



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

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Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 3rd October 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 25 September to 3 October 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 14 calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Kampot, Steong Treng, Kampong Chhnang, Sihanouk Ville and Takeo provinces. 4 calls reported about sick and dying poultry in Kampong Cham, Kandal, Kampot and Kampong Chhnang provinces. The rest asked about the clinical signs of AI in poultry. What to do when one chicken is sick or died? The prevention measures for avian influenza and other animal diseases.

The team of Provincial and district veterinarians went to the villages in Kampong Cham, Kandal, Kampot and Kampong Chhnang provinces. After investigation, they decided that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries with support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) organize a workshop on avian influenza research activities in Cambodia. The workshop will take place in Sihanouk Ville from 8 to 10 October.

The objectives of the workshop are (i) to bring together researchers from various disciplines to share the results of their HPAI-related research in Cambodia with each other and with decision makers; (ii) to facilitate dynamic exchange of views between researchers and decision makers on epidemiological, social and economic issues relevant to HPAI in Cambodia; (iii) to identify and prioritize major knowledge gaps that research needs to fill and how to best address them in the near future; and (iv) to contribute to the development of a second generation of science-based HPAI risk management strategies that carefully consider their impacts on the livelihoods of the poor.

FAO and DAHP are organizing a Market Forum in Sihanouk Ville on 10 October which will

gather poultry sellers, middlemen and market managers. The aim of the Market Forum is to brief them on the Bio-security measures to take in order to reduce the risks of AI infection and transmission.

FAO and DAHP will participate in the U.S. MUSTIN medical mission in Cambodia from October 12-14, 2008 in Sihanouk Ville. FAO and DAHP will conduct AI health promotion activity and IEC material distribution to patients coming for medical services.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 26 September to 2 October, the Ministry of Health hotline made 15 calls out and received 27 calls from Kandal, Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampong Speu, Stung Treng, Pailin, Prey Veng and Kampot 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.

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

No human AI suspected case reported this week.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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 2 October 2008 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>