



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 11, the animal health hotline received 11 calls from 7 provinces. Five callers asked about how to avoid HPAI infections, if there is a cure for HPAI and the clinical signs of HPAI. Seven callers from Phnom Penh, Takeo and Prey Veng provinces reported about sick and dying chicken. A team of provincial and district vets went to the villages with suspected AI cases to collect information, perform disinfection of poultry burial site and the surrounding premises. The team collected two chicken and one duck sample in the AI-suspected site in Prey Veng province. Laboratory results confirmed that they are negative for the H5N1 virus. Results of investigation in the other two provinces showed that the illness or deaths are not due to HPAI.

The laboratory results from last week's samples were also negative for the H5N1 virus

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 10 the MOH hotline made 20 calls out (returning missed calls) and received 19 calls from Phnom Penh, Kampong cham, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kampot, Kampong Thom, Battambang, Banteay Mancheay provinces. 34 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 5 calls involved animal health and was referred to MAFF.

MoH/CDC and WHO are updating the AI guidelines and infection control guidelines and will provide refreshment training on this for the rapid response teams. Guidelines for joint investigations between MAFF and MoH are also being developed.

No suspected human AI cases found this week.

II. 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.
- 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/