



## **Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia**

### **UN system in Cambodia**

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**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 (21-27 Feb 2007) received 12 calls from 8 provinces. 7 callers from Phnom Penh, Ratanakiri, Kandal, Banteay Mean Chey, and Prey Veng provinces reported about sick and dying chicken, and 5 callers asked about the clinical signs of HPAI in poultry, if there is medicine for curing HPAI and ND in poultry, how to prevent HPAI and what to do when their poultry get sick or die. After receiving the information, NaVRI informed the team of provincial and district vets who then went to the villages with suspected AI cases to investigate and disinfect dead poultry sites. The teams concluded that AI was not the cause of the illness or deaths.

The results from last week were negative of avian influenza. This week, NAVRI received 08 samples from different species of sparrows collected at Wat Phnom resort and Riverside in Phnom Penh and the results are still pending.

NaVRI of DAHP in collaboration with FAO will organize the second series of TAD-Info training course for two staff from each of the 24 Provincial Animal Health and Production Offices. Starting from 3 March 2008, each TAD-Info course will last five days.

## **2. Country situation: Human Health**

During week 5 the MOH hotline made 10 calls out (returning missed calls) and received 13 calls from Takeo, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Prah Vihear, Svay Rieng, Kandal, Kampot, Kampong Thom, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey provinces. 19 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 4 calls involved animal health and was referred to MAFF.

One suspected human AI case found this week. The patient reported to hotline by a private clinic. MoH/CDC sent the Rapid Response Team to investigate the case, but it was excluded after investigation because it did not meet with the case definition.

MoH/CDC is starting an initiative on 3 March to develop guidelines for communicating during human AI outbreak situations (suspected outbreak, confirmed outbreak, confirmed cluster). It is expected that the guidelines will be a resource in the event of an outbreak and also for the development of other communication materials to be used in the event of an outbreak. In addition, CDC will facilitate 40 trainings (2 or 3 per District) to local authorities (village chiefs, village health volunteers, commune council members and district chiefs) in 4 Provinces (Prey Veng, Svay Rieng, Kampot, and Kampong Cham) on roles and responsibilities in the case of a suspected outbreak, confirmed outbreak or confirmed cluster. The authorities will create a community response plan as a resource in the case of an outbreak. This project is supported financially by UNICEF via the Government of Japan.

## **II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia**

- 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 Mondulkiri 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**

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

<http://un-influenza.org>

[http://www.hewsweb.org/avian\\_flu/](http://www.hewsweb.org/avian_flu/)