

Reporting period: 17 to 23 January 2010 (Week 4)

Summary

1. The latest case of avian influenza H5N1 in humans occurred in **Egypt** (confirmed by WHO on 21 December 2009).
2. In the past few years, about 100 cases of avian influenza H5N1 in humans were confirmed by the WHO annually, except 2008 where there were only 44 cases. In 2009, a total of 72 cases were 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 23 Jan 2010)		Confirmed human cases (deaths)	Wild birds/ poultry reports
		Source: WHO	Source: OIE
This week	Hong Kong	0 (0)	0
	Outside HK	0 (0)	1
	Affected countries	-	India
	Details	-	India: Backyard poultry in West Bengal was affected by H5. (OIE, 22 Jan 2010)
Cumulative since Nov. 2003	Hong Kong	0	2009: 17 dead birds confirmed H5N1 positive ⁰
	Outside HK	467 (282)	
	Affected countries	15 *	62 [#]

⁰ For further information, please visit the web site of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (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 (*Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Zhejiang*), 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 23 Jan 2010)[§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	72	0	467
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	0	282
Case Fatality Rate (CFR)	100.0%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75%	44.4%	-	60.4%

[§] 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza in the past 6 months
(as of 23 Jan 2010)

WHO Region	Date of last report by WHO / OIE	Countries	In the past 6 months, H5N1 has affected
Western Pacific	2009-12-16	Vietnam	Human, Poultry
	2009-08-10	Mongolia	Wild birds
South-East Asia	2010-01-22	India	Poultry
	2010-01-05	China (Hong Kong SAR)	Wild birds
	2009-12-30	Indonesia ^{&}	Human, Poultry
	2009-12-18	Cambodia	Human
	2009-07-14	Bangladesh	Poultry
Eastern Mediterranean	2009-12-21	Egypt ^{&}	Human
Europe	2009-11-05	Russia	Wild birds
	2009-10-13	Spain	Poultry
Africa	2009-10-16	Cote d'Ivoire	Wild birds
	2009-03-03	Nigeria ^{&}	Poultry
The Americas	--	--	--

[&] 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 23 Jan 2010)

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to January 2010)	No. of recent cases (October 2009 to January 2010)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	1	0
Cambodia	9	1
China	38	0
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	90	3
Indonesia	161	0
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	112	1
Overall	467	5

Table 4.

Details of the recent WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 (Oct 2009 to Jan 2010)
(as of 23 Jan 2010)

Date of report by WHO	Country	District	Province	Sex	Age	Outcome
21/12/09	Egypt	El Tanta	Gharbia	F	21	Alive
18/12/09	Cambodia	Ponhea Kreak	Kampong Cham	M	57	Alive
11/12/09	Vietnam	Dien Bien Phu	Dien Bien	M	-	Fatal
27/11/09	Egypt	Minia	Minia	M	3	Alive
20/11/09	Egypt	Sedy Beshir	Alexandria	M	21	Alive

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