



ASEAN RESPONSE TO COMBAT AVIAN INFLUENZA

ASEAN SECRETARIAT



THE OUTBREAKS AND IMPACTS

- recent episode (2003-2005, H5N1) → outbreaks in several ASEAN Member Countries
- detrimental impacts on socio-economic development
- losses to ASEAN poultry industry, posed threat to public health
- fear for a potential pandemic emergence new influenza strains threaten lives of millions

ASEAN RESPONSE MECHANISMS AND COORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS

- human and animal health sectors
- ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)
 - Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)
 - ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD)
- ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)
 - ASEAN Sectoral working Group on Livestock (ASWGL)
 - ASEAN Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Taskforce)



KEY INITIATIVES ON ASEAN COOPERATION

- **ASEAN+3 Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Programme** implemented (April 2004-October 2005) through AEGCD
 - 4 areas focused with coordination through the lead countries
 - phase II in preparation under the Emerging and Resurging Zoonotic Infectious Diseases Initiatives Program
- **ASEAN HPAI Taskforce** established (26th AMAF, October 2004)
 - to formulate coordinated multi-agency and multi-sectoral approach
 - to work closely with ASEAN's dialogues partners and international organizations
 - The 4th AMAF +3, October 2004, expressed support & to share experiences/ expertise

KEY INITIATIVES ON ASEAN COOPERATION (CONTINUED)

- **Regional Framework for Control and Eradication of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** endorsed (27th AMAF, September 2005)
 - covers eight (8) strategic areas with coordination through the lead countries
- **ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund (AHTF)** established
 - An agreement being developed for accountability, proper use and management for long-term sustainability
 - an important signal of ASEAN's commitment and determination

OTHER INITIATIVES, PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, COLLABORATION

- Strengthening of Animal Diseases Control Programme (AI, FMD, CSF)
- Regularization of Products and Utilization of Animal vaccines
- SEAFMD Campaign (OIE collaboration)
- Strengthening Animal Health Management and Biosecurity in ASEAN (Australia collaboration)
- Animal Health and Production Information System for ASEAN (AHPISA),
- Global Strategy for the Progressive Control of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
- Global Framework for the Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs)



FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND MEASURES

- Strengthen institutional linkages within countries and across borders
- Develop partnerships with all stakeholders in public and private sectors and civil society
- Share information, knowledge, success stories and lessons learned
- Change mindset in farming and poultry management practices
- Continue ASEAN coordination, leadership and be on top of the situation

NEXT STEPS

- ASEAN's further commitment, determination and contribution to contain and control the spread of HPAI
 - Joint Communique of the Second ASEAN-UN Summit (September 2005, New York)
 - 11th ASEAN Summit (December 2005)
- Multi-sectoral coordination/ multi-agency approach strengthened
 - Information sharing
 - capacity building in Member Countries
 - Technical support/ co-research work
 - Equitable access for antivirals and vaccines

NEXT STEPS (continued)

- 3rd HPAI Taskforce meeting, 10-12 January 2006
 - to develop detailed implementation plan for the **Regional Framework for Control and Eradication of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)**
 - ASEAN Dialogue Partners and international organizations are invited