

Reporting period: 9 to 15 August 2009 (Week 33)

Summary

1. The latest cases of avian influenza H5N1 in humans occurred in **Egypt** (confirmed by WHO on August 11).
2. In the past few years, about 100 cases of human AI infection were confirmed by the WHO annually, except 2008 where there were only 44 cases confirmed.
3. Cases occurred in the Western Pacific, South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean WHO regions. More cases were reported around January to March each year.

This week's update

(as of 8 Aug 2009)		Confirmed human cases (deaths)	Wild birds/ poultry reports
		Source: WHO	Source: OIE
This week	Hong Kong	0 (0)	0
	Outside HK	2 (0)	1
	Affected countries	Egypt	Mongolia
	Details	Egypt: Two children (F/8; M/18 months) were infected with H5N1. They are from Kfr Elsheikh and Menofyia Governorates, respectively, and are in stable condition. Both had contact with sick/dead poultry. (Aug 11, WHO)	Mongolia: Highly pathogenic avian influenza H5 was detected in wild birds in Doroo nuur, Tsetserleg soum, Arkhangai. (Aug 10, OIE)
Cumulative since Nov. 2003	Hong Kong	0	2009: 16 dead birds confirmed H5N1 positive ^θ
	Outside HK	438 (262)	
	Affected countries	15 *	62 [#]
^θ For further information, please visit the web site of AFCD : http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_vetlab/qua_vetlab_ndr/h5n1_health_advice.html			
* The 15 affected countries included Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, 17 provinces in China (<i>Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Zhejiang</i>), Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Laos, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.			
[#] Details of the OIE reported cases in poultry/wild birds: http://www.oie.int/eng/info_ev/en_AI_factoids_2.htm			

Table 1.

WHO confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) since 2003 by onset date of the cases (as of 15 Aug 2009)[§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	43	438
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	12	262
Case Fatality Rate (CFR)	100.0%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75%	27.9%	59.8%

§ Further breakdown by countries is available at the government website “Prevention of Avian Influenza” (<http://www.info.gov.hk/info/flu/eng/global.htm>)

Table 2.

Countries/areas affected by avian influenza (H5N1) in the past 6 months

(as of 15 Aug 2009)

WHO Region	Date of last report by WHO / OIE	Countries	In the past 6 months, H5N1 has affected
Western Pacific	2009-06-26	Vietnam	Human, Poultry
	2009-06-04	China (Qinghai)	Poultry, Wild birds
	2009-08-10	Mongolia	Wild birds
	2009-05-02 [#]	China (Hong Kong SAR)	Poultry, Wild birds
	2009-04-19	China (Tibet)	Poultry
	2009-02-26	Laos	Poultry
	2009-02-10	China (Xinjiang)	Poultry
	2009-02-02	China (Hunan)	Human
South-East Asia	2009-07-14	Bangladesh	Poultry
	2009-05-27	India	Poultry
	2009-02-20	Nepal	Poultry
	2009-01-22	Indonesia ^{&}	Poultry
Eastern Mediterranean	2009-08-10	Egypt ^{&}	Human
Europe	2009-06-24	Russia	Wild birds
	2009-03-10	Germany	Wild birds
Africa	2009-03-03	Nigeria ^{&}	Poultry
The Americas	--	--	--

[#] A pigeon found in Tuen Mun was confirmed H5N1 positive. Source: The Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department, Hong Kong.

[&] The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has reported that avian influenza H5N1 is endemic in poultry in these countries.

Table 3.

WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 since 2003 (as of 15 Aug 2009)

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to August 2009)	No. of recent cases (May to August 2009)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	1	0
Cambodia	8	0
China	38	0
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	83	16
Indonesia	141	0
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0

Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	111	1
Overall	438	17

Table 4.

Details of the recent WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 (May to Aug 09)

(as of 15 Aug 2009)

Date of report by WHO	Country	District	Province	Sex	Age	Outcome
11/08/09	Egypt	Shebin Elkom	Menofyia	M	1	Alive
11/08/09	Egypt	Kfr Elsheikh	Kfr Elsheikh	F	8	Alive
01/07/09	Egypt	Domiat	Domiat	M	1	Alive
01/07/09	Egypt	Dakhlia	Dakhlia	F	4	Alive
01/07/09	Egypt	Kaleen	Kefr El Sheikh	M	1	Alive
02/06/09	Egypt	Kefr El Sheikh	Kefr El Sheikh	F	4	Alive
01/06/09	Egypt	Dekernes	Dkhalia	F	1	Alive
28/05/09	Egypt	Hehia	Sharkia	M	4	Alive
28/05/09	Egypt	Abo Hammad	Sharkia	F	4	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Kafr Sakr	Sharkia	M	4	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Mahalla	Gharbia	M	3	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Meet Ghamr	Dakahlia	F	4	Fatal
22/05/09	Egypt	Sherbin	Dakahlia	M	4	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Sohag	Sohag	M	3	Alive
15/05/09	Egypt	Tama	Sohag	F	5	Alive
06/05/09	Vietnam	Quan Hoa	Thanh Hoa	F	23	Fatal
06/05/09	Egypt	Tanta	Gharbia	F	34	Alive

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^o **Sources:** World Health Organization (WHO); World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)