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Welcome to BARBADOS
West Indies
A Replica of CAPSCA
SUN, SAND & SEA
BARBADOS

- **Head of State**: HM Queen Elizabeth II,
- Represented by the
- Governor-General Sir Elliott Belgrave GCMG KA

- **Prime Minister**: The Honorable Freundel Jerome Stuart QC MP

- **Minister of Health**: The Honorable Donville Inniss

- **Chief Medical Officer**: Dr. Joy St. John
• Barbados is a small paradise island.
• Total population is approx. 315,000.
• Highest density population in the Americas.
• Total area 430 sq km.
• Democratic & elected Government.
• Politically strong.
• Barbados dollar tied to US dollar. 1US$=2BDS$.
Capital: Bridgetown
Population: 92,000
BARBADOS

Language:  English

Religion(s):
  Protestant 67% (Anglican 40%, Pentecostal 8%, Methodist 7%, Roman Catholic 4%, others 12%, (e.g. Jewish, Muslims etc) none 17%.

Main Religious Event:  Christmas.

Government:
  Barbados is an independent state within the British Commonwealth.

  It has a bicameral parliament consisting of a House of Assembly and a Senate.
  Executive power is vested in the Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister.

The legal system is based on Common Law.
Oldest Parliament in The Americas
Geography

- Most of the island is relatively flat.
- Low and gentle hills in the interior, which rises up to 340 metres.
- All coasts has white sandy beaches and turquoise waters.
- Coral reefs surround most of the island.
ECONOMY

MAINLY TOURISM
Turquoise blue waters
Aquamarine blue waters with white sandy beaches
Local Cruise
Beautiful Caves
Major Public Event

CROP OVER FESTIVAL
PORT HEALTH IN BARBADOS
VISION

INFECTIOUS DISEASES FREE

BARBADOS
AIM
TO MAKE OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, BARBADOS
A HEALTHY, WEALTHY, GODLY AND DEVELOPED NATION
BY
PREVENTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES
IN
PORTS
(POINTS OF ENTRY)
BARBADOS

Major Ports : 3

Airport: 1

Seaports: 2
Bridgetown Port
Port St. Charles
Your first stop in paradise.

- Small Island – Busiest Airport in the Caribbean
- It is a major gateway to the islands of the Eastern Caribbean, including exotic tropical Barbados with high standards of IHR.
- ICAO – CAPSCA certified Air Port.
- Direct international flights link the island with North & South America and Europe.
- Cargo flights: All over the world (Including from Chile)
- New Air Port - Modern amenities
GAI Airport - Barbados
Present - GAI Airport
Future - (Test Flights)

The Boeing 747-8 taxiing at Grantley Adams International Airport

The Boeing 787-800 taxiing at GAIA
FUNCTIONS – “Replica of CAPSCA”

Implementation of -

• Barbados Quarantine Act
• Enforcement of Barbados Port Health rules and regulations.
• ICAO - CAPSCA
• WHO Guidelines – IHR
CORE CAPACITY – DESIGNATED PORTS POINTS OF ENTRY (PoE)

- BARBADOS QUARANTINE ACT, 1947 COVERS MANY OF ARTICLES IN IHR
- CORE CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS ARE EXTERNALLY DRIVEN.
- IN ANNEX 1 IHR 2005
- ARTICLES 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 34 & 34
- BARBADOS THE QUARANTINE ACT being revised TO SUIT IHR and ICAO - CAPSCA.
- ICAO- CAPSCA - Annex 6, 9, 11 and 13
BARBADOS

Action Plan

Based on WHO’s seven (7) strategic actions to guide IHR (2005) implementation in Barbados.
Strategy 1

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP
FOSTER GLOBAL/REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

• Barbados has established global partnerships with PAHO/WHO, CDC and CAPSCA.

  Attended and hosted several workshops - Regional & International.
  Inspection of vessels for the issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates.

• Assisting neighbouring territories with their port health (Air Port) programmes.

• An out front in the response to the influenza H1NI outbreak, developing a protocol on the cruise ships, Air to Sea passengers which involved vessels mailing their health declarations 24 and 12 hours before arrival in port.
Global Partnership
Internal/International

Collaboration & Technical Support - CARICOM

- Veterinary
- Agriculture
- Travel
- Trade
- Education
- Defense
Strategy -2

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL CAPACITY
• Chief Medical Officer : Head - IHR Focal Point, Port Health.

• Barbados has good national disease surveillance, prevention, control and response systems.- Senior Medical Officer (N) (Epidemiologist)

• The Ministry of Health has established a Disaster Management Health Response Team. Its coordinator, Senior Medical Officer (S) is responsible for its management with public, private hospitals, stake holders and Ministry of Health.

• Strengthen since 2005 during Cricket World Cup. Attended Sub regional workshops and surveillance meetings to strengthen national focal points.

• Evaluated the core capacities necessary for the public health emergencies at the points of entry.

• Protocols revised and modified for emerging and reemerging diseases.
Strategy-2

• Barbados has had several sensitization sessions with local stakeholders on various aspects of the IHR.

• IHR assessment tools have been widely distributed among stakeholders.

• Deadly Infectious Disease (DID) workshop and an simulation exercise was conducted in April 2009 just before the outbreak of influenza A H1N1 in Mexico.
These sessions involved a wide-cross section of stakeholders from both the private and public sectors including disaster management, tourism, international transport & trade, civil aviation, immigration, customs, agriculture & veterinary, police and defence. It was hosted by the Medical Officers of Health of the island.

Table top and Simulation exercises were conducted before and after the H1N1 Pandemic.

During H1N1 pandemic, Surveillance, Prevention, Control and Response systems were fully activated. At the end it was assessed and found to be a great success.
Assessment & Medical Care, Staff and Equipment

Quarantine/Isolation STATIONS

- Bridgetown Port – completed & in operation
- Airport: New Q S Established
IHR implementation at ports, airports and ground crossings

PREVENTION

Containing known public health risks

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EARLY WARNING

Detecting relevant health events

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RESPONSE

Responding to public health emergencies

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Risk management

Routine control of “Sanitary conditions” at points of entry and conveyances

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Risk assessment

Inspection, screening, Information and verification

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Event management

Support to investigation and contingency plans to adopt control measures

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Conveyances inspection programmes and control measures
Strategy 3

Strengthen public health security in travel and transport:

• The risk of international spread of disease is minimized through effective and established permanent public health measures and response capacity at points of entry.
• The regional workshop for health security for travelers and conveyances was held in Barbados for English speaking countries.
• The core capacity tools were placed, assessed & tested and was successful in Barbados.
Core capacity requirements at all times (routine)

(a) Assessment and Medical care, staff & equipment

(b) Equipment & personnel for transport

(c) Trained personnel for inspection of conveyances

(d) Ensure safe environment: water, food, waste, wash rooms & other potential risk areas - inspection programmes

(e) Trained staff and programme for vector control
Medical Equipment & Transport

• Transport of ill persons by Gov’t & Private ambulances.

• G.A.I. Airport Inc has a special arrangement (ambulance) on site for non-communicable diseases.
Con - Strategy 3

- Event Management System was adapted for use in the National Focal Points and operational guidelines were prepared.
- Our Port Health Officers were trained in ship sanitation inspection procedures and issuance of ship sanitation control certificates.
- Trained in Miami, USA and England.
Infectious diseases e.g. Norovirus & ILI

- Specially trained staff in designated places (Entry/ Exit, Cargo and Animal Importation Places).
- Transport vehicles are disinfected.
- Patients are reviewed by Polyclinic personnel.
- Cleaned and disinfected using recommended chemicals in required places. (CDC guidelines)
- Protocols are developed and in place.
INSPECTION PROGRAMMES:

• Water samples go to the laboratory for analysis.

• Regular meetings with potable water stakeholders e.g. Barbados Water Authority, (BWA) and at points of entry.

• Regular food handling establishment inspection programme including Barbados Flight Kitchen. (BFK).

• Daily Inspection Programme for PoE by the Ministry of Health and stakeholders.
Trained staff and Programme for Vector Control

- Trained staff provide vertical programmes for vector control
- An integrated pest management programme is being planned with EHS Vector Control for PoE including trapping to identify various vectors present at PoE.
- Birds in Bridgetown Port
Strategy 4

Strengthen WHO global alert and response systems

The Ministry of Health has established global alert and response systems through PAHO’s regional office and CARICOM Health Desk.

Chief Medical Officer and Senior Medical Officers of Health are updated periodically.
An Alert Responsive team has been established in the Ministry of Health. The Senior Medical Officer of Health (N) and her team is responsible

In an event, the Alert management team holds daily sessions to review and assess the risk/s. If it is of significance, alert notice will be released

Risks assessment and response coordination of public health emergencies of international concern are updated periodically to the concerned departments.
Ministry of Health has established a local network and data entry system.

The risk assessment, decisions, and interventions will be carried out accordingly.

All Port Health departments were connected to modern electronic facilities. (e.g. High speed internet and tele-communications devices)
STRATEGY 5

Strengthen the management of specific risks:

- Systematic international and national management of the risks known to threaten international health security.
- Influenza, meningitis, yellow fever, SARS, poliomyelitis and food contamination risk managements were strengthened.
- Chemical and radioactive substances risk managements activities are on the way with concerned stake holders.
Strategy – 5

Strengthen the management of specific risk.

- Barbados established National and International management of risks which threaten international security. e.g. H1N1 pandemic.

- A new section of epidemiology and risk assessment and intervention management team has been established during the pandemic season in the National Epi & Surveillance division to assist the risk management.

- A special guidelines and protocols were prepared for port Health.
• Contaminated reusable patient care equipment should be placed in bio-hazard bags and labeled for cleaning and disinfection at the AMT service medical equipment section.

• Reusable equipment should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's instructions.

• Following completion of cleaning tasks, including cleaning and disinfection of reusable equipment, cleaning personnel should carefully remove and dispose of personal protective gear and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
Pandemic Strain Emergence: Direct Infection vs. Reassortment
Management of Specific Risks

Specific risks assessment will be done by the Port Health Department.

For further medical assistance, the passengers will be sent to Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), private hospitals, Primary Health Care Institutions (Polyclinics) or General physicians.

Specific Risks assessment protocols are developed and are in place.
Strategy 6
Legal Issues and Monitoring

• Barbados is well aware of the legal mechanisms set out by the WHO.
• Sustain rights, obligations and procedures

• Ministry of Health Officials attended the first workshop of legal advisers from English-speaking Caribbean countries was held in Barbados in 2009.

• The Ministry officials determined the priority areas WHO guidelines and decided to accelerate the amendment process with the Attorney General’s office and PAHO soon.
LEGAL ISSUES & MONITORING
Revision of Legislation

1. Ministry of Environmental Protection Department (EPD)
2. Ministry of Health
   • Best Environmental Protection.
   • Implement best practices for food Industry & imported foods.
   • Guarantee human rights, Ship Sanitation Certificate programme & other aspects of IHR and CAPSCA
Called by many "the most beautiful spot on earth"

with the most dramatic setting in the Caribbean

Spectacular powder-soft white sand that can look pink in certain lights, and endless ocean views. CRANE - It is one of top ten beaches of the world-
“Life Styles of the Rich and Famous”
STRATEGY 6

Sustain rights, obligations and procedures

• New legal mechanisms as set out in the Regulations which are fully developed and upheld; all professionals involved in implementing IHR (2005) have a clear understanding of, and sustain, the new rights, obligations and procedures laid out in the Regulations.
STRATEGY 7

Conduct studies and monitor progress:

- In Barbados, indicators are identified and collected regularly to monitor and evaluate IHR (2005) and ICAO - CAPSCA implementation.
- Port Health Reports are delivered to the Ministry of Health periodically.
- The Ministry of Health reports on progress to the World Health Assembly.
Radio Nuclear – Implementation on the way
Existing Law/Ordinance/Bill Related to Radiation Sources

- Radiation Protection Act CAP 353A 1971
- Customs Act 1963 as amended 2010
- Miscellaneous Controls (Importation and Exportation of Goods) (Prohibition) (Radioactive Materials) Regulations, 2004,
- Customs (List of Prohibited and Restricted Imports and Exports) Order, 2009, paragraphs 3, 5(2), Second Schedule
Existing Regulations Related to Radiation Sources

- Local Hospital Radiation Rules 2004
- Importation License granted by the Environmental Protection Department (permission given through the Miscellaneous Customs Act)
Radiation Sources- Main Gaps and Challenges

- Most of the sources used in industrial applications are owned by private companies.
- The number, type, activity and quantity of radioactive sources are not well known.
- No Regulatory Laws exist to govern the usage, monitoring, storage, transportation and disposal.
- No systems and resources for regulation.
Work Plan and Technical Cooperation

- Plans for future uses of radioactive sources
- Employ Survey method and needs assessment
- Institutional Strengthening through the establishment of the National Regulatory Authority (e.g. Develop an action plan, human resources, financing, technical personnel, monitoring equipment, training)
- Strategic plan
- Establish Cooperation with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
THANK YOU

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