

National Aviation Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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Pathway of development of NCAPP for PHEIC in Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka became a member of CAPSCA project in December 2012 and FP for CAPSCA was appointed.
- Sri Lankan delegation participated ICAO CAPSCA Technical Advisor workshop in Dec 2012 in Bangkok.
- Working group was formulated by the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation representing all stake holders for their professional inputs prior to the development of National Civil Aviation PHE Preparedness Plan.
- Requested CAPSCA AV to Sri Lanka in Jan 2013.
- Sri Lankan delegation participated 6th CAPSCA AP meeting in Manila in April 2013.

Implementation update since April 2013

- CAPSCA Assistance visit to Sri Lanka

28th-29th May 2013

Gap analysis was done and report was submitted to DGCA

- Recommendations of the report implemented at present

- IHR(2005) workshop was held on 22nd October 2013
- This workshop was organized by CAA with technical support from WHO and Ministry of Health.
- More than 40 officials from relevant government ministries, organizations and private sector organizations participated in this workshop.
- Objective of this workshop was to create awareness among Officials of Civil Aviation Authority, Airports, and other Aviation related Stakeholders on IHR (2005).

○ Decisions arrived at this workshop;

1. As the draft of National Civil Aviation Preparedness Plan for PHEIC available, it should be distributed amongst all stakeholders for their perusal and their opinion, observation and for recommendation.
2. NCAPP for PHEIC is to be finalized and implementation process is to be establish with timeframe.
3. Standard Operational Practices for each stakeholder is to be established in line with NCAPP for PHEIC.
4. Implementation of IHR 2005 in Civil Aviation sector to be facilitated along with NCAPP for PHEIC with the liaison of IHR FP in Sri Lanka.
5. Focal points for implementation of IHR in Civil Aviation sector and NCAPP for PHEIC as below

FP in Ministry of Civil Aviation/Civil Aviation Authority – Dr Bimal Dias

FP at BIA and other Airports – Dr Nishantha, Chief Medical Officer, AASL

FP at BIA Public Health office – Dr Siriwardana MOIC, PH office, BIA

- After the workshop we had several discussions with stake holders and same time draft of the NCAPP for PHEIC was distributed among all stake holders for their observations and opinion.
 - National Plan was finalized in Jan 2014. We were managed to implement most of the procedures and recommendations of the National plan even prior to the official launch.
- A. It was decided to have a letter of agreement between MCA and MoH at a meeting held with the Secretary, MoH and relevant officials to enhance the communication, cooperation, coordination and collaboration between 2 ministries.*
 - B. CAA in the National Technical Committee on Pandemic/Avian Influenza which is established at Epidemiology unit, Ministry of Health.*
 - C. Documented procedures in Cabin Crew training manual to ensure the CAA to check air operators PH related procedures.*
 - D. Enforced Airlines to use General Declaration Form, Passenger Locator Form.*
 - E. Designated parking bays were identified and designated(BIA – A9 and B14)*
 - F. Updated ATS procedures of ATS manual for notification of suspected PH risk on board or aircraft.*

- In parallel MoH has developed *Standard Operating Procedures for prevention, early warning and response to Public Health events at Points of Entry* which was seen in Director/Quarantine presentation.

In nutshell

We are in line with ICAO, WHO, CAPSCA and MoH

Collaboration between two Main Ministries established and with the other stake holders

NCAPP for PHEIC was launched and several procedures and recommendations were implemented.

- *We look forward to achieve our expected goals within the timeframe.*

Thank you