



## **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 10 to 17 July 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 7 calls from Phnom Penh, Prey Veng, Takeo, Kampong Cham, Kampot and Banteay Meanchey provinces asking information about avian influenza, such as: What are the clinical signs of AI in poultry? Is there a medicine for HPAI in poultry? What to do when one or two chickens are sick or dead? What are the prevention measures for AI and other poultry diseases?

During the week, NaVRI received 14 samples of different types of sparrows collected by the Wildlife Conservation Society from the Riverside and Wat Phnom resort in Phnom Penh. The laboratory tests are negative for HPAI virus.

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

During the week 29 (from 11-17 July), the Ministry of Health (MOH) hotline made 34 calls out and received 40 calls from Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu, Kandal, Kampot, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap, Battambang and Preah Vihear provinces. 67 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 7 callers asked about animal health. The callers asked for clarification on what is AI, what are the differences between seasonal and pandemic influenza.

One (1) human AI suspected found last week but negative after the investigation.

MOH continues conducting 4 regional workshops to disseminate the rapid containment guideline and develop the plan and responsibility of health officers in 24 provinces to respond to the early stage of the pandemic influenza.

## **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. 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://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.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>