

# Implementation of Civil Aviation National plan for PHEIC

Sri Lankan Experience

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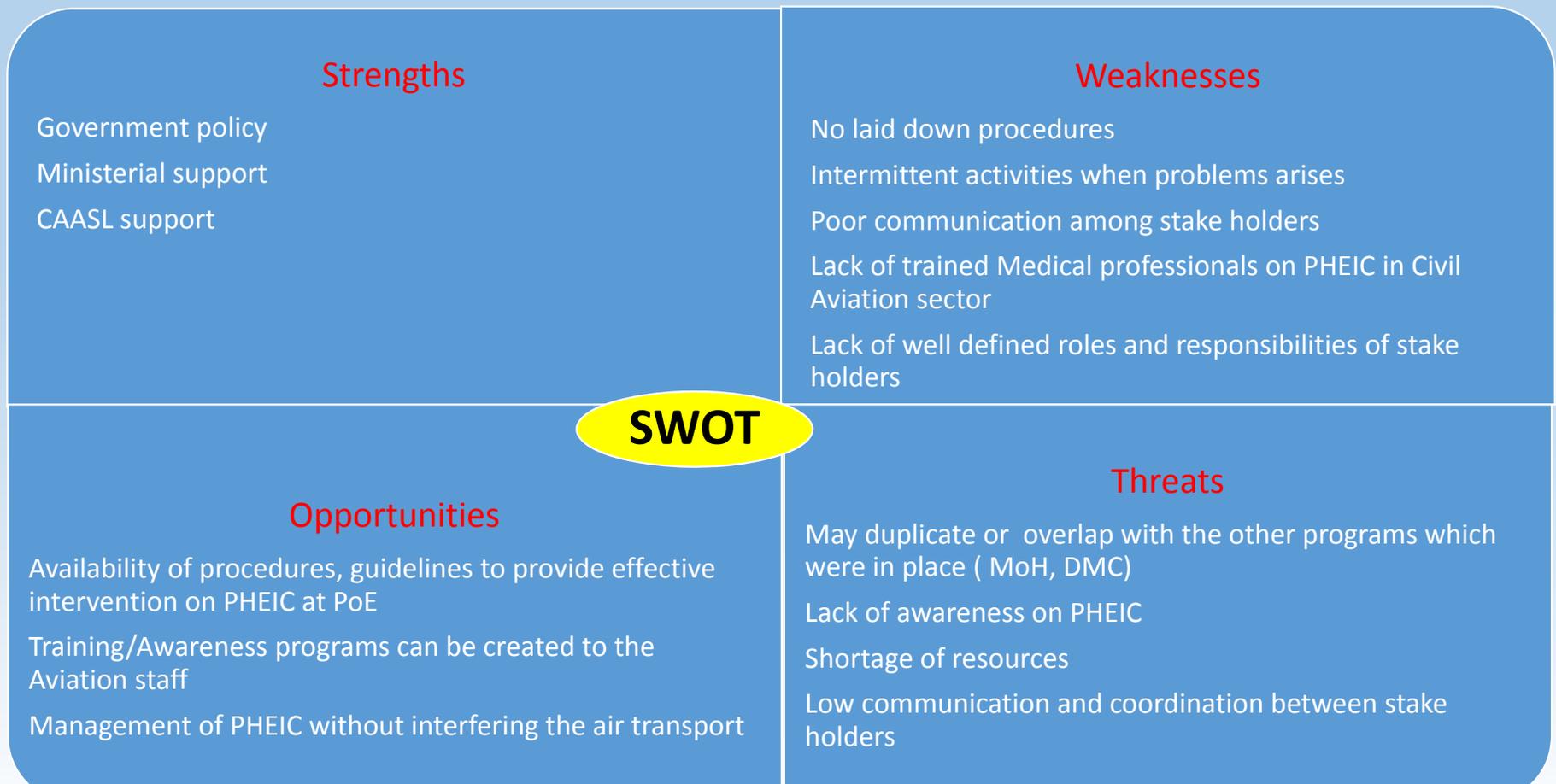
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- Sri Lanka maintains a very good standard in Aviation Safety compared with some other countries since modern aviation history in Sri Lanka began in 1912, when the first aircraft completed a successful flight from Sri Lankan soil.
- Keeping with this success the need of proper management of Public Health Events in air transport was given priority under the leadership of Dr. Ravindra Ruberu, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2012.
- In 2012 discussions were taken place in the Ministry of Civil Aviation regarding the present status of PHEIC management in Civil Aviation and how we comply with the Intl. requirements.
- Discovered we don't have a mechanism to address the needs according to ICAO requirements.
- Dr Bimal Dias Appointed by the Secretary to look into these lacking areas, study the present status and to come out with a broad outline, how we should address this issue.

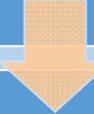


- The task was delegated to me in September 2012 by the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Sri Lanka.
- Working group was formulated within the Aviation industry including Medical Officers from CAA, Airport & National Airline to study the present situation and to draft an action plan.
- SWOT analysis was done

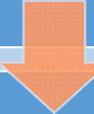


## Background preparation

Situational analysis was done after primary discussions with Health and Aviation authorities.



Communication with ICAO AP office regarding our requirements.



Referred to CAPSCA AP Coordinator in September 2012



Sri Lanka became a member of CAPSCA AP in December 2012.



**Capacity Building** - Our medical Team ( from CAASL, AASL & Sri Lankan Airlines) participated the Technical Advisor Training in December 2012, Bangkok, Thailand.

## Steps towards preparation of National Plan

Discussions with all stake holders (From Sep 2012)

Capacity Building Participation in Technical Advisor training

Final meetings with main stake holders and expert inputs

CAPSCA Assistance visit in May 2013 [F:\ICAO Visit photos](#)

IHR(2005) Workshop 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 by WHO

Final Draft of the National Civil Aviation Plan for PHEIC

- Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Ministry of Health
- WHO
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Airlines
- Ministry of Immigration
- Sri Lanka Customs
- Airport & Aviation Services
- Ministry of External Affairs
- Foreign Employment Bureau
- Ministry of Tourism

ICAO AP Office, Dec 2012, Bangkok

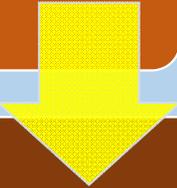
Technical Advices from CAPSCA experts  
Dr Jarneil Singh & WHO Country Office

Objectives of the Visit

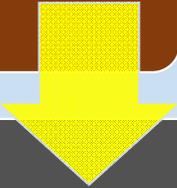
Awareness program for All Stake Holders

Concurrence from all Stake Holders Draft finalized and ready to launch

Sri Lanka got the opportunity to host 7<sup>th</sup> CAPSCA AP meeting in 2014.



Held in May 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka



Launch of the National Civil Aviation Plan for PHEIC took place in the same meeting

<F:\7th CAPSCA AP Photos>

# At present

The National Civil Aviation Plan for PHEIC is implemented in PoEs ( BIA & MRIA)

As **WHO** has declared the EBOLA out break in Western Africa as a PHEIC, Sri Lanka is well prepared to face the situation under the newly launched National Plan.

Thank you

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