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Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR)**

High Risk Group Surveillance of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

Contact Follow Up Monitoring (Jan 2008 to 07 Jan 2009) from IEDCR

Avian Influenza Contact Follow Up Monitoring Committee regularly monitors the contact persons' follow up from the affected districts. The committee has started its activities from mid January 2008.

Summary of Avian Influenza Situation											
											Date: 07/01/09
	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08 to Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Grand Total Upto Date
Total No of Affected Districts	17	29	14	5	1	0	1	0	1	5	39
Total No of Contact Persons	884	2014	925	102	35	0	6	0	8	133	4107
Total No of Persons Followed Up	620	1961	923	102	35	0	6	0	8	133	3788
Total No of Persons Completed 14 Days Follow Up	410	1456	783	102	35	0	6	0	8	64	2864

Note:

- Contact Types: Persons involved in culling or Close Contact (less than 1 meter), Household Contact (more than 1 meter), Health Care Worker Contact (unprotected), Other Contacts (not household or not close).
- Close Contacts are given Anti-Viral tablets as a single dose for 7 days and followed up for 14 days.
- Other contacts are followed up for 14 days without any Anti-Viral tablets.
- Follow Up is done daily by a Health Care Worker to detect 'Influenza Like Illness' (Fever, Cough and Respiratory Distress with H/O poultry contact).
- If there is any suspected case, that is notified individually to IEDCR. Then necessary steps are taken accordingly.

From January to 31st December 2008, 39 out of 64 districts in Bangladesh were reported as affected by Bird Flu. 4107 people were reported to be in contact with affected poultries within this period in 39 districts. Among them, 3788 people were followed up for any suspected fever or Influenza Like Illness (ILI). Those who were in direct contact with poultries were given prophylactic anti-viral drug (Tab. Oseltamivir) daily for 7 days. All other contacts including the direct contacts were followed up for 14 days by an authorized health professional. 2864 people completed 14 days follow up till to date. There was no report of any poultry outbreaks in June, July, August and October of 2008.

Narshingdi, Gazipur, Natore, Gaibandha and Kurigram districts were reported as Bird Flu affected districts in December 2008. There is no report of any new poultry outbreak in January 2009 till to date.