



ASEAN BIOLOGICAL THREATS SURVEILLANCE CENTRE

DISEASE ALERT



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First alert : February 26, 2025

**Sixth alert : June 25, 2025 | Human Avian Influenza A(H5N1)
in Cambodia**

Sub-Locations Affected

Siem Reap Province (Puok District)

Event Description

On June 24, 2025, the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia issued a press release confirming a human case of avian influenza A(H5N1) in a 41-year-old woman from Puok District in Siem Reap Province. The case was confirmed on June 23, 2025 by the National Institute of Public Health through laboratory testing.

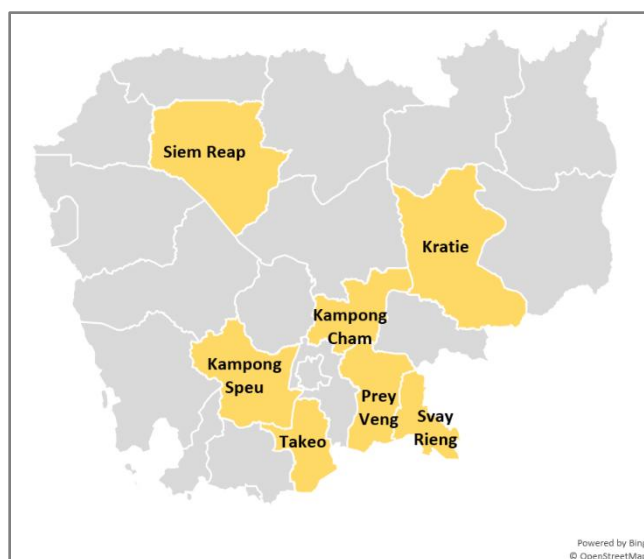


Figure 1. Provinces confirming human cases of Avian Influenza A(H5N1) in 2025

Epidemiological Information

- On June 23, 2025, the National Institute of Public Health confirmed a case of avian influenza A(H5N1) in a 41-year-old woman from Puok District, Siem Reap Province. The patient presented with symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing, and is currently receiving intensive care from a medical team.
- Investigations revealed that there were sick and died chickens in her home and her neighbourhood. The patient had handled and been in contact with sick and dead chickens and cooked them for consumption five days before started feeling sick.

- **Cumulatively in 2025, Cambodia has confirmed seven cases with five deaths.**

Case Number	Age in years, sex	Region	Exposure	Date of Confirmation	Health Status
Case 1	28, male	Chamkar Leu District, Kampong Cham Province	Direct contact with chickens	January 9	Died
Case 2	2, male	Preah Sdach District, Prey Veng Province	Direct contact with chickens	February 25	Died
Case 3	3, unstated	Chitr Borei district, Kratie Province	Unknown	March 23	Died
Case 4	11, male	Samraong Tong District, Kampong Speu Province	Direct contact with chickens	May 27	Died
Case 5	65, female	Prey Kabbas District, Takeo Province.	Direct contact with chickens (no sick)	June 12	Under treatment
Case 6	52, male	Svay Chrum District, Svay Rieng Province	Direct contact with chickens	June 20	Died
Case 7	41, female	Puok District, Siem Reap Province	Direct contact with chickens	June 23	Under treatment

- **Genomic information:** Of the 2025 cases with genomic results available, five are labelled as the newly classified 2.3.2.1e. Genomic results for two most recent cases are pending.

Response Measures

- The Ministry of Health, with local partners, is investigating the avian influenza outbreak, following strict protocols: tracing sources in animals and humans, identifying cases and contacts, distributing medicines, and conducting health education in affected areas.
- The Ministry of Health urges the public to follow preventive measures and remain vigilant against avian influenza A(H5N1). Individuals with fever, cough, runny nose, or breathing issues, especially after contact with sick or dead poultry in the past 14 days, should avoid crowds and seek immediate medical care to prevent serious complications.
- The Ministry of Health underscored the following key preventive measures to reduce the risk of H5N1 infection:
 - a) Avoid contact with sick or dead poultry,
 - b) Use protective measures (gloves and a mask) when handling poultry for food,
 - c) Wash hands frequently, especially before handling food and after contact with poultry or potentially contaminated surfaces,
 - d) Ensure thorough cooking before consumption, and
 - e) Seek medical attention promptly.

- 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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