

**Response to Avian Influenza
Challenge in Asia and the Pacific:
Potential ADB Support**

Principles Underlying ADB Support

- Effective coordination with other partners
- Quick approval
- Flexible financing
- Easy disbursement

ADB Support for Country Level Activities

- Use of savings from existing projects
- Retrofit new projects (that are ready to start)
- New AI specific loan projects (if requested by governments)

ADB's Main Focus: Regional Activities

Rationale:

- Uncertain nature of the epidemic
- Regional public good
- Economies of scale
- ADB's comparative advantage

ADB's Regional Support

- A new regional project for Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos
 - Medium to long term needs
 - Board presentation on 21 Nov
- Another new regional project covering all countries in Asia and the Pacific
 - Short to medium term needs
 - Board presentation in early 2006

ADB's Regional Support: Potential Components

- Capacity building at regional level
 - Partners
 - Regional organizations
- Regional cooperation and cross-border issues
 - Strengthening networks
 - Exchange of information
 - Quarantine issues
- Support for regional stockpiles
- Regional fund for compensation to poultry farmers in poor countries

ADB Support for AI: Progress

Instrument	Coverage	Amount	Progress
Use of savings			
Phase I	Mekong	\$25 m	In process
Phase II	All	\$50 m	Yet to start
Retrofit	Mekong	\$68 m	In process
New lending	THA, INO, CHN, PHI	Open ended	Yet to start
Regional	Regional	\$58 m	In process
Total		\$201+ m	



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