



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

During week 10 the animal health hotline received 14 calls from eight provinces. Six callers asked about the clinical signs of HPAI in poultry; how to prevent poultry getting infected with HPAI and other poultry diseases and what to do when the poultry get sick or die. Eight callers from Phnom Penh, Ratanakiri, Kampong Cham, Kratie and Prey Veng provinces reported about sick and dying chicken. NaVRI immediately contacted the provincial veterinary officers in these provinces to collect 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 results of laboratory analysis conducted on samples received last week are negative for H5N1 virus. This week, NaVRI received nine samples from different species of sparrows collected at Wat Phnom resort and Riverside in Phnom Penh. Laboratory results will be known within three days.

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 10 the MOH hotline made 16 calls out (returning missed calls) and received 22 calls from Takeo, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kampot, Kampong Thom, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey provinces. 35

callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 3 calls involved animal health and was referred to MAFF.

No suspected human AI case found this week.

II. Information, Education, Communication (IEC)

UNICEF will host presentations of 2 AUSAid/Japan funded AI research studies on Tuesday 25th March in the morning, followed by lunch. Invitations will be sent next week. The studies to be presented are: 1) an Evaluation of the AI Community Theaters and AI Community Forums, conducted by Marketing Strategy and Development Co., LTD (MSD) & TNS / Vietnam. 2) a Phase 2 AI KAP study: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Survey Evaluating poultry handling behavior among backyard poultry owners, their families and poultry market merchants - A Cross-Sectional Survey of Rural Cambodians and Market Sellers in 6 Geographic Areas (Banteay Meanchey, Pursat, Takeo, Prey Veng, Kampong Cham and Svay Rieng Provinces)

III. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

- 10-14 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
- 19-20 March UN System Regional Workshop on Avian and Pandemic Influenza in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 25 March Presentations on 2 recent AI research studies conducted in Cambodia, UNICEF meeting room (invitations to be sent week 11)
- 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/