

## **Seventh H5N1 case in Bangladesh**

The seventh case of **Influenza A (H5N1)** has been confirmed from one of our surveillance sites. Diagnosis was made on the basis of Real time RT-PCR.

This was a 1 year 11 months old male child from Chauddogram, Comilla. He was admitted to Comilla Medical College Hospital, later transferred to Dhaka Shishu Hospital and then to a private clinic. He died on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. This is the first death case of H5N1 in Bangladesh. As this child had no typical features of Influenza Like Illness (ILI), throat and nasal samples were sent for reconfirmation to CDC Atlanta, USA (WHO reference laboratory) and received confirmation on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

Detailed outbreak investigation was conducted. There was strong epidemiological link with backyard poultry deaths. No other case was found among contacts during the investigation.