



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 5th September 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 28 August to 5 September 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 8 calls from Phnom Penh, Prey Veng, Preah Vihear, Kampot and Kampong Thom provinces. 1 caller reported about sick and dying poultry in Prey Veng province and the rest asked about the clinical signs of HPAI and prevention measures of avian influenza and other poultry diseases.

District veterinarians went to the village in Prey Veng province; they decided after the investigation that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

During the week, NaVRI received 9 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 through egg inoculation.

The Department of Animal Health and Production and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) conducted market forums on bird flu in Phnom Penh's Orussey Market on 5 September and in Takhmau District Authority Office on 3 September. Supported by USAID and Germany, 14 market forums in 14 provinces are scheduled this year to promote understanding of the importance of practicing biosecurity in the market to protect market traders' source of livelihood, and the health of themselves, their families and their customers from the threat of avian influenza.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 29 August to 5 September, the Ministry of Health hotline made 25 calls out and received 37 calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Kampong Speu, Svay Rieng, Banteay Meanchey, Kampot, Takeo, Kratie and Prey Veng provinces. The caller asked about signs and symptoms of AI suspected, clarified suspected AI patient and reported about sick/dead poultry and referred to animal health department.

52 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in human and 10 callers asked about the animal health.

There is no human AI suspected case found this week.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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| 9 September | Monthly AHI Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16:00 |
| 8-12 September | The Introduction of Veterinary Epidemiology Training Courses for District Veterinarians, organized by DAHP/NaVRI, USDA, CSU and AVEPM in Phnom Penh |
| 19 September | Community Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Bakan District, Pursat Province |
| 24 September | Market Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Kampot Province |
| 26 September | Market Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Takeo Province |
| 8-10 October | FAO Workshop on Avian Influenza Research Activities in Cambodia, Sihanoukville |
| 10 October | Market Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Sihanoukville |
| 12-14 October | FAO-AED Avian Influenza Education Session at the US Medical/Dental Mission in Sihanouk Ville |
| 31 October-7 November | Avian Influenza Epidemiology Training Course, organized by DAHP/NaVRI, USDA, CSU and AVEPM in Sihanouk Ville |
| 25-26 October | The Sixth International Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt |

III. Recent news/publications

1. Situation update as of 030908 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://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.fao.org/avianflu/en/index.html>

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

<http://www.gains.org>