CAPSCA Assistance Visits to States and Airports

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Meetings
Seminars/Workshops/Exercises/Training
Develop and improve guidance and tools
Assistance Visits to States and Airports
**Objectives**

- Promote and facilitate communication & collaboration between the aviation and public health sectors

- Training on ICAO and WHO PHE requirements for the aviation sector

- Evaluation of existing provisions in the aviation system

- Provide advice, assistance and training
Scope

- PHE planning & preparedness in the civil aviation system
- All stakeholders involved in a response to a PHE in the aviation system
- Not an audit nor inspection
- Voluntary and confidential
References

- ICAO Annexes SARPs & Doc 4444
- WHO IHR (2005)
- ICAO, WHO, ACI & IATA guidelines
Tools

- Guidelines
- Questionnaire
- Checklist
- Report template

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Logistics

- 2 States in 1 week
- 2 days per State
- 1 airport per State
- States located in same sub-region
- Team members to originate from States in same sub-region
- Travel funded by UN CFIA grant
Schedule visit

Coordinate visit with State

Coordinate loan of RAMPHT Technical Advisors with States

State/Airport completion and submission of questionnaire

Coordinate participation with WHO

Mission plan and team coordination
State Requirements

- Coordinator & support staff
- Meeting room & equipment
- Simultaneous interpretation (if required)
- Transportation to/from airport, meeting venue and hotel
- Airport visit coordination, e.g. security access, transportation
- Refreshments
Team Members

- ICAO CAPSCA Regional Coordinator
- RAMPHT Leader (Americas) / Coordinator (Africa/Asia)
- RAMPHT Technical Advisor(s)
- WHO representative (when available)
- At least one member from each sector (CA & PH)
- OJT for RAMPHT Technical Advisor (optional)

Participants offered as contributions in kind
State’s Participating Organisations (1)

- Civil Aviation Authority (aviation medicine, facilitation, aerodromes, air traffic services, flight operations/standards/safety)
- National Public Health Authority including IHR Focal Point / WHO IHR Contact Point
- Airport (rescue and fire fighting service, police, immigration, customs, port health, quarantine, medical, security, operations, public information, media relations, handling agents)
State’s Participating Organisations (2)

- Air Navigation Services Provider
- Aircraft operators
- WHO Regional/Country Office
- Other UN agencies, e.g. OCHA, WFP (optional)
- Tourism Authority
- National emergency/disaster response agencies
Activities

2 days

Day 1
olutions/Training

Day 2 am

Briefing and Airport visit

Day 2 pm

De-briefing meeting and discussion of the visit results
Meeting Agenda (1)

- Opening Remarks by: ICAO, WHO, CAA, PHA
- CAPSCA
- ICAO Health Related SARPs & Documents
- IHR (2005) related to Points of Entry
- Public Health Authority on the National PHE Plan encompassing the aviation sector
Meeting Agenda (2)

- CAA on the national aviation sector PHE Plan as part of the National Plan
- Airport on the PHE part of the Airport Emergency Plan
- Air Navigation Services Provider on its PHE procedures
- Aircraft operator on its PHE procedures
- CAPSCA Assistance Visit methodology, questionnaire, checklist & report
Airport Visit Methodology

- Visit shall not affect normal operations
- The visit should demonstrate preparedness in the roles, responsibilities, procedures and processes in a public health emergency for a scenario of the imminent arrival of an aircraft with a suspected case of infectious disease on board and/or a scenario where an outbreak of a public health emergency of international concern has occurred within the State in the vicinity of the airport.
- Walkthrough and interviews
Airport facilities to Visit

- Emergency Operations Centre
- Pax screening locations and facilities
- Rescue and Fire Fighting Services
- Medical Services/Response – clinic
- Immigration & Customs
- ATC Tower
- Passenger quarantine/assessment/holding facility/room/area
- Designated aircraft parking position, if applicable
- Any other agency / area / facility involved in a public health emergency
Checklist Components

- Administrative
- Documentation
- EOC
- RFFS
- Immigration
- Customs
- Cargo & Baggage handlers
- ANSP
- Medical
- AVSEC
- Infrastructure
- Aircraft operators
Documents to Review

- National PHE Plan – Aviation part
- Airport Emergency Plan
- ATS procedures
Results

- Confidential Report
- Sent to CAA with recommendation to forward to PHA and airport
- State Action Plan
- Regional Coordinator Follow-up Implementation
Asia – 7 States/SARs (2 joint with WHO), 10 Airports, 1 State Technical Advisor

Africa – 4 States, 6 Airports, 3 State Technical Advisors have completed OJT

Americas – 16 States (2 joint with WHO), 20 Airports, 10 State Technical Advisors have completed OJT
PHAs resist engaging with CAAs
Airports resist engaging with PHA & CAA
Civil aviation regulations have not been updated with PHE SARPs
Insufficient communication, cooperation and coordination between aviation and public health sectors
Inadequate knowledge of each other’s standards and regulations
Little participation in the development and harmonisation of each other’s plans and preparedness
Trends Observed (2)

- PHEs not incorporated in AEPs and if so, not enough awareness, training and exercises
- Passenger screening affects passenger flows
- Arrival and departure passenger mixing
- Designated aircraft parking position inconvenient for access
- Template for the Health Part of General Declaration not adopted
- Template Public Health Passenger Locator Card not adopted
Aviation and public health authorities to have framework and procedures for working together on the national PHEP for aviation

Civil aviation regulations should include PHE related SARPs

AEPs should include procedures and protocols for PHEs harmonised with national PHEP for aviation sector

CAA and PHA should review the AEP

AEPs should be exercised and personnel trained
Next Steps (1)

- Visit all CAPSCA participating States
- More joint ICAO/WHO visits
- Integrate CAPSCA questionnaire in the checklist
- Harmonised ICAO CAPSCA checklist/WHO IHR tool
- Review lessons learned and improve the assistance visit process
- Analyse observed regional trends and recommend actions
Next Steps (2)

- State Action Plans and implementation
- Regional Coordinators follow-up
- Follow-up visits
- More training
- National implementation
States are encouraged to propose potential funding sources to enable CAPSCA to continue the Assistance Visit programme beyond September 2012 when the UN CFIA grant expires.

ICAO to send a survey to States’ CAAs, to be forwarded by WHO to States’ PHAs, to measure the impact of CAPSCA results.

WHO and ICAO to consider a MoU to formalise the collaboration and provide a framework for joint activities.
Recommendations (2)

- WHO and ICAO are encouraged to harmonise and consolidating the visit checklist and assessment tool.
- WHO to include reference to ICAO SARPs in the IHR assessment tool for core capacity requirements at designated PoE airports.
- ICAO to include reference to WHO IHR (2005) in the CAPSCA Assistance Visit checklist.
- WHO and ICAO to collaborate on IHR airport core capacity technical assistance visits and CAPSCA State/Airport assistance visits.