CAPSCA’s Visit to Grantly Adams International Air Port

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
BARBADOS
CAPSCA’s Key Role

On Behalf of ICAO, CAPSCA will coordinate the International aviation response to public health risks E.g. Pandemics. It will bring together for combine and coordinate efforts of International, Regional, National and local Organisations.
CAPSCA’s Objectives

- Public Health Protection – General public, air travellers and aviation personnel
- Assistance to State Parties to establish national aviation pandemic preparedness plan
- Adherence to Art.14
- Compliance with ICAO SARPs (Annexes 6, 9, 11 and 14) and procedures
- Cooperation amongst civil aviation authorities, Public Health authorities, airports, air traffic services and air lines
CAPSCA’s Objectives

- Regional Cooperation amongst States and Territories – pooling and sharing expertise and resources
- Training of airport evaluators, evaluation of airports, development of core capacities and provision of advice to state/Territories.
Cooperation

Ministry of Health and Civil Aviation Authority Barbados established cooperation through CAPSCA in 2009.

Attended 1st seminar in Toronto, Canada
2nd Seminar in Texas, U.S.A.
3rd Training & Seminar in Bogota, Colombia.
Civil Aviation, Barbados

- Joined as an official member in ICAO-CAPSCA in 2010.
- Through Civil Aviation Authorities MOH Port Health wing sensitized Public Health Risk & Emergency in aviation Industry through Joint meetings with GAIA Inc Authorities, Air Lines Association, ATC, Immigration, Customs, Police, Fire etc.
Evaluation

- In 2009 The Barbados Civil aviation and Ministry of Health sought CAPSCA’s help to evaluate GAIA airport to upgrade designated port with basic core capacities based on IHR, WHO’s regulations.

- In 2010 December with the help of PAHO, MOH and The Civil Aviation Authority ICAO-CAPSCA team visited Barbados and evaluation was done.
Evaluation

- Evaluation of was done in GAIA inc
- GAIA Inc facilities and their cooperation with other departments
- Min. Of Health – Arrival & Departure areas, Nurses station, Screening area, Isolation area, Quarantine area and Environmental Health Departments of the Air Port – such as Health declaration, cargo, baggage, conveyance, food, water etc
- ATC, Air Lines and their communication systems
Evaluation

Other stakeholders such as

- Immigration
- Customs
- Security
- Police
- Fire
- QEH – A&E
- Ambulance Service
- Agriculture & Veterinary departments
GAIA - Designated Air Port
Reports

- After two days of evaluation all stake holders were assembled in GAIA Inc conference room.
- Each experts prepared their reports and explained their analysis.
- Based on the reports the experts described strengths and weakness.
- Well developed core capacities
- Given excellent advice how to strengthen the gaps and continuous help to build core capacities.
- Later in 2011 Two officers were invited (Doctor, Environmental Specialist) to evaluator training and seminar.
GAIA operates 24 hrs
Conclusion

- Based on CAPSCA’s guidance and advice, the Ministry of Health, the Civil Aviation Authority, GAIA inc and all mentioned stakeholders were jointly involved to march ahead to prevent public health emergencies in the Points of entry in Barbados especially GAI Air Port.
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