



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

**Update on the Avian Influenza Situation
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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

The animal health hotline received 22 calls from 13 provinces. Seven callers from Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Prey Veng, Sihanouk Ville, Battambang and Takeo provinces reported about sick and dying chicken, and 15 callers asked about what are the clinical signs of HPAI in poultry, if they put eggs into fruit shakes could there be transmission of HPAI? What to do when their poultry get sick or die? What are the prevention measures? A team of provincial and district vets went to villages with suspected AI cases and they asked about information, performed disinfection of poultry burial site and the surrounding premises and after inspection and questions decided that AI was not the cause of the illness or deaths.

The National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received organs from one chicken taken from Phnom Penh and three from different species of sparrows collected at the

merit birds market at Wat Phnom resort and the riverside in Phnom Penh for laboratory investigation. Results will be known on Monday.

NaVRI and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) have expanded the duck market surveillance from an initial two markets to 12 markets in 10 provinces which cover most of the major duck producing, duck trading, and duck consuming areas of Cambodia. It has taken blood and swab (cloacal and tracheal) samples from 1,525 ducks. None has been found positive for the H5 Avian Influenza virus.

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 5 the MOH hotline made 15 calls out (returning missed calls) and received 20 calls. 30 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 Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Prah Vihear, Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kampot and Kampong Speu provinces.

Two human AI suspected were found last week, but tested negative for H5. 12 new suspected cases collected for testing, the results are still pending.

MoH/CDC, the Rapid Response Team and Siem Reap provincial health dept will organize a field simulation on AI investigation and response next week

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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| 19 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/FAO |
| 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/FAO |
| 31 Mar-4 Apr | 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/