



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 20th June 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 12 to 19 June 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 12 calls from Phnom Penh, Svay Rieng, Kampong Cham, Kratie, Kandal, Kampot, Banteay Meanchey and Kampong Thom provinces. 2 callers reported about sick and dying poultry in Svay Rieng and Kampong Thom provinces. The rest of the calls requested information on avian influenza such as the clinical signs of AI in poultry as well as to know the transmission routes and the prevention measures of HPAI.

The teams of provincial and district veterinarians went to the villages in Svay Rieng and Kampong Thom provinces. After investigation, in Kampong Thom province, 2 ducks were sent to NaVRI laboratory in order to confirm HPAI. The results will be disclosed in 23 June. In Svay Rieng province, the investigation team confirmed that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

NaVRI received 3 samples of different types of sparrows collected by the Wildlife Conservation Society from the Riverside and Wat Phnom resort in Phnom Penh. Following the laboratory test, the results are negative for HPAI virus.

NaVRI and FAO organized a public awareness and education campaign in Pouk District of Siem Reap province on Thursday 19 June. Around 900 villagers from at least 7 villages were present.

A Training of Trainers (ToT) will be organized by NaVRI and FAO for the district veterinarians, next week (23 to 27 June), at the Royal University of Agriculture. The ToT aims to teach the district vets to organize further trainings of Village Animal Health Workers on AI prevention.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 12 to 19 June, the MOH hotline made 12 calls out and received 15 calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Thom, Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Siem Reap, Kampot and Takeo provinces. 10 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 17 calls involved animal health. The caller asked about signs and symptoms of AI suspected and clarify what is AI.

3 humans AI suspected found last week, CDC did the field investigation but they were all confirmed negative for H5 after the lab result.

Last week, CDC conducted 2 days workshop on development protocol for Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) sentinel sited in 4 AI referral hospitals which funded by US CDC. The objective are: early detection of AI case in hospital, practice for Infection control and wash management and the etiology of SARI. CDC team went to the investigation and response in one cluster of Respiratory infection, the outcome and result are still pending.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

- 23-25 June Study Tour of Strengthening Community Based to AHI Management in Asia, organized by AED's partner, CelAgrid,.
- 4 July Inter-personal Communication Skills Training for Medical Staff organized by AED and Angkor Children Hospital
- 7 July Inter-personal Communication Skills Training for Village Animal Health Workers Trainers organized by AED and FAO/DAHP
- 12 August Monthly AHI Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16:00

III. 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://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>