



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 23rd May 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 16 to 22 May 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 10 calls, 2 reporting about sick and dying poultry in Takeo and Stung Treng Provinces and the rest asking information about avian influenza such as: Can a person get infected by HPAI from drinking a fruit shake with raw eggs? What are the transmission routes of AI? What are its clinical signs? What are the prevention measures?

NaVRI sent a team of provincial and district vets to the villages in Takeo and Stung Treng provinces, which decided after investigation that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

Through egg inoculation, NaVRI laboratory tested two samples from chicken received from Rovear Village, Koh Dach Commune, Mouk Kampoul District in Kandal Province. The results are negative for HPAI. Last week's laboratory tests for four duck samples are also negative for HPAI.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 16 to 22 May, the MOH hotline made 16 calls out and received 32 calls from Takeo, Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Seam Riep and Kampot provinces. 38 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 10 calls involved animal health.

One (1) human AI suspected found last week but negative for H5.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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| 27 May | Monthly API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16.30 |
| 27-29 May | Avian Influenza Education activities organized by MAFF/DAHP and FAO at the US Medical and Dental Mission in Ou Reang Ov district, Kampong Cham province |
| 30 May | Village meeting on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/DAHP and FAO in Memot district, Kampong Cham province |
| 30 May | Videoconference on "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: Partnerships and Continuity Planning for Critical Systems" organized by APEC Emerging Infections Network (EINet) |
| 2 - 6 June | Step 5 workshops in Siem Reap Multi-Sectoral Pandemic Planning Process (pilot) |

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

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