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Dr. Ciro Ugarte, a national of Peru, received his medical degree from the Mayor National University of San Marcos. He conducted post graduate studies on Public Health, Emergency and Disasters Medicine and multiple studies in Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness and Response.

Dr. Ugarte served as Deputy Director General at the National Institute of Occupational Health in Peru, Director General of the Office of National Defense of the Ministry of Health of Peru, President of the Peruvian Society of Emergency Medicine, Official Representative of the Peruvian Government to the International Committee of the Red Cross, Member of the National Committee of the Peruvian Red Cross Society, consultant of the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, and member of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team.

Dr. Ugarte coordinated the United Nations Inter-Agency Disaster Team in Honduras, and served subsequently as PAHO/WHO Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief Advisor for South America based in Ecuador, and as Regional Advisor based in Washington DC. Since 2013 he is serving as the Director of the Department of on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief of the Pan American Health Organization, currently renamed as Department of Health Emergencies.

Dr. Ugarte has extensive experience in Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency preparedness and Disaster Response. He coordinated the implementation of public health measures and health care at national and international levels in case of earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, severe floods, El Nino Phenomenon, landslides, hazardous materials incidents, armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, taking of hostages, chemical emergencies, mass gatherings, meetings of Head of States, epidemics of cholera, yellow fever, dengue, malaria and hepatitis, pandemic influenza H1N1 2009 in Mexico, among others.

He is the author of numerous publications and articles on vulnerability reduction in health facilities, hospital disaster planning, outbreaks and epidemics preparedness and response, health impact of earthquakes, damage and needs assessment, national contingency planning, safe hospitals and others.