GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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United Arab Emirates

Protocol to Prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases within Airports and National Air Carriers

A comprehensive framework developed by the GCAA to enhance public health safety in aviation operations across the UAE and beyond.

The Launch of the New CAR-CAR-CDMP

Publication Milestone

The Communicable Disease Management Program is now officially published. It represents a significant advancement in aviation health protocols.
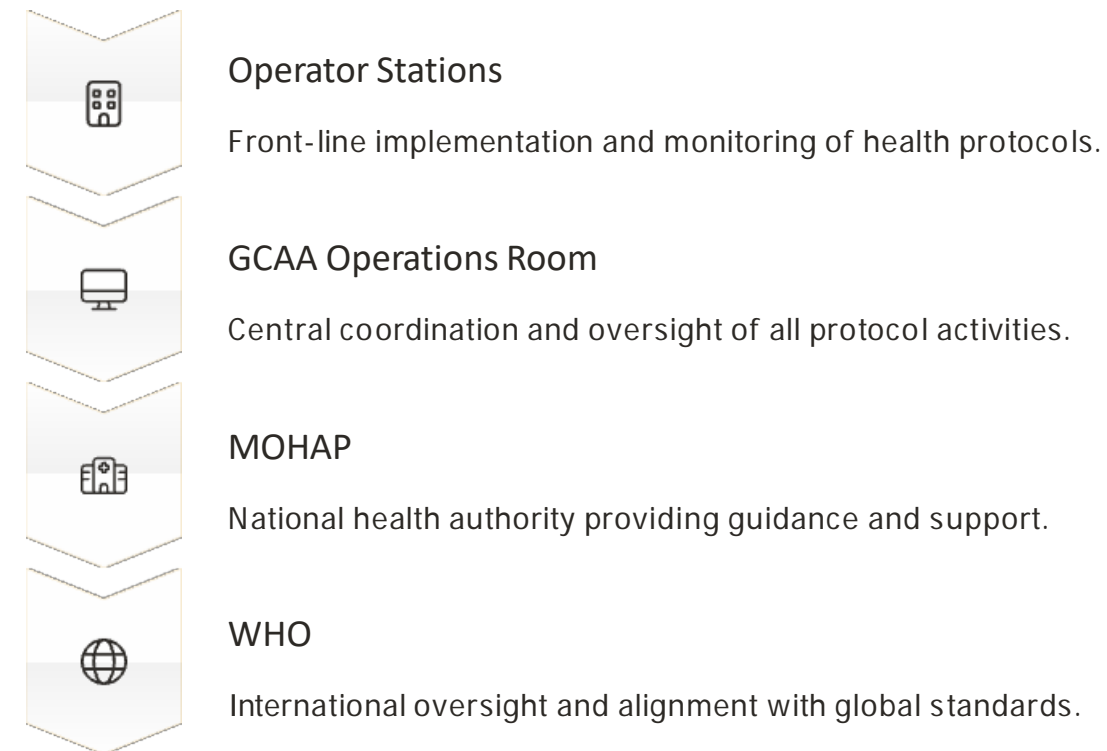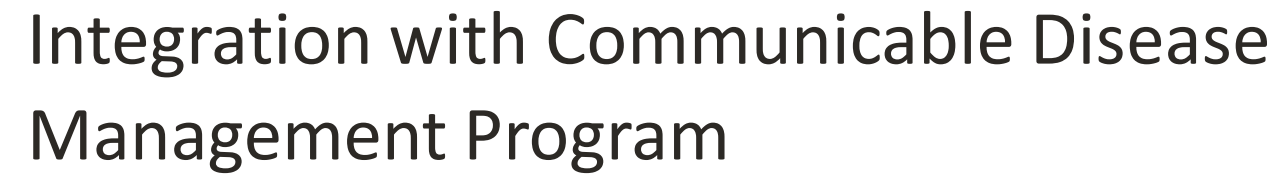
Protocol Integration

The updated CAR-CDMP incorporates the GCAA Protocol. This prevents the spread of communicable diseases within airports and carriers.

Implementation Status

The GCAA has fully implemented the protocol. Air carriers are now required to demonstrate compliance and effectiveness.

Integration with Communicable Disease Management Program

Operator Stations

Front-line implementation and monitoring of health protocols.

GCAA Operations Room

Central coordination and oversight of all protocol activities.

MOHAP

National health authority providing guidance and support.

WHO

International oversight and alignment with global standards.

Implementation of the CAR-CDMP

Testing Phase

Protocol successfully tested across multiple UAE Air Carrier stations. Results confirmed effectiveness in real operations.

Formal Integration

Protocol now part of operational procedures. Airlines have updated their manuals and trained staff.
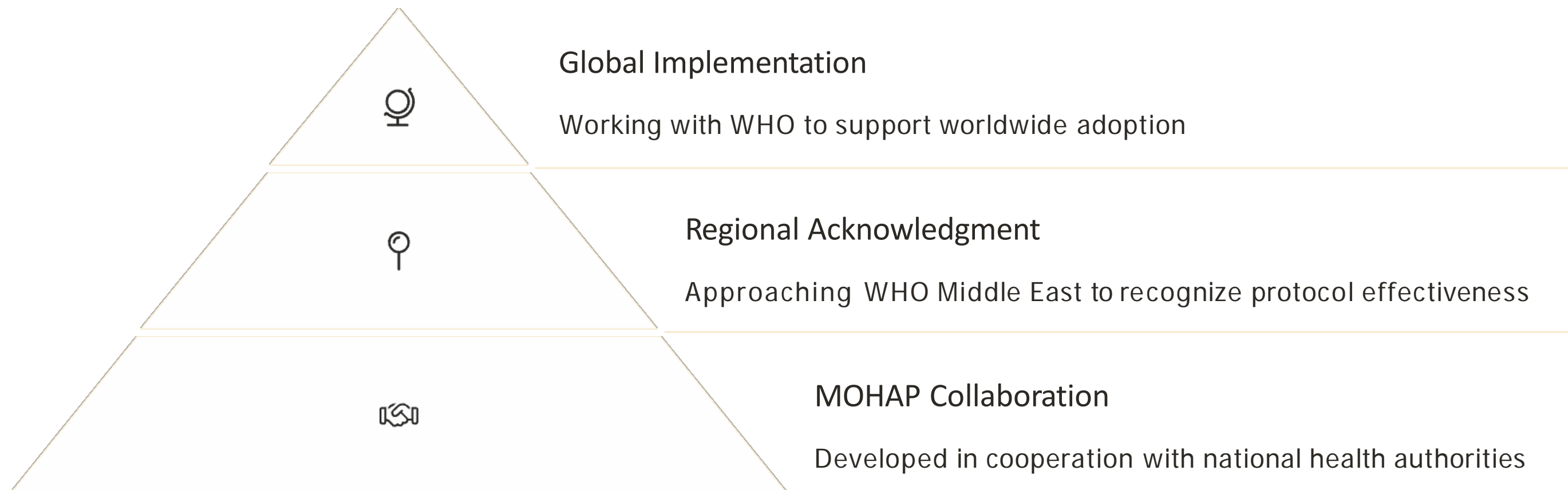
2025 Audit Program

Implementation formally incorporated into Flight Operations Annual Audit Program. This ensures ongoing compliance verification.

GCAA, MOHAP & WHO's Role in Implementation

Global Implementation

Working with WHO to support worldwide adoption

Regional Acknowledgment

Approaching WHO Middle East to recognize protocol effectiveness

MOHAP Collaboration

Developed in cooperation with national health authorities

The collaborative approach enhances disease management in aviation. This promotes safer travel experiences throughout the region and beyond.

GCAA's Presentation in ICAO Assembly 42

Working Paper Preparation

GCAA is developing a comprehensive Working Paper. It will be presented at the 42nd ICAO Assembly in September 2025.

Resolution Enhancement

The UAE paper aims to enhance or replace ICAO Resolution 40-14. This represents a significant policy advancement.

Global Protocol Alignment

The objective is harmonization of aviation health protocols worldwide. This will strengthen public health protection during air travel.