



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 31 October 2008)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 24 – 31 November 2008, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute (NaVRI) received 5 calls from Phnom Penh, Prey Veng, Kandal and Battambang provinces asking for information about Avian Influenza such as: clinical signs of AI in poultry; what to do when chickens are sick or dead; does Avian Influenza infect other animals; how is Avian Influenza transmitted; preventive measures for AI.

During the week, NaVRI did not receive any poultry samples.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 24-31 October, the Ministry of Health hotline made 21 calls out and received 23 calls from Kandal, Kampong cham, Phnom Penh, Kampong Thom, Svay Rieng, 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.

38 callers asked about signs and symptoms of avian influenza in human and 6 callers asked about the animal health.

The Rapid Response Teams were conducting 1 human AI suspected case but was excluded after investigation.

National Committee for Disaster Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry and Ministry of health jointly conducted launching the consultative workshop on minority development of implementation of AI/PI world project at Ratanakiri province from 27 to 28 October 2008. The participants were from provincial, district, commune, communities and also from health facilities staffs.

II. Upcoming Avian and Pandemic Influenza events in Cambodia

- 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. International issues

Click these links for the latest updates of the global situation on Avian Influenza:

<http://www.un-influenza.org>

http://www.hewsweb.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>