IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (IHR) AT POINTS OF ENTRY (POEs) IN KENYA

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Part I: Background information on Kenya and IHR
• Kenya is within East Africa
• Projected population of 38m
Covers an area of 580,367 sq km
(land: 569,140 sq km
water: 11,227 sq km)
Organization of the Health Sector in Kenya

- The health sector in Kenya has two Ministries:
  - Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation
  - Ministry of Medical Services
- The NFP is within the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation (MOPHS)
- MOPHS has a Division of Port Health Services responsible for POEs
Passengers of international airline companies (in millions)

Source: OMS / World Tourism Organization
Increased movement of
- Persons
- Baggage
- Cargos
- Containers
- Conveyances
- Goods
- Postal parcels

across an international border, including international trade

Possible spread of communicable diseases and health threats
Part II: Progress on IHR implementation
Implementation of IHR in Kenya 1
Participated in AFRO NFP briefing meeting in Harare in June 2007

Identified IHR- NFP in 2008

Briefed Ministry’s Senior Management Team in February 2009

Orientation of stakeholders in April 2009

Assessment of the IHR core capacities in July – August 2009

Assessment report finalised in February 2010
Implementation of IHR in Kenya

- Dissemination of the report to stakeholders and partners in 2010
- Draft IHR Plan of Action (POA) developed in 2010
- Stakeholders meeting on IHR POA in March 2011
- Revised POA in April 2012
- Applied for a two years extension (2012 – 2014) for meeting the IHR targets
Hon. Beth Mugo, Minister for Public Health and Sanitation opens IHR stakeholders meeting in Nairobi, Kenya on 29th April 2009.
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* The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation addresses participants in an IHR meeting
Part III:
Implementation of IHR at POEs
Available legislations (e.g. Public Health Act Cap 242) – revision ongoing

* Trained staff at POEs

* There exist a NFP for IHR

* A Division that coordinates POE activities
Progress made at POEs - 2

- Joint inspection and verification
- Procurement of commodities increased
- Good communication infrastructure
- Functional PoE multidisciplinary committees
- Use of 75% of generated revenue
Challenges

* No clear integrated policy on health services at POEs
* Inadequate resources to support IHR activities.
* Staff shortfalls
* Inadequate facilities at POEs
* Coordination of different stakeholders and partners
Part IV:
Way forward
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* Resource mobilization to support IHR activities.
* Implement the 2 years integrated plan of action
* Entrench IHR in revised health laws
* Develop a long term plan for implementation of IHR activities in Kenya, including at POEs
* Develop a policy guideline for POEs
* Entrench IHR activities at POEs in the health laws
Thank you