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**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## NDRRMC UPDATE

### Avian Influenza (AI) Type A in San Luis, Pampanga

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Sources: OCDRO III, DOH-HEMB

#### 1. Situation Overview:

- Last August 3, 2017, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Central Office received reports regarding high poultry mortalities in Pampanga. The Quick Response Team (QRT) comprises of members from BAI-AHWD, Department of Agriculture-FRO3 (RADDL and Regulatory) and 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

##### 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 whenever regional health offices and hospitals will require these
- Closely monitoring the events surrounding a bird flu outbreak in poultry
- DOH will coordinate with DA, FAO and WHO to prevent human cases.

##### C. RDRRMC3

- The RDRRMC3 Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is on standby alert status for continuous monitoring of the on-going 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

**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, Pampang**

- 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