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NDRRMC UPDATE

SitRep No. 03 Avian Influenza (AI) Type A H5 in San Luis, Pampanga

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I. 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) III (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.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

A. Department of Agriculture (DA)

- The DA III 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.
- Implemented control measures as per preparedness plan stipulated in the Avian Influenza Protection Plan (AIPP).
- Issued Memorandum Circular regarding the temporary ban on the movement of love domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, semen, and manure from Luzon to Visayas and Mindanao, and from Pampanga to other parts of Luzon.

7. As of 16 August 2017, culled and disposed a total of 92,070 layer chickens, ducks and pigeons to include commercial and backyard population.
8. Nine (9) teams were deployed in San Simon, Sta. Ana, Apalit, Candaba and Minalin to collect samples and brought to Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) and ADDRL for RT-PCR testing.
9. DA-RFO 3, Provincial Veterinarian Office and BAI Personnel conducted disease investigation in San Luis, Candaba and San Simon.
10. Consultation meeting with the Municipal Mayor and concerned owners in preparation for the depopulation activities to be conducted.
11. Collected 790 blood samples from 79 farms.
12. Investigation of the actual population of farms to be depopulated for proper accounting.
13. Depopulation of farms within the 7 km. control area as volunteered by its owners for depopulation.

B. Department of Health (DOH)

1. Dispatched a team of epidemiologists to assist DA in the outbreak investigation.
2. Alerted hospitals in the affected areas to report similar cases. The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) has capacity to confirm these cases.
3. DOH released advisory to all health providers to observe respiratory precautions when taking care of patients with flu or flu-like illness.
4. DOH has supply of anti-flu medication and commodities in which regional health offices and hospitals can acquire if the need arises.
5. Closely monitoring the events surrounding a bird flu outbreak in poultry.
6. 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 III

- The RDRRMC III is on alert status for continuous monitoring of the ongoing operations in San Luis, Pampanga.
- On 14 August 2017, conducted an Emergency Meeting re Assessment of the Avian Influenza Type A in San Luis, Pampanga.
- RDRRMC III Chairperson together with the DA Secretary and other DA-BAI officials, visited the affected area.
- Collaborated with DOH III in examining and giving away anti-flu medicines to those deployed BFP III personnel.
- On 16 August 2017, the following supplies were provided to the deployed personnel:
 - ✓ 15 folding beds
 - ✓ 47 hygiene kits
 - ✓ Pail and dipper
 - ✓ Water dispenser
 - ✓ Food
- On 17 August 2017 at 8:00 AM the Emergency Operations Center raised its alert status from WHITE to BLUE Alert.
- Coordinated with Municipal Mayor Venancio S. Macapagal and MDRRMO of San Luis, Pampanga on the establishment of a Regional Incident Command Post (ICP) in the area.

- Fifty six (56) Personnel of the 48IB PA provided augmentation in San Luis, Pampanga after being screened by DOH Region III.
- Coordinated with DA-BAI on the status of Depopulation Operations.
- OCD III Personnel attended the Advocacy Forum on Avian Influenza conducted by DOH.

1. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)

- a. Deployed 47 BFP III personnel with mobility to San Luis, Pampanga.
- b. In continuous coordination with the DA III, DA-BAI Central Office, PDRRMC Pampanga and MDRRMC San Luis for updates of the ongoing operations.

2. PDRRMC Pampanga

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

3. MDRRMC San Luis (Pampanga)

- a. 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.
- b. PNP and Barangay DRRM Committees San Carlos and Sta. Rita immediately set-up checkpoint in the area.
- c. 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.
- d. Municipal Officers together with the Provincial and Regional Agencies conducted a coordination meeting and discussed the priority actions that must be implemented.
- e. Municipal Health Office with the assistance of the Provincial Health Office and Provincial HEMS Team was able to vaccinate 89 individuals and personnel.
- f. Provincial government mobilized one (1) additional backhoe.
- g. Municipal Health Office provided prophylactic anti-viral drugs to culling personnel.
- h. Classes on 18-19 August 2017 is suspended to ensure the safety of students while depopulation is being conducted.
- i. Resolution No. 38 series of 2017 was issued by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Luis, Pampanga declaring it under a state of calamity due to the outbreak of bird flu in one of its Barangay.