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: July 2, 2025 Human Avian Influenza A(H5N1) in Cambodia

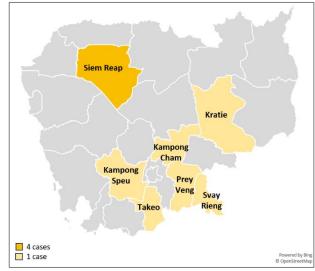
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## **Sub-Locations Affected**

Siem Reap Province (Puok District)

### **Event Description**

On June 30, 2025, the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Cambodia confirmed one additional case of human avian influenza A (H5N1) in Siem Reap Province. This individual lived in a different village than those affected by the recently reported cases. This brings this year's total number of confirmed H5N1 human infections in Siem Reap Province to four, and in Cambodia to ten.



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Figure 1. Provinces confirming human cases of Avian Influenza A(H5N1) in 2025 (As of June 30)

## **Epidemiological Information**

- On June 30, 2025, the National Institute of Public Health confirmed an additional cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) in a 36-year-old woman from Puok District, Siem Reap Province, who developed symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing.
- The patient lived in a different village, approximately three kilometers from where the recent cases occurred. Investigations revealed that she had handled and buried a sick and dead chicken at home.

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
Case 8	46, female	Puok District, Siem Reap Province	Direct contact with chickens, Case 7	June 29	Under treatment
Case 9	16, male	Puok District, Takeo Province	Direct contact with chickens, Case 7	June 29	Under treatment
Case 10	36, female	Puok District, Siem Reap Province	Direct contact with chickens,	June 30	Under treatment

#### • Cumulatively in 2025, Cambodia has confirmed ten cases with five deaths.

#### **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 (<u>www.cdcmoh.gov.kh</u>) and Facebook page.

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