



## 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**

From 22 to 30 May 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 13 calls in which 2 reported about sick and dying poultry in Sihanouk Ville and Kampong Cham Provinces and the rest of the calls asked information about avian influenza such as: What are its clinical signs of AI in poultry? is there medicine for curing the AI? What are diseases infected in poultry? Can a person get infected by HPAI from drinking a fruit shake with raw eggs? What are the transmission routes of AI? What are the prevention measures?

NaVRI sent a team of provincial and district vets to the villages in Sihanouk Ville and Kampong Cham provinces. After the investigation, it was decided that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

During the week, NaVRI also received 4 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 4 samples were negative for HPAI through egg inoculation test.

From 27 to 30 May, FAO has trained 109 Village Animal Health Workers as well as 112 Village Chiefs in the districts of Boribo, Kampong Leng, Kampong Tralach and Rolea Phear of Kampong Chhnang province. Training is part of a national training programme implemented by MAFF/DAHP and FAO. The training focuses on AI surveillance and recognition as well as communication.

MAFF/DAHP and FAO organized Avian Influenza Education activities at the US Medical and Dental Mission in Ou Reang Ov district in Kampong Cham province in May 27-29. A Village Meeting on Avian Influenza was also organized by MAFF/DAHP and FAO in the district of Memot in the same province.

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

From 23 to 29 May, the MOH hotline made 18 calls out and received 32 calls from from Takeo, Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Kampong chhnang, Svay Rieng, Siem Reap, Kampot, Bantheay Meanchey and Battambang provinces. 43 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 7 calls involved animal health.

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

## **II. Information, Education, Communications (IEC) Activities**

- AI awareness training for local authorities in 4 high risk provinces (Kampot, Kg Cham, Prey Veng and Svay Rieng) 5 May -17 June (CDC-MOH, UNICEF)
- Assessment of AI School Kit in primary and secondary schools in 4 primary and 1 secondary schools in 8 provinces. (MOEYS, UNICEF)
- Outbreak communication messages finalized. Ogilvy on prototype. (AED, FAO, UNICEF, MAFF, MOH)

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

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| 10 June    | Monthly API Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16:00   |
| 16-20 June | Step 5 workshops in Siem Reap Multi-Sectoral Pandemic Planning Process (pilot)   |
| 4 July     | ToT on Inter-personal communication (IPC) for medical personal of Angkor Hospital for children (AED, MoH)                              |
| 7 July     | IPC workshop for VAHW trainers (AED, FAO)  |
| 9 July     | Cascade training on VAHW and Agricultural extension workers to observe the capacity of trained master trainers (MAFF, AED, CEDAC, FAO) |

## **IV. Recent Publications:**

ILO Panel Discussion on 'Pandemic Human Influenza as the Workplace Issue': 10 May 2008 in Bangkok.

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/crisis/>

## **V. International issues**

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

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

[http://www.hewsworld.org/avian\\_flu/](http://www.hewsworld.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>