



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 3 to 10 July 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 11 calls, 1 caller reported about sick and dying poultry in Takeo Province. 10 callers from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Speu, Takeo and Siem Reap provinces asked about information on avian influenza such as: Can a person get infected by HPAI from drinking a fruit shake with raw eggs? What are the clinical signs of AI in poultry? Can a person get infected by HPAI from eating sick or dead poultry? What are the prevention measures?

The team of provincial and district vets went to the village in Takeo province. After the investigation, they found that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

2. Country situation: Human Health

During week 28 (from 4 to 10 July 2008), the MOH hotline made 33 calls out and received 39 calls from Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampong Speu, Kampot, Kratie, Pailin, Pursat, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap and Battambang provinces. 65 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 7 calls involved animal health. The callers asked about signs and symptoms of AI suspected and clarify what is AI.

No AI suspected found last week.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

12 August Monthly AHI Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16:00

25-27 August Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) Regional Forum in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (<http://www.mbdsoffice.com>)

III. Recent news/publications

1. Global preparations for an avian influenza pandemic: The Lancet Infectious Diseases Volume 8, Number 7 July 2008 (Attached as PDF file)
2. Avian Flu in southern China: A game of Chicken June 26th 2008 (http://www.economist.com/world/asia/displaystory.cfm?story_id=11622415)
3. Education reform: Top of the class June 26th 2008 (http://www.economist.com/world/international/displaystory.cfm?story_id=11622383)
4. Whatever happened to bird flu? The media frenzy over bird flu has receded, but the threat of a global epidemic still looms large (<http://www.nature.com/news/2008/080709/full/news.2008.945.html>)
5. The long war against flu July 10th 2008 (<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v454/n7201/full/454137a.html>)
6. Ready for avian flu? July 10th, 2008 (<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v454/n7201/full/454162a.html>)
7. Drosophila RNAi screen identifies host genes important for influenza virus replication July 9th 2008 (<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nature07151.html>)
8. Experts identify genes for bird flu replication (<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/HKG16643.htm>)
9. Pandemic mutations in bird flu revealed (News about research paper by Thai scientists) (<http://www.genengnews.com/news/bnitem.aspx?name=38498004>)

IV. 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://ochaonline.un.org/roap/WhatWeDo/PandemicPreparedness/tabid/4304/Default.aspx>

<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>