



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

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Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 19th September 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 12 to 19 September 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 10 calls from Phnom Penh, Prey Veng, Kandal, Batambang, Kampong Thom and Kampong Cham provinces asking for information about avian influenza such as: What are the clinical signs of AI in poultry? What to do when one chicken is sick or dead? Does avian influenza infect animals other than poultry? and What are the prevention measures for AI?

FAO trainers completed the training of Village Animal Health Workers and Village Chiefs on Avian Influenza control and prevention in Prey Veng with a total of 543 VAHWs and 538 VCs trained in 11 districts. 64 female VAHWs and 14 VCs participated in the four-day training which started in August. Last week, a training started in Kampong Thom with around 300 VAHWs and VCs. The training is being conducted in collaboration with the Department of Animal Health and Production (DAHP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries with support from USAID and Germany.

DAHP and FAO conducted a community forum on avian influenza in Sras Makak Village, O Ta Pong Commune, Bakan District of Pursat Province. Around 1,000 villagers from 8 villages of O Ta Pong Commune attended together with their Village Animal Health Workers and Village Chiefs. Led by the commune chief, VAHWs and VCs from the other 10 villages in O Ta Pong commune also came to observe the forum. The Deputy District Governor, the Provincial Veterinary Officer, Provincial Agriculture Department official and FAO explained the importance of remaining vigilant and practicing prevention measures to keep Pursat AI-free. FAO introduced the Village Chiefs and VAHWs to the villagers and encouraged villagers to report any suspected bird flu outbreak to their VC or VAHW so that actions can immediately be taken to control the spread of AI. To prevent poultry to poultry transmission of bird flu, villagers were advised to "separate ducks from chickens," "quarantine new poultry for 14 days," "separate sick from healthy poultry," and "clean the yard of feces, feathers and other wastes." To prevent poultry to

human transmission, the forum encouraged villagers to "keep children away from sick and dead poultry," "wash hands with soap and water," "burn or bury dead poultry," and "prepare and cook poultry safely."

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 12 to 19 September, the Ministry of Health hotline made 24 calls out and received 25 calls from from Kandal, Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, Manteay Meanchey, and Takeo 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.

42 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in human and 7 callers asked about the animal health.

One (1) human AI suspected case but negative for H5.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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
14 October	<i>Monthly AHI Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16:00</i>
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 170908 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>