Lesotho

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BACKGROUND

- Lesotho is a participating state of CAPSCA
- She became a member a few months before the visit
- Assistance visit was in November 2011
- We have not yet published an Aviation Preparedness Plan
- We have an existing Committee working on the Aviation Public Health Emergency Preparedness plan
LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE VISIT
Progress to date

- Collaboration between MOH and DCA on CAPSCA
- WHO meeting in Zambia on Mapping the un-met IHR core capacities
- Developed MOU between MOH and DCA
- Development of the Civil Aviation Regulations to comply with the SARPS (in progress)
- *Signing of the MOU (3 Dec 2013)*
- Scheduled the meeting for the continuation of developing Civil Aviation Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (CAPHEPRP) (15 Jan 2014)
Prioritized the following CAPSCA AFI/3 conclusions:

**CAPSCA AFI/3 - C4**
States are encouraged to develop Memoranda of Understanding or (less formal) Letters of Agreement to formalize collaborative arrangements between the Public Health and Aviation sectors, making use of material from the IHR (2005). States are encouraged to share such documents with other States by sending them to ICAO for posting on the CAPSCA website.

**CAPSCA AFI/3 - C6**
State CAAs should develop national regulations that incorporate ICAO health related Standards and Recommended Practices.
The meeting stressed the importance of exercise, table top and ‘real life’, for testing the interrelated components of various preparedness plans in the aviation sector, e.g. National Public Health Emergency Plan for Aviation, Aerodrome Emergency Plan, Air Navigation Services.
Way forward

- Buy-in of the Directors, Principal Secretaries and Hon Ministers
- Collaboration with WHO at national level will be advocated
- Develop a proposal for technical assistance to implement IHR (2005) as it relates to civil aviation
- Capacity building of the POE personnel: IDSR
- Upgrading of the International Airport
  - Incorporating the needs of other agencies, e.g. Public health facilities such as screening, quarantine
- Introduction of the local airline to the international market
  - Need for close collaboration for compliance with public health ICAO SARPS
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