



## Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

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#### Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008)

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

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

From 15 to 21 August 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 7 calls from Phnom Penh, Prey Veng and Kampong Cham provinces. 2 calls reported about sick and dying poultry in Prey Veng province and the rest asked about the clinical sign of HPAI and prevention measures of avian influenza. The team of district veterinarians went to the villages in Prey Veng province; they found that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death after the investigation.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), with funding from USAID and Germany, trained this week 157 Village Animal Health Workers (VAHW) and 157 Village Chiefs on avian influenza in Kampong Leu, Prey Veng and Kamchay Mear districts of Prey Veng Province. The four-day training educates VAHWs in the techniques of surveillance, and the recognition and systematic recording and reporting of suspected HPAI cases. The VAHW training includes one-day training on communication to improve the quality and proactive role of communication and public awareness at the community level. The communication training is attended by Village Chiefs who are the key players in support of the FAO's public awareness programmes.

The Wildlife Conservation Society has completed its wild bird surveillance activity for the FAO's collected 1,908 samples from 955 wild birds of 71 species in wetlands sites and trade (food, pet and merit). The six-month project which started in February collected tracheal and cloacal samples from 17 sites in Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Siem Reap, Kampong Thom, Svay Rieng, Kampot, Kandal and Phnom Penh. The National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) conducted the laboratory tests through virus isolation. None of these samples tested are positive for H5N1 avian influenza virus. A new six-month contract is being discussed between FAO and WCS.

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

From 15 to 21 August, the Ministry of Health hotline made 28 calls out and received 35 calls from Kandal, Stung Treng, Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Prey Veng, Siem Reap, and Battambang provinces. The callers asked about signs and symptoms of AI suspected and clarified what is AI and reported about the suspected sick poultry. 58 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in humans and 5 callers asked about the animal health.

One (1) human AI suspected found, the result is still pending. Influenza Like Illness (ILI) sentinel surveillance found influenza A H3N2 and Information Bulletin circulated.

Communication Disease Centre and Ministry of Health in collaboration with the province Rapid Response Team continue the training to Operational district and Health Centre Rapid Response Team on Avian Influenza and Rapid Containment.

## **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

01 -05 September and 08th-12 September, 2008: The Introduction of Veterinary Epidemiology Training Courses for District Veterinarians, organized by DAHP/NaVRI, USDA, CSU and AVEPM in Phnom Penh.

31 October-07 November, 2008: Avian Influenza Epidemiology Training Course, organized by DAHP/NaVRI, USDA, CSU and AVEPM in Sihanouk Ville.

## **III. Recent news/publications**

1. Situation update as of 22 August for HPAI (by FAO) including summaries of confirmed HPAI outbreaks in affected countries (attached as PDF file).

## **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>