



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation
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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 19-25 September 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 11 calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Kratie, Kampong Speu and Siem Reap provinces. One caller reported about sick and dying poultry in Siem Reap province and the rest asked about the clinical signs of AI in poultry? What to do when chickens are sick or dead? What are the transmission routes and prevention measures for avian influenza and other animal diseases? A team of district veterinarians went to the village in Siem Reap province where suspected poultry outbreak was found but after investigation, it was decided that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

NaVRI received 7 samples of different types of sparrows collected by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) from the Riverside and Wat Phnom resort in Phnom Penh. The laboratory tests are negative for avian influenza through egg inoculation.

FAO has trained 45 Village Animal Health Workers (VAHWs) and 69 Village Chiefs (VCs) on Avian Influenza control and prevention in Phnom Penh. A total of 7,046 VAHWs and 2,204 VCs have been trained since December 2005 in collaboration with the Department of Animal Health and Production (DAHP) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Of these, 698 are female VAHWs and 130 are female VCs.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 19 to 26 September, the Ministry of Health hotline made 25 calls out and received 34 calls from Kandal, Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, and Banteay Meanchey 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.

47 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in human and 12 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

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. AHI/Pandemic Preparedness: UN System Update, September 2008

<http://ochaonline.un.org/roap/AvianHumanInfluenzaUnit/AHIPandemicPreparednessUNSystemUpdate/tabid/4357/Default.aspx>

2. Situation update as of 25 September 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>