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DISEASE ALERT



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First alert: May 28, 2025 | **Human Avian Influenza A(H5N1) in Cambodia**

Sub-Locations Affected

Kampong Speu Province (Samraong Tong District)

Event Description

The Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia confirmed a human case of avian influenza A(H5N1) on May 27, 2025. The case was confirmed by the Institut Pasteur du Cambodge through laboratory testing. Despite medical intervention, the child succumbed to the illness due to severe symptoms.



Figure 1. Map of location affected

Epidemiological Information

- On May 27, 2025, the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia reported a confirmed case of avian influenza A(H5N1) in an 11-year-old child from Samraong Tong District, Kampong Speu Province. The Institut Pasteur du Cambodge confirmed the case through laboratory testing the same day. Despite emergency treatment, after being admitted in a critical state, the child died on the day of confirmation due to severe symptoms, including high fever, cough, fatigue, and acute respiratory distress.
- Investigations revealed that chickens and ducks near the patient's home had been falling ill and dying continuously during the week prior to the child's illness.
- In 2025, Cambodia reported a total of four human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1), all of which were fatal. Each case involved recent exposure to sick or dead poultry.
- Since 2003, the Ministry of Health has documented 76 human cases of H5N1 in the country, including 47 deaths.

Response Measures

- The Ministry of Health's national and sub-national rapid response teams, in coordination with provincial agriculture departments and local authorities, are actively investigating the avian influenza outbreak. Their response follows strict technical protocols, including tracing infection sources in both animals and humans, identifying suspected cases and close contacts, distributing medicines to those exposed, and conducting health education campaigns in the affected village.
- The Ministry of Health urges the public to follow preventive guidelines and be vigilant about avian influenza A(H5N1), a significant public health threat. Individuals experiencing fever, cough, runny nose, or breathing difficulties, especially those who have had contact with sick or dead poultry within the last 14 days, are advised to avoid crowded areas and seek prompt medical attention to prevent potentially fatal complications from delayed treatment.
- The Ministry of Health continuously provides updates through official social media channels, the Department of Communicable Disease Control's website (www.cdcmoh.gov.kh) and Facebook page.

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