National disease notification system and legislation and its enforcement on HPAI

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I. Institutional Framework of National Animal Health Administration:

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

National Institute of Veterinary Research

Regional Animal Health Offices (RAHOs)

- **★ No. 1**
- **★ No. 2**
- **★ No. 3**
- **★ No. 4**
- **★ No. 5**
- **★ No. 6**
- **★ No. 7**

Regional Sub Departments of Animal Quarantine and Inspection in Lang Son, Lao Cai and Quang Ninh

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH Functional Divisions: (317)

- Personnel and Administration
- Epidemiology (Teresstrial)
- Aquatic Animal Health
- Inspection & Quarantine
- Drug & Vaccine Management
- Legislation & Inspection
- Plan (Inter. Cooperation & Sciences)
- Finance

Provincial Sub-Departments of Animal Health (63/5,457)

District Veterinary Stations

Domestic Inspection Stations

Communal Veterinary Team (23,227) Veterinary Drug and Vaccine Company

Professional Centers

- ⇒The National Center for Vet. Diagnosis
- ⇒ The National Center for Vet. Bio-products Inspection 1, 2
- ⇒ The National Center for Hygiene Inspection 1, 2

II. National disease notification system

1 Legislation support:

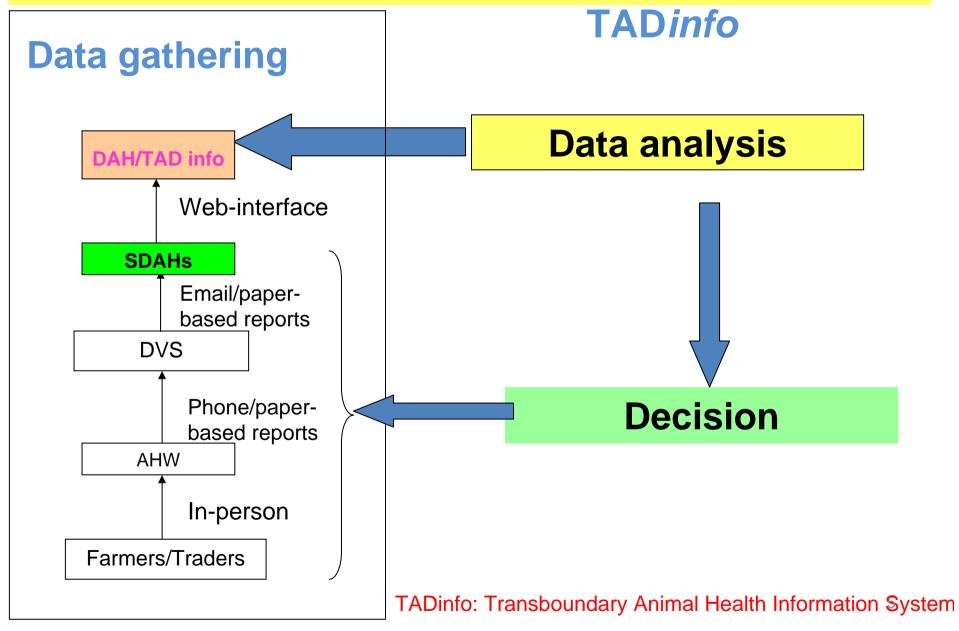
- (1) Veterinary Ordinance 2004; Veterinary Laws is being drafted, expected to be approved by the National Assembly by 2012.
- (2) Decree No. 33/2005/ND-CP dated on 15th March 2005.
- (3) Regulations on prevention and control of FMD; Regulations on prevention and control of Avian Influenza; Regulations on prevention and control of PRRS.
- (4) Decision No. 64/2005/QD-BNN, dated 13 October 2005 on disease notification.

2 Notifiable diseases:

Foot-and-Mouth Disease;
 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI);
 Classical Swine Fever;
 Rinderpest;
 Blue tongue;
 New castle;
 Anthrax;
 Rabies;
 Haemorrhagic septicaemia;
 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

II. National disease notification system

3. Information flow on animal disease notification



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4 To ensure/achieve early detection and early notification:

- (1) Direction and Prioritized issues/constraints to be addressed:
- Priority diseases for surveillance: HPAI, FMD, PRRS, Rabies and CSF.
- Principal direction: combine both passive and active surveillance, employing a risk-based surveillance approach.
- Constraints:
 - low incentive for disease reporting (low compensation rate);
 - the online reporting system cannot replace/exclude the paper-based reporting system because the requirement of signature and official stamp over the reports;
 - the curent passive surveillance system rely too much on Animal Health Workers where most of them are private paravets.
- (2) Possible solutions and issues to be considered:
- Targeted surveillance to ustilised better available resources.
- More active surveillance to complement passive systems.
- Better incentive for data provider (Improved compensation scheme).
- Improved participation of AHWs by training.
- Community-based Animal Disease Surveillance.

1 Legislation support

- (1) Veterinary Ordinance
- (2) Decree 33/CP
- (3) Resolutions of the Party, Prime Minister

2 Basic National Policy on HPAI Control and Prevention

- (1) Prime Minister's Decision No. 309/2005/QD-TTg dated 26 Nov 2005 & Decision No. 132/2007/QD-TTg dated 15 Aug 2007 on compensation for poultry being culled as a control measure
- (2) Decision No. 1318/QD-TTg dated 13 Dec 2005 on providing support for restructuring poultry slaughtering and processing.
- (3) MARD's Circular No. 69/2005/TT-BNN dated 05 Nov 2005 on Guidelines to implementing emergency actions to contain HPAI H5N1 outbreaks in poultry
- (4) Integrated National Operational Program for Avian and Human Influenza (aka Green Book)
- (5) National Contingency Plan for HPAI H5N1 and Human Pandemic

3 Principal HPAI Control and Prevention Measures:

- (1) Categories of measures:
- 1) Notification: Decision No. 64/2005/QD-BNN, dated 13 October 2005 (penalty: Civil Laws)
- 2) Border control: Circular No. 85/2005/TT-BNN (Penalty: Civil Laws)
- 3) Movement control inside the country: Circular No. 85/2005/TT-BNN (Penalty: Civil Laws)
- 4) Stamping out: MARD's Circular No. 69/2005/TT-BNN (Penalty: Civil Laws)
- 5) Vaccination: National Plan on Avian Influenza Vaccination, Phase I, II and III (Penalty: Civil Laws)
- 6) Active surveillance: Guidelines on post-vaccination monitoring and virus circulation surveillance
- 7) Passive surveillance: MARD's Circular No. 69/2005/TT-BNN
- 8) Compensation: Prime Minister's Decision No. 309/2005/QD-TTg dated 26 Nov 2005 & Decision No. 132/2007/QD-TTg dated 15 Aug 2007 on compensation for poultry being culled as a control measure.
- (2) Implementing/responsible organizations
- Political organisations: Provincial People's Committees, District People's Committees and Communal People's Committees.
- Animal Health Agencies: Sub-Departments of Animal Health, Districts Veterinary Stations, Animal Health Workers.
- Mass media and other public organisations such as Women Union, Farmers' Assossiation, etc.

4 <u>To ensure an effective and efficient implementation of HPAI control and prevention measures:</u>

- (1) Principal issues/constraints to be addressed:
 - Compensation: Low rate of compensation prevents timely outbreak reporting.
 - Vaccination: decreased commitment of local authorities and farmers and high cost for government resulted in poorer vaccineation coverage.
 - Passvive surveillance: rely too much on AHWs.
- (2) Possible solutions and issues to be considered
 - Improving compensation policy.
 - Improving active surveillance: risk-based surveillance
 - Modifying the design of post-vaccination monitoring and virus circulation surveillance to increase sensitivity of the system.
 - Vaccination: to modify the national strategies.
 - Improving field veterinary services for a better notification.

4 <u>To ensure an effective and efficient implementation of HPAI control and prevention measures:</u>

- (3) Programmes on surveillance for HPAI in wild birds:
 - Surveillance for AI in wild birds in southern provinces, conducted by WCS with supports from DAH and FAO: in 2007: 738 wild bird samples were taken from Binh Dai, Ba Tri (Ben Tre) and Cao Lanh (Dong Thap); all samples were negative with H5N1 virus, but 1 sample was positive with avian influenza virus, Type A. 2000 samples collected in 2008 and 1200 samples collected in 2009, laboratory testing pending.
 - California University: 889 samples taken and tested in 2007; all negative to H5N1 virus.
 - OIE-Asia Pacific: 2496 samples collected in 2009; all negative to H5N1 virus.
 - Outbreak investigations: H5N1 viruses found in Cuc Phuong National Park (4 (+) out of 9 civet samples).

In overall, 7,380 samples were taken from wild birds and civets; 10 positive to H5N1 virus.