



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 18th January 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

The animal health hotline received 11 calls from Phnom Penh, Sihanouk Ville, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Siem Reap, Prey Veng, Kampong Thom, Oddar Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Speu and Takeo provinces. 9 callers asked about the clinical signs of AI, transmission routes of AI from poultry to poultry, and prevention measures.

2 callers from Prey Veng and Battambang provinces reported on sick and dying chickens and ducks. The provincial and district vets went to those villages with suspected AI cases and found that avian influenza is not the cause of the illness or deaths.

During the week, the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 3 duck samples from Takeo Province. The results were negative for the H5N1 virus.

DAHP/MAFF and FAO have sent 10 TOT (Trainers of Trainers) to train the Village Animal Health Workers in three districts of Oddar Meanchey Province during this week (14-18 Jan).

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 2 the MOH hotline made 16 calls out and received 22 calls. 18 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans, and 4 calls involved animal health and was referred to MAFF. Calls came from Kandal, Prey Veng, Takeo, Kampot, Kampong Cham, Battambang and Phnom Penh

MoH sent Provincial Rapid Response Team to investigate AI suspected outbreak and found 1 suspected Human case and collected a sample which tested negative for H5.

The Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI) surveillance last week found mostly influenza type B.

III. Information, Education, Communication (IEC) activities

At the request of UNICEF, MSD, a research company, is starting this week its field work on the effectiveness of Community Theater and Community Avian Influenza (AI) Forums as channels for reaching audiences with information on Avian Flu that leads to increased knowledge and better protective practices. UNICEF and partners are in their second year of conducting AI awareness and behaviour change activities through community theatre and through AI forums but have yet to conduct a focused evaluation of the impact of the activities. While partners have good reasons to be confident that these events contribute to knowledge and understanding of AI, we do not yet have a systematic ability to document these contributions. MSD will travel to five provinces covered by the UNICEF-sponsored shows, and the final report is expected at the end of March.

IV. Partner updates

The International Organisation of Migration (IOM) are planning to initiate a project in Svay Rieng, in partnership with Tay Ninh province in Vietnam, concerning border control for pandemic preparedness. IOM is a new partner on AI in Cambodia but are active globally on similar issues of health and migration.

V. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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| 22-24 Jan | Kratie AI Community Forums (3), MEDICAM/UNICEF |
| 30-31 Jan | Stung Treng AI Community Forums (2), MEDICAM/UNICEF |
| 12 Feb | Regular API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16.00 |
| 26-27 Feb | Rattanakiri AI Community Forums (2), MEDICAM/UNICEF |
| 4-14 March | MPAT TE 14 Exercise co-hosted by the US Pacific Command and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) on testing response capacity for natural disasters and pandemic influenza. |

- 11 March Regular API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16.00
- 11-13 March Mondulkiri AI Community Forums (3), MEDICAM/UNICEF
- March Step 4 in Siem Reap provincial pandemic planning pilot
- 8 April Regular API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16.00
- May Step 5 in Siem Reap provincial pandemic planning pilot

III. International issues

Click these links for the latest updates of the global situation on Avian Influenza:

<http://un-influenza.org>

http://www.hewsweb.org/avian_flu/