

Activity Report

Orientation of Airport Staff Teams on Management & Prevention Ebola Virus Disease

Allama Iqbal International Airport (AllAP), Lahore

World Health Organization Sub office Lahore &DOH Government of Pakistan

Activity:	Orientation of Clinical & Preventive Teams on EVD
District:	Lahore
Date:	20 th November 2014
Venue:	Committee Room, Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore
Resource Persons:	Dr. Fawad khan – WHO Islamabad Dr Jamshaid Ahmad-WHO Lahore Dr Sher Baz Khan NHS Islamabad Dr Irfan Ahmad- SO DEWS Lahore

Background:

A large outbreak of Ebola virus Disease is also reported in West African countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Liberia from where a large Muslim population is expected to visit the Muslim religious congregation of Hajj in Saudi Arabia, and hence the spread of deadly virus is possible to other countries.

A meeting was held between WHO WR Pakistan and Secretary Health Punjab to discuss the preventive and containment arrangements of these deadly diseases. Among other steps, support was also sought by Health Dept. from WHO Pakistan for capacity building of preventive and clinical teams of health department Punjab on CCHF and Ebola Virus Disease.

Rawalpindi and Multan Districts had already arranged these trainings in wake of Ebola and CCHF outbreaks in these cities with the support of WHO sub office Lahore.

The Airport Management requested Government of Punjab for Technical Session and as a result a team from DG Health office Reached Airport Conference Hall on 20th November

EVD Orientation Session at AllAP Lahore:

The Orientation Session was organized on November 20th, 2014 at Conference Hall ALLAP, Lahore. The participants included clinical and preventive teams of AllAP. After Give welcome address and Introduction the Session was started by Reciting versus from Holy Quran. Dr Fawad shared that DG health is the Focal Person for EVD and Services Hospital Lahore is designated Hospital for Clinical case Management in case of a suspected case

The participants were given awareness by him in following areas:

1. Ebola Introduction, Epidemiology, Management and prevention
2. Case definitions (Suspected & Confirmed cases)
3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)
4. Contact Tracing , Hand washing Practices and use of PPE's
5. Prevention & Control; Field Investigations & measures
6. Travel and Transport Advice EVD
7. Monitoring and Care of Contacts, Specimen collection from contacts.
8. Guidelines for Funeral practices and management of biological materials
9. Discussion for IEC Material and Question Answers Session



WHO Focal Person Discussing IPC and Outbreak Control - Ebola Virus Disease



Recommendations from the Participants

At the end of Technical session few Recommendations were given by the House

- 1) SOPs to be developed and shared with each department in light of technical Knowledge.
- 2) There must be some online system for Checking travel History at Lahore Airport like presently working at Karachi
- 3) The First point of contact at International arrival is the Medical corner it needs to be strengthen and more operational as working previously.
- 4) Integration among all departments regarding Prevention of EVD
- 5) Tickled Down Training and orientation Sessions to be arranged by Airport Management
- 6) Missing Air Line Representatives must be included in next session.
- 7) Clarity Regarding Designated ambulance is needed.
- 8) Arrangements regarding Quarantine for 21 Days must be up to the standards.

The details of the Participants of the training are listed below:

Facilitators at Airport

Dr Amena Saqib Senior Incharge Airport Health Department Lahore

Dr Sajid Bari, Medical Officer, Central Health Establishment

DR Zaka Khawaja Senior Medical Officer Civil Aviation Authority

Mr Nisar Asadi Inspector SQMS AllAP

Participants were from different Sections of Airport

Civil Aviation Hospital Staff

Civil Aviation Managerial Staff

Immigration Department Staff

Airport Security Force (ASF)

Custom Staff

FIA Staff

Representatives from Airlines



Dr Zaka (CAA) and Dr Amna thanked the participants for attending the training on a short notice and closed the training with the note that such capacity building trainings will enable the Allama Iqbal International Airport Emergency Response and Management Teams to work more efficiently and effectively in case of any emergency.

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