



# Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

## UN system in Cambodia

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### Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008)

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## I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

### 1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 17-24 October 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 11 calls from Phnom Penh, Sihanouk Ville, Kandal, Kampong Chhnang and Battambang Provinces. 2 calls reported about sick and dying poultry in Phnom Penh and Kandal province and the rest asked about what to do when one chicken is sick or dead? What are the clinical signs of AI in poultry? and what are the prevention measures for AI?

The team of provincial and district veterinarians went to the villages in Phnom Penh and Kandal province, after investigation they took two chickens from Kandal province and two samples (one chicken and one duck) from Phnom Penh and sent to NaVRI to detect the H5N virus. Test results for two chicken samples from Kandal province are negative for HPAI virus through egg inoculation. But the result for two samples (one chicken and one duck) from Phnom Penh will be known on Monday, 27 October.

NaVRI received 9 samples from different types of sparrows collected by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) from the Riverside and Wat Phnom resort in Phnom Penh. The laboratory tests for 9 samples of sparrows are negative for HPAI virus through egg inoculation.

## 2. Country situation: Human Health

From 17-24 October, the Ministry of Health hotline made 20 calls out and received 24 calls from Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Stung Treng, Svay Rieng, Battambang, Kampong Speu, Kampot, and Ratanakiri provinces.

The callers asked about signs and symptoms of AI suspected, clarify suspected AI patient and report poultry sick/death and refer to animal health department. 37 callers asked about the signs and symptoms of avian influenza in human and 7 callers asked about the animal health.

The Rapid Response Teams were conducting 4 human AI suspected cases but they were negative for human AI and excluded after investigation.

## II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

25-26 October	The Sixth International Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
31 October-7 November	Avian Influenza Epidemiology Training Course, organized by DAHP/NaVRI, USDA, CSU and AVEPM in Sihanouk Ville
6 November	Community Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Prey Veng Province
18 November	Monthly AHI Partnership meeting at UN conference room, 53 Pasteur Street (gate 1). 14.30-16:00
19 November	Market Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Kampong Cham Province
21 November	Market Forum on Avian Influenza organized by MAFF/FAO in Siem Reap Province

## III. Recent news/publications

1. Situation update as of 16 October 2008 for HPAI (by FAO) including summaries of confirmed HPAI outbreaks in affected countries (attached as PDF file)
2. Two main documents being prepared in anticipation of the Sharmel Sheikh Conference 25-26 October: Fourth Progress Report (<http://un-influenza.org/files/ProgressReport2008.pdf>) and the Executive Summary of the Strategic Framework (<http://un-influenza.org/node/2341/>).

## 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://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.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>