



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 10th October 2008)

Issue No. 172



The information summarized below is gathered from official and non official sources, which are quoted in the text. This bulletin is prepared by the UN in Cambodia in cooperation with the Royal Government of Cambodia and development partners.

I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 3 to 10 October 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 11 calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kratie, Siem Reap and Prey Veng Provinces. 6 calls reported about sick and dying poultry in Phnom Penh, Kandal, Prey Veng and Kratie provinces and the rest asked about transmission routes and prevention measures for avian influenza, informed about the people caught a fever and other animal diseases.

The team of provincial and district veterinarians went to the villages in Phnom Penh, Kandal and Kratie provinces, they decided after investigation that the avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death. The team took 5 ducks from Prey Veng province and sent to NaVRI to detect the H5N virus.

NaVRI received 21 samples in which 11 samples of different types of sparrows were collected by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) from the Riverside and Wat Phnom resort in Phnom Penh and 5 duck samples taken from Sobin Village, Prey Khla Commune, Prey Veng District, Prey Veng Province. The results of laboratory tests for the 21 samples will be known by Monday 13 October.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 3 to 9 October, the Ministry of Health hotline made 25 calls out and received 27 calls from Oudar Mean Chey, Kandal, Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Takeo and Kampot. 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.

The Rapid Response team was conducting 6 Human AI suspected cases and 1 suspected poultry outbreak last week but all were now confirmed negative for Human AI and was excluded after the investigation.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

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. "Simulation Exercises on Influenza Pandemic Responses in the Asia Pacific Region" booklet published by UN System Influenza Coordination (UNSIC) Asia-Pacific Regional Hub in collaboration with Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and Kenan Institute Asia (K.I.Asia) with contributions of more than 50 writing team members.
http://www.un-influenza.org/files/asia_pacific/temp/unsic_pandemic_complete.pdf
2. Situation update as of 9 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>