



## **Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia**

### **UN system in Cambodia**

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#### **Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008)**

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### **I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia**

#### **1. Country situation: Animal Health**

From 8 to 15 August 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 9 calls from Phnom Penh, Svay Rieng, Kampong Speu, Prey Veng, Kandal and Otdar Meanchey provinces. 5 callers reported about sick and dying poultry in Prey Veng province and the rest asked about transmission routes and prevention measures for avian influenza and other poultry diseases. The team of district veterinarians went to the villages in Prey Veng province and concluded after investigation that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

During the week, NaVRI received 8 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 avian influenza.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) with support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) conducted last week the first two market forums on avian influenza in Kampong Thom and in Kampong Chhnang provincial markets. Around 100 poultry vendors, butchers and middlemen participated in these forums. Speakers from the Provincial Animal Health and Production Office of MAFF, Communicable Disease Control Department of the Ministry of Health and FAO encouraged participants to buy and sell only healthy poultry, keep ducks and chickens separate on the farm, on transport and in the market, and observe hygienic practices. More market forums will be organized in 12 live bird markets this year with funding from USAID and Germany.

## 2. Country situation: Human Health

From 8 to 15 August, the Ministry of Health (MOH) hotline made 33 calls out and received 42 calls from Kandal, Preah Vihear, Strung Treng, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Thom, Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Ratanakiri, Siem Reap, and Bantambang provinces. 64 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 11 callers asked about the animal health. The caller asked about signs and symptoms of AI suspected and clarify what is AI and reported about the suspected poultry sick.

One (1) human AI suspected found but all negative for H5 after investigation.

## II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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

27 August Market Forum on Avian Influenza in Prey Veng organized by MAFF/FAO

29 August Market Forum on Avian Influenza in Svay Rieng organized by MAFF/FAO

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

## III. Recent news/publications

1. Situation update as of 13 August for HPAI (by FAO) including summaries of confirmed HPAI outbreaks in affected countries (attached as PDF file).
2. 2 new reports of Pro-Poor HPAI Risk Reduction project (DFID-funded)
  - . Poverty, Livelihoods and HPAI Mekong Region report no. 1 ([http://www.hpai-research.net/docs/rrep01\\_08.pdf](http://www.hpai-research.net/docs/rrep01_08.pdf))
  - . Poverty, Livelihoods and HPAI, Research brief no. 9 (<http://www.hpai-research.net/docs/rbr09.pdf>)

## 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://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/web>

[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/avianflu/en/index.html>

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