



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

UN system in Cambodia

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### **Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008)**

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## **I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia**

### **1. Country situation: Animal Health**

From 24 April to 2 May 2008, the animal health hotline received 12 calls, 5 of them reporting about sick and dying poultry in Kampong Thom, Banteay Meanchey, Kampot and Svay Rieng provinces. 7 callers asked about clinical signs of HPAI in poultry, what are the transmission routes and prevention measures? The National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) contacted the chief of provincial vets to send a team of provincial and district vets to the villages with suspected AI cases. During the course of the investigation, it was decided that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness or deaths.

During this period, NaVRI received 10 samples of different types of sparrows collected by the Wildlife Conservation Society from the Riverside and Wat Phnom resort in Phnom Penh. Results of laboratory tests for 8 samples will be known on Monday. Lab results for the 8 samples received last week were negative for HPAI.

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

During week 18, the MOH hotline made 23 calls out and received 28 calls from Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu, Prey Veng, Kandal, Kampot, Oudor Meanchey, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Pailin, Pursat and Svay Rieng provinces. 47

callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 4 calls involved animal health.

1 human AI suspected case admitted to Kampot province hospital found last week but was excluded after the investigation.

## **II. Information, Education, Communication (IEC) activities**

FAO set up an information booth and conducted education session on Avian Influenza during the US Marines' Medical and Dental Mission in Thmar Pouk, Banteay Meanchey Province on April 29 and 30. Posters, calendars, leaflets, T-shirts, VCDs, caps, and soap were distributed to around 3,000 villagers.

The booth attracted 1,000 people who were treated to films, karaoke, TV and radio spots on AI and some who did the singing and dancing. In between the film shows, education sessions were conducted using the storyline illustrating bird to bird transmission of HPAI which was projected on the LCD screen and on posters hanging around the booth.

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

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| 10 May | ILO's panel discussion on 'Pandemic Human Influenza as the Workplace Issue' 13:00-14:30 at Jupiter Room 6-7, Challenger Hall, IMPACT Muangthong Thani, Thailand (near Dong Muan Airport) |
| 13 May | Monthly API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16.30   |
| May    | Step 5 in Siem Reap provincial pandemic planning pilot.  |

## **IV. International issues**

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

<http://www.un-influenza.org>

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

<http://ochaonline.un.org/roap>

<http://www.influenza.undg.org>

<http://www.un-pic.org>

[http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/index.html)

<http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/subjects/en/health/diseases-cards/special-avian.html>

<http://www.hpai-research.net>