



Update on the Avian Influenza Situation
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I. Latest information on Avian Influenza in Cambodia

1. Country situation: Animal Health

From 17-22 November, the animal health hotline at the National Veterinary Research Institute received four calls from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Takeo and Battambang Provinces. All callers asked: What are the clinical signs of avian influenza in poultry? Can a person get infected from drinking a fruit shaken mixed with raw eggs? What to do if there are sick chickens?

2. Country situation: Human Health

From 17-23 November, the data hotline received totally 570 calls. 558 callers were asking about the influenza A/H1N1, 9 were asking about human H5N1, 2 about the poultry and nuisance 495.

The callers were from all provinces and cities, most of them were from Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Cham; and the less callers are from Preah Vihear, Stung Treng and Kep.

The callers asked about signs and symptoms of AH1N1 and the current situation in Cambodia. In case they find suspected cases where they can contact, is there a medicine to treat the A/H1N1 and who could be in the risk group? etc.

Total cases in Cambodia for influenza A H1/N1 are now 444 cases and 4 death (3 female and 1 male). 12 provinces found H1N1 cases including Phnom Penh, Kandal, Takeo, Kampong Speu,

Siem Reap, Svay Rieng, Battambang, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Cham, Mondulhiri, Kampot and Prey Veng.

Anyone with flu like 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. Publications

HPAI situation update as of 19 November 2009 prepared by the FAO Emergency Prevention System which includes summary of confirmed HPAI outbreaks in affected countries.

III-Events

1. 24-27 November 2009 Avian Influenza Video Training sessions with female poultry farmers in Battambang (organized by FAO and DAHP with funding from USAID)
2. 8-9 December 2009 Avian Influenza Risk Communication Workshop in Siem Reap (organized by FAO and DAHP with funding from USAID)
3. 21-26 December 2009 Advanced Veterinary Epidemiology supported by USDA, organized by USDA APHIS AI Cambodia, National Veterinary Research Institute, and Colorado State University.

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.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>

www.aitoolkit.org

www.who.int

www.un.org.kh

www.cdcmoh.gov.kh