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NDRRMC UPDATE

SitRep No. **02** Avian Influenza (AI) Type A H5 in San Luis, Pampanga

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Sources: OCDRO III, DOH-HEMB

1. Situation Overview:

- On 03 August 2017, the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) Central Office received reports regarding high poultry mortalities in Pampanga. The Quick Response Team (QRT) comprises of members from BAI-Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD), DA-Field Regional Office (FRO)3 (Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) and Regulatory) and Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) verified the said report the following day. After the disease investigation, the team verified 10% up to 100% mortalities among quails, layer chickens and duck layers. The epicentre of the reported poultry mortality outbreaks is in San Luis, Pampanga.
- The Department of Agriculture decided to cull around 500,000 chickens to contain the animal outbreak. Any person who becomes sick with fever and/or sore throat/cough and had exposure to these dead chickens is advised to report to the local health center or nearest hospital for laboratory confirmation.

2. Actions Taken:

A. Department of Agriculture (DA)

- The Department of Agriculture RO3 and DA-BAI Central Office are closely monitoring the situation
- On 15 August 2017, the DA Secretary conducted a dialogue with the industry stakeholders
- DA informed that they will compensate all the affected growers, ₱80.00 per live chicken on top of the ₱25,000.00 loan under the Survival and Recovery Assistance Program (SuRE)
- Imposed a one (1) kilometer quarantine area from San Luis and a seven (7) kilometer restricted area radius wherein the movement of live poultry, meat, semen, blood, manure, eggs, feeds, and other similar products has been banned.

B. Department of Health (DOH)

- Dispatched a team of epidemiologists to assist DA in the outbreak investigation
- Alerted hospitals in the affected areas to report similar cases

- DOH released advisory to all health providers to observe respiratory precautions when taking care of patients with flu or flu-like illness
- The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) has capacity to confirm these cases
- DOH has supply of anti-flu medication and commodities in which regional health offices and hospitals can acquire if the need arises
- Closely monitoring the events surrounding a bird flu outbreak in poultry
- DOH will coordinate with DA, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) to prevent human cases
- Conducted inter-agency meeting with WHO, DA-BAI and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and discussed updates and planned actions in handling the threat of Avian Influenza

C. Regional Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Council (RDRRMC3)

- The RDRRMC3 Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is on standby alert status for continuous monitoring of the ongoing operations in San Luis, Pampanga
- Close monitoring with DA RO3, DA-BAI Central Office, PDRRMO Pampanga and MDRRMO San Luis for updates
- On 14 August 2017, Chairperson, RDRRMC3 called/conducted and Emergency Meeting re Assessment of the Avian Influenza Type A in San Luis, Pampanga
- RDRRMC3 thru BFP R3 will deploy fifty (50) additional manpower/personnel to augment in depopulation of the infected poultries
- Collaborated with DOH Region 3 in examining and giving away anti-flu medicines to those deployed Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Region 3 personnel
- Deployed 47 BFP Region 3 personnel with mobility to San Luis, Pampanga
- RDRRMC3 Chairperson together with the DA Secretary and other DA – Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) officials, visited the affected area
- In continuous coordination with the DA RO3, DA-BAI Central Office, PDRRMO Pampanga and MDRRMO San Luis for updates of the ongoing operations

D. Pampanga PDRRMCC

- The Provincial Veterinary Office sent meat inspectors as part of the team conducting checkpoint
- The Provincial Public Safety Company of the PNP also sent augmentation team to ensure the strict implementation of the quarantine protocol
- Mobilized one backhoe loader to help in excavating burial pit
- Vice-Governor Dennis Pineda sent Provincial Health Emergency Management Service (HEMS) Team to help in giving prophylactic flu vaccine to personnel who will be conducting depopulation

E. San Luis MDRRMC, Pampanga

- San Luis Mayor released order to establish checkpoints in all entry and exit points of Brgy. San Carlos in anticipation of possible confirmation of bird flu case in the area
- PNP and Brgy. Officials of San Carlos and Sta. Rita immediately set-up checkpoint in the area
- A Sangguniang Bayan Resolution was immediately done and passed declaring the Municipality of San Luis under State of Calamity on 11 August 2017

- Conducted meeting with poultry owners to inform them about the situation and need to depopulate all birds at the 1-km radius and the assistance that the government is willing to provide to them
 - Municipal Officers together with the Provincial and Regional Agencies conducted a coordination meeting and discussed the priority actions that must be implemented
 - Municipal Health Office with the assistance of the Provincial Health Office and Provincial HEMS Team was able to vaccinate 89 individuals and personnel
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