



CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING ICAO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES (PHE) SARP_s. THE NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE

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STATISTICS

- ❖ Total land mass area of 923,768 sq m
- ❖ Population of 138,283,000 (approximately 140 million)
- ❖ 32 Airports – of which 4 are major International airports

MAP OF NIGERIA

AIRPORT LOCATIONS IN NIGERIA



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Nigeria: Journey so far

- ❖ **Nigeria, first country in Africa to commence CAPSCA activities with Airport Assistance Visits: - Lagos and
- Abuja Airports Feb 2009**
- ❖ **1st CAPSCA Africa Steering Committee Meeting Abuja - Feb 2009**
- ❖ **During the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, good collaboration existed between Aviation/ Public Health stakeholders in Nigeria as a result of the airport visits**
- ❖ **Second CAPSCA Global Coordination Meeting Abuja 11th – 13th October 2011**

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CHALLENGES

Main Challenges

- Need for continuous inter and intra sectoral collaboration between the health and aviation sectors at national ,regional and local level.
- Education on the concept of CAPSCA in both health and aviation sectors at all levels.
- Required amendments of Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations to include updates of relevant health related ICAO SARPs .
 - ICAO Annexe 11(Air Traffic Services)
 - ICAO Annexe 14 (Airports & Aerodromes)
 - ICAO Annexe 9 (Facilitation)
 - ICAO Annexe 6 (Operations)

Main Challenges

- Implementation of health related ICAO SARPs in the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations by all relevant agencies e.g.:
 - ✓ Service Providers - Air Navigation Services
 - Airport Operators
 - ✓ Airlines
- Putting in place an Aviation Pandemic Preparedness Plan and incorporation into the National Pandemic Preparedness Plan

Main Challenges

- Ensuring that relevant aviation service providers have in place requirements that respond to protocol questions on pandemic preparedness in the ICAO Audit Continuous Monitoring Approach(CMA).
- Political will
- Logistical Support – Funds, Working tools

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❖ IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Implementation Strategies

- Continuous inter and intra sectoral collaboration between the health and aviation sectors at national, regional and local level.

Continuous Follow up meetings at all levels:

- FAAN (Airport Operator)
 - NAMA (Air Navigation Service provider)
 - FMOH (Health Ministry)
 - Airline Operators,
 - Immigration, Custom Services, Baggage Handling Companies
 - Hospitals within the Airport vicinity
 - and other security Agencies and stakeholders
- Improved education on the concept of CAPSCA in both health and aviation sectors at all levels.

The hosting by Nigeria of CAPSCA related activities has been of immense assistance in furthering collaboration and education on the concepts of CAPSCA.

Implementation Strategies

- Amendments of Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations(Nig. CARs) to include relevant related ICAO SARPs .
 - ICAO Annexe 11(in the Nig. CARs- Airports & Aerodromes Regulations)
 - ICAO Annexe 14 (in the Nig. CARs- Airports & Aerodromes Regulations)
 - ICAO Annexe 9 (in the Nig. CARs- Air Transport Regulations)
 - ICAO Annexe 6 (in the Nig. CARs)

Regulations on aerodromes , economic regulations and consumer protection are in the process of update. The necessary inclusions have been made in the last few months. Soon to be published.

- Putting in place an Aviation Pandemic Preparedness Plan and incorporation into the National Pandemic Preparedness Plan

Recent meetings in Abuja with FMOH/WHO on IHR including POE's brought to the fore the crucial input from the CAPSCA initiative which was recognised when Nigeria was seeking extension for implementation of core capacities.

This is really work in progress and has strengthened the collaboration between aviation/public health sectors.

Implementation Strategies

- Implementation of relevant related ICAO SARPs in the regulations.
 - ✓ Service Providers - Air Navigation Services
 - Airport Operators
 - This is on going as we await the publication of the update regulations.
 - ✓ Airlines
 - The CAA is in the process of assisting Nigerian carriers in fine tuning a template for them to adopt regarding SOP's for their cabin crew, cleaning agency. Still in a draft form .
 - ✓ Baggage handlers - SOP's in place. Developed prior to the 2011 airport assistance visit

Implementation Strategies

- Ensuring that the relevant aviation service providers have implemented requirements to ensure that protocol questions in the Continuous Monitoring Approach(CMA) relating to pandemic preparedness are addressed
 - response to relevant protocol questions by service providers is adding impetus to implementation
- **Political will**
 - very necessary
- **Logistical Support**
 - Political will translates to provision of funds and necessary logistics support.

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SUMMARY

New concepts require:

- Reinforcement of ideas and sensitization
- Political will
- Logistics Support for activities

We will succeed

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