACS Secretariat (2010 to 2020), who supported and promoted GDACS with partners and donors, such as members States and regional organisations



Mr. Gerhard Putman-Cramer, former Chief of the Branch (1996 - 2009) in OCHA that hosted the GDACS Secretariat, Chairman of the GDACS inaugural meeting in 2004, who supported and promoted GDACS with partners and donors, such as members States and regional organisations




Mr. Justin Ginetti, IFRC, instrumental in establishing GDACS-IFRC collaboration in the years




Mr. Rolf Bakken, assisted in developing the GDACS guidelines in 2013/14




Ms. Lorena Abalos, GDACS Secretariat (2008 to present)




Mr. Olafur Rögnvaldsson, SARWeather, supported emergencies with localized weather forecasts on the Virtual OSOCC disasters as of 2011




Mr. Nabil Salhani, Civil Protection, Lebanon, translated the Virtual OSOCC web page into Arabic. Nabil has been a strong supporter of GDACS since its creation in 2004




Mr. Stefano Paris, EC/JRC, "guardian of GDACS", the man behind GDACS alerts and impact estimations since 2010, develops the algorithms for GDACS data processing and display on the website




Mr. Cyrille Honoré, Director, DRR and Public Services Branch, WMO, led WMO's engagement and support to humanitarian action and cooperation with GDACS since 2018




Ms. Amy Rhoades, IOM, initiated and implemented GDACS/IOM collaboration on the security communications platform SCAAN (Security Communications and Analysis Network) since 2016



Mr. Jesus San-Miguel, EC/JRC him and his team are behind the scientific processing of wildfires in GDACS




Mr. Peter Salamon, EC/JRC, him and his team are behind the scientific processing of floods in GDACS




Mr. Öcal Necmioğlu, EC/JRC, supported GDACS alert and impact estimation development in the period 2021 to 2023 (now employed at UNESCO/IOC).



Mr. Harald Skinnemon, Harald Skinnemoen, AnsuR, ASIGN, Geo-Pictures, B-SURE




Ms. Olimpia Imperiali: GDACS desk officer in ECHO, responsible for continuous development of GDACS under the UCPM (2009 – 2022)



Mr. Jaime Abad Pérez: GDACS desk officer in ECHO, responsible for the continuous development of GDACS under the UCPM (2023 – onwards)




Ms. Maryam Golnaraghi, former Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction at the WMO, served as the focal point for GDACS (2007-2013) and established GDACS WMO cooperation that lasts until present




Mr. Sebastian Rhodes-Stampa, Chief of Section that hosted the GDACS Secretariat (2021 –present)




Mr. Ionut Homeag: Team Leader of the ERCC




Mr. Andrea Toreti, EC/JRC, him and his team are behind the scientific processing of droughts in GDACS




Mr. Jesper Lund, former Chief of the Section that hosted the GDACS secretariat (2015 to 2020)




Ms Anne-Claire Fontan, Scientific Officer of the WMO Tropical Cyclone Programme




Mr Jean-François Pekel leads the On-demand Mapping team of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service contributing to GDACS through the mapping products




Mr. Luca Vernaccini, GIS specialist at EC/JRC from 2006 to 2013, contributed to the development of the first disaster impact models for near-real time estimation of humanitarian needs




Mr. Gianluigi Franchello, EC/JRC, GDACS developer from 2009 to 2013 (Modelling propagation waves from severe meteo-related events)




Mr Spyros Afentoulidis: Team Leader of ERCC Analytical team, responsible for the UCPM support to the continuous development of GDACS (2022 – onwards)



Mr. Ioannis Andredakis, EC/JRC, developer of GDACS early warning algorithms from 2012 to 2017




Mr. Thomas Kemper is leading the Global Human Settlement Layer project at the EC/JRC. The GHSL data are used in GDACS to estimate the potentially affected population in a disaster situation




Ms. Edem Wosornu, Chief of Branch in OCHA (2021 to 2023) that hosted the GDACS secretariat, who supported and promoted GDACS with partners and donors, such as members States and regional organisations



Mr. Terjhe Skavdal, former Chief of Section that hosted the GDACS Secretariat (2011 to 2014). "GDACS was, and still is, instrumental in ensuring a timely mobilization of the humanitarian community responding to sudden onset disasters"



Mr. Alois Hirschmugl, former General in the Austrian Army, consultant, organizer of Civil Military Coordination and EU Civil Protection Mechanism courses and exercises, promoted GeoPictures and GDACS methodology widely through these training events



Mr. Gavin Iley, Head of International Response at the Met Office, promoted and introduced GDACS disaster analysis and related information among stakeholders in the Anticipatory Action & Response arena

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