



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 1st February 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

The animal health hotline received 14 calls from Kampong Cham, Preah Vihear, Kampong Chnang, Kandal, Prey Veng, Odor Meanchey, Siem Reap, Pursat and Kampong Thom Provinces. 12 callers asked about the clinical signs of AI, medicine for curing AI, how to do when poultry is dead or sick, transmission routes of AI from poultry to poultry, and prevention measures. 3 callers from Oddar Meanchey, Kampong Cham and Kandal provinces reported on sick and dying chickens. 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 6 samples of different sparrows types taken from Wat Phnom resort and Riverside in Phnom Penh. The results were confirmed negative for the H5N1 virus.

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 5 the MOH hotline made 18 calls out (returning missed calls) and received 16 calls. 29 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 5 calls involved animal health and was referred to MAFF. Calls came from Takeo, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Prey Veng, Kampot, Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu, Siem Reap, Koh Kong and Preah Vihear provinces.

1 suspected human case was found this week but tested negative for H5.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

- 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.
- 10-13 March Regional AHI Community Practitioners workshop in Bangkok, Thailand
- 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/