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**Eighth human case of avian influenza in Cambodia
11th December 2008**

The Ministry of Health in Cambodia confirmed that a 19-year-old man is the eighth person who has been detected with confirmed avian influenza in Cambodia since early 2005. This is the first case of avian influenza detected in Cambodia in 2008. The patient is from Kandal Steung District in Kandal Province

The patient became ill with fever, cough, muscle ache and sore throat on 28th November and sought medical attention at local health centres originally on 30th November and again on 2nd December. The patient was identified during surveillance for acute fever illness, a research study conducted in the province and confirmatory testing was done by the National Influenza Centre in Phnom Penh on 11th December.

The patient is currently being treated in Calmette hospital, Phnom Penh. Field investigation teams, headed by MoH are in the field to identify human contacts and start prophylaxis treatment. The Ministry of Health will continue to go house to house in the affected area looking for people who have a fever, cough and contact with sick or dead chickens. Public education materials will also be distributed.

The Ministry of Agriculture are conducting a detailed investigation into poultry deaths in the area around the village

This is the 8th confirmed case of human H5N1 influenza in Cambodia. All previous 7 cases died. The last case occurred in April 2007. Globally there have been 329 confirmed cases of human H5N1 infections of which 246 have died.



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