

# CAPSCA UPDATE 2025 - UGANDA

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**ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

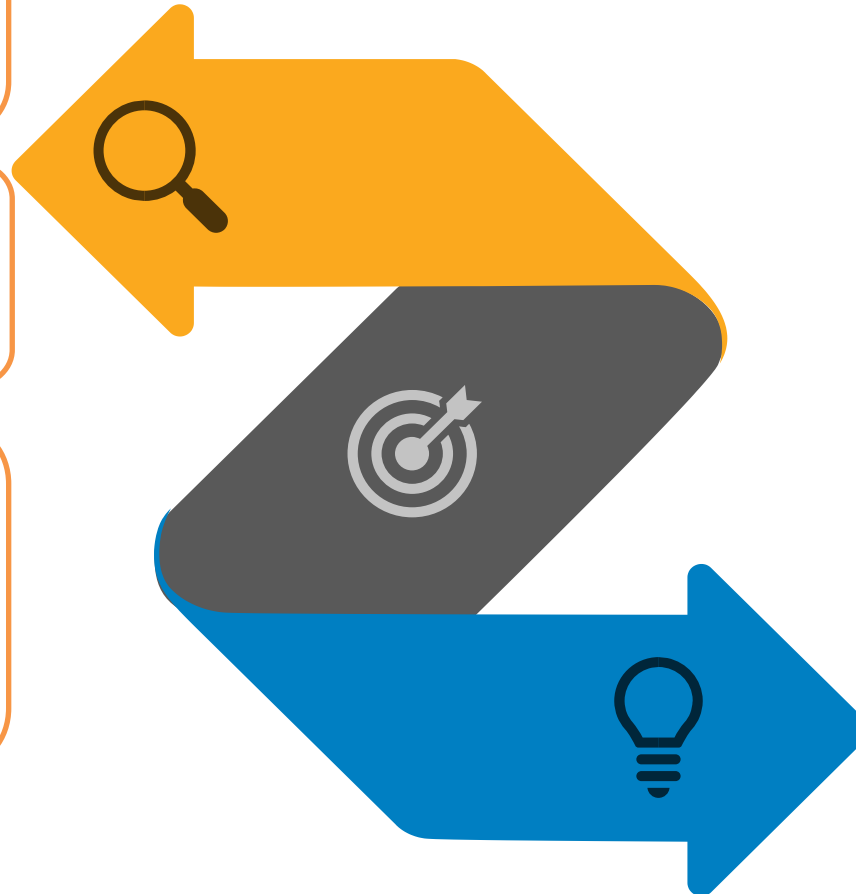


# CIVIL AVIATION HEALTH FRAMEWORK

Have an operational National Air Transport Facilitation Programme (NATFP) in accordance with Annex 9.

Very active National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC) and Airport Facilitation Committee.

Uganda last week hosted the 48<sup>th</sup> East African Consultative Meeting of Facilitation of Air Transport (EAC FAL) in Kampala from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



Whereas the Ministry of Health is the competent authority on Public Health, Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA) is the Coordinates matters on health in civil aviation.

Duly established and operational 24/7 Port Health at Entebbe International Airport

UCAA Regularly updates ICAO ESAF Regional Office on the CAPSCA Focal Point Persons and the alternate.

Currently in the process of formalizing the National CAPSCA Committee and CAPSCA Airport Committee.

# Status of CAPSCA Documentation



STATUS
AVAILABLE
UNDER DEVELOPMENT
AVAILABLE, REGULARLY TESTED
EMBEDDED IN THE AERODROME EMERGENCY PLAN



# Port Health at Entebbe: At a Glance

- Comprehensive 24/7 Port Health, aviation medical and emergency services through a PPP (UCAA, MoH, Kazuri Medical Centre).
- Multidisciplinary team: ~40 licensed staff including specialist aviation physician, medical officers, nurses, lab & public health officers.
- Collaboration amongst Key stakeholders: Ministry of Health (lead), WHO, CDC, IOM, Baylor Uganda, Kazuri Medicals, UCAA, Security.
- Reporting to UCAA and MOH.
- Extra Surge capacity to support during epidemics
- Referral to Entebbe Grade B, Isolation Centre (PHE) & other hospitals
- CAPSCA Capacity Building Visit by CASSOA- 14-17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

# Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) (Recently Developed)

Guidelines for Inflight Medical Emergencies

Guidelines for Terminal (landside/airside) Medical Emergencies

Guidelines for Medical Fitness to Fly

Guidelines for Ambulance pickups

Guidelines for Air Ambulance

Guidelines for Human Remains Clearance

Guidelines for Biological Tissues (Human/Animal) clearance

Guidelines for clearance of dangerous goods (CBRN)

Arrival and Departure passenger screening guideline

Emergency preparedness and interagency coordination during PH emergencies

Management of a passenger(s) with a Disease of Public Health Importance

Aircraft Disinfection and Dis-insection guidelines.

Airport sanitation guidelines.

Food Hygiene inspection guidelines.

Airport Vector Control guidelines

Airport OSH guidelines.

# Port Health Infrastructure

Location	Detail
Arrivals Port health Point	Entry Screening, Document verification
Departures Port Health Point	Exit Screening, Doc Verification
Terminal Clinic(Arrivals)	Emergency care, Vaccination
Terminal Clinic (Old terminal)	General medical care, pharmacy, lab, Day care, Dental
Cargo Terminal Clinic	Human remains, Tissue Clearance, Emergency care



# Passenger Screening Systems & Support



- Thermal scanners installed at exit/entry points and manned by a screener
- Symptom based screening
- Event Based Surveillance (Airlines, Community-MOH)
- Document checks
- Passengers with Reduced Mobility (PRM) identification
- Isolation areas exist near screening areas
- Well established pathway for referral procedures
- Ambulance coordination through Medical Transport Officer stationed at the airport



# Emergency Preparedness & Response

- ▶ Aircraft full scale simulation was conducted and successfully executed in June, 2025, SOPs updated.
- ▶ Simulation for use of Epishuttle by WHO in July 2025.
- ▶ Suspected infectious disease alerts to MOH via Alert Desk management system created by MOH.
- ▶ Coordination with emergency operations
- ▶ Full Public Health emergency drill and simulation exercise is planned for 2026.



# Future Improvements.....

- Advanced screening tools
- Integrated digital surveillance (One health)
- Opportunities for IT -enabled health clearance (digital Yellow Fever/Travel Vaccination clearance)
- Linking to national databases (health, aviation)
- Strengthening compliance with ICAO,IHR
- Strengthened border health protocols
- Better inter-agency coordination
- Improved training programs

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