



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

This week animal health hotline received 20 calls from 12 provinces. 10 callers from Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Kandal, Battambang, Preah Vihear and Kampong Speu provinces reported about sick and dying chicken, and 10 callers asked about the clinical signs of HPAI in poultry ; Is there a cure for HPAI in poultry ? How can you prevent HPAI transmission? What to do when the poultry get sick or die. A team of provincial and district vets went to the villages with suspected AI cases and conducted an investigation which found that AI was not the cause of the illness or deaths.

The National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 8 samples for laboratory investigation from different species of sparrows collected at the merit birds market at Wat Phnom resort and the riverside in Phnom Penh and from 12 ducks taken from Orussey

Market in Phnom Penh and Kampong Speu Province. Results are still pending. The results of the previous week's laboratory diagnosis were negative for the H5N1 virus.

FAO will conduct a four-day training of trainers (TOT) session next week on avian influenza and communication for CARE's provincial and district AI animal health trainers in Svay Rieng and Prey Veng so that they can in turn train Village Animal Health Workers, Village Chiefs and other village workers on AI prevention and control. Some 22 participants including District Veterinary Officers and CARE staff will attend the training. The collaboration is the first of the two TOT sessions planned by FAO and CARE and will bring the two organisations' training curriculum correspond closely to each other. FAO has revised the training curriculum for VAHWs to improve its relevance to the realities of backyard poultry rearing.

From 27 November 2007 to 15 February 2008, FAO and DAHP trained 702 Village Animal Health Workers and 577 Village Chiefs on AI and on their role to educate their villagers on prevention and control measures. These trainings were conducted in Kep city, Mondulhiri, Otdar Mean Chey, Preah Vihear, and Ratanakiri province.

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 5 the MOH hotline made 15 calls out (returning missed calls) and received 18 calls. 29 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 4 calls involved animal health and was referred to MAFF. Takeo, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Prah Vihear, Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kampot, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey provinces.

No human AI suspected were found this week and the 12 pending samples from last week came out negative for H5N1.

MoH/CDC, the Rapid Response Teams in all 24 provinces and Siem Reap provincial health dept organized a field simulation on AI investigation and response this week

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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| 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 | Monthly API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16.00 |
| 11-13 March | Mondulhiri AI Community Forums (3), MEDICAM/UNICEF/FAO |

31 Mar-4 Apr Step 4 in Siem Reap provincial pandemic planning pilot

8 April Monthly 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

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<http://un-influenza.org>

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