



Bulletin on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

UN system in Cambodia

Update on the Avian Influenza Situation (as of 7 September 2009)

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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 31 August-7 September 2009, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute received four calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal and Prey Veng provinces. One caller reported about sick and dead poultry in Prey Veng province. Investigation conducted by a team of provincial and district veterinarians showed that avian influenza was not the cause of the illness and death. Other callers asked about the clinical signs of AI in poultry and its transmission routes.

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 31 August-7 September, the data hotline received totally 824 calls. 788 callers were asking about the influenza A/H1N1, 31 were asking about human H5N1 and 5 about the poultry.

The callers were from all the provinces and cities and most callers were from Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Battambang, Siem Reap and less call from Preah Vihear, Stung Treng and Rattanakiri.

The callers asked about what is the A/H1N1 or swine flu, sign and symptoms, how is its transmission between human and human, does it transmit from pig, the situation of swine flu in Cambodia, what is different between bird flu and Influenza A/H1N1, does the government have the capacity to manage the AH1N1 Pandemic, if suspected case are found where they can contact, is there a medicine to treat the A/H1N1 etc. The callers called about animal issue, the hotline referred to the animal health hotline.

5 human A/H1N1 found, so total case in Cambodia is 31. MoH continues strengthening the measure to respond to pandemic such as strengthening surveillance, investigation and response, ready for

equipment and supplies, border control and keep sending the update information to response. The 3 hotlines are still kept on duty for 24 hours and 7 days/week.

Anyone who has these symptoms should stay at home, avoid crowded places and contact the Ministry of Health's Influenza Hotline: 012 489 981 or 089 669 567. Patients with influenza-like symptoms who have difficulty breathing should report to their nearest health centre for further advice.

There is currently no vaccine available for Influenza A (H1N1) and most cases do not require antiviral medication. Treatment includes drinking lots of liquids, rest and paracetamol.

II. Key events

- 7-11 September National Avian Influenza Diagnostic Follow Up Training/Workshop in the National Veterinary Research Institute in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (to be conducted by USDA APHIS)
- 12-15 September 2009: Avian Influenza Awareness Campaign at the US MEDRETE mission in Koh Kong Province (organized by DAHP/MAFF and FAO, funded by USAID)
- (DTB) National Advanced Veterinary Epidemiology Training/Workshop in Siem Reap province (to be conducted by USDA APHIS)

III. Publications

n/a

IV International issues

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

www.influenza.undg.org

<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>

www.aitoolkit.org

www.who.int

www.un.org.kh

www.cdcmoh.gov.kh