

National Contingency Plan for Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza in Nepal.

Preamble:

Formulation of National Contingency Plan for Prevention and Control of Bird Flu, 2060 has been felt needed in order to safeguard the national poultry wealth and public health through immediate implementation of suitable measures against the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) which is spreading in the Asian countries.

Chapter 1

1. Name and Implementation:

- (1) Name: The name of this plan shall be **National Contingency Plan for highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, 2060**
- (2) This Plan shall be implemented immediately upon the approval of HMGN in the area specified by the Bird Flu Central Contingency Committee (BF-CCC).

2. Objective:

- (1) To prevent the entrance of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the country,
- (2) To control HPAI at the point of entry, in any possible case of entry,
- (3) To free the country from the HPAI.

Period:

The Plan shall remain active till:

1. the possible threat of HPAI remains,
2. in case of any outbreak; the disease is not kept control,
3. The Contingency Committees shall automatically be dissolved when the country is free from the threat of HPAI

Chapter 2

Composition, Functions and Duties of Contingency Committees:

4. **Composition of Contingency Committees:** In order to meet the objectives Contingency Committees at national and district level shall be constituted with given duties and responsibilities.

5. **Composition of Bird-Flu Contingency Central Committee (BF-CCC):**

(1) The Bird-Flu Contingency Central Committee (BF-CCC) shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives	Chairman
(b) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(c) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health	Member
(d) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication	Member
(e) Director General, Department of Livestock Services	Member
(f) Executive Director, Agricultural Industries Centre	Member
(g) Representative, Nepal Hatchery Industries Association	Member
(h) Invited	Member
(i) Program Director, Directorate of Animal Health	Member Secretary

(2) The number and faculty of the Invited Member (Section h) shall be determined by the Committee.

(3) **The Secretariate of Bird-Flu Contingency Central Committee (BF-CCC):** The Secretariate of Bird-Flu Contingency Central Committee (BF-CCC) shall remain in the Directorate of Animal Health, Tripureswor, Kathmandu.

6. **Duties and Responsibilities of Bird-Flu Contingency Central Committee (BF-CCC):**

The duties and responsibilities of Bird-Flu Contingency Central Committee (BF-CCC) in relation to the HPAI shall be as follows:

- (a) Total responsibility for the formulation of national policies and implementation of action plan,
- (b) Collaboration with national and international institutions,
- (c) Manage financial and technical resources (including manpower) required to implement the Contingency Plan,
- (d) Give directives to the Bird-Flu Contingency District Committee (BF-CDC) and other concerned agencies to mobilize the resources for the implementation of the Plan,
- (e) Policy formulation for human resource mobilization and office running during periods other than normal office time,
- (f) Constitute of various sub-committees and assign duties and responsibilities, and their dissolution.

7. The Decision of the BF-CCC shall be the Final Decision:

The decisions, other than those mentioned in the Plan, required to make by the BF-CCC in relation to policy formulation, organization and management of resources during the implementation of the Plan, and shall be the final decision.

8. Composition of Bird Flu Contingency District Committee (BF-CDC):

(1) The Bird Flu Contingency District Committee (BF-CDC) shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) Chief District Officer (CDO) Chairman
- (b) Local Development Officer Member
- (c) Chief, Public Health Section Member
- (d) Chief, District Police Office Member
- (e) Invited Member
- (f) Veterinary Officer District Livestock Development Office Member Secretary

(2) The number and discipline of the Invited Member (Section e) shall be decided by the BF-CDC.

(3) The Senior Veterinary Officer shall act as the Member Secretary in the absence of Veterinary Officer. The Department of Livestock Services shall immediately arrange the Member Secretary in case of the absence of both the Veterinary Officer and Senior Veterinary Officer in the district.

(4) The secretariate of the Bird Flu Contingency District Committee (BF-CDC) shall remain at the District Livestock Service Office.

9. Duties and Responsibilities of Bird Flu Contingency District Committee (BF-CDC):

The duties and responsibilities of BF-CDC shall be as follows:

- (a) Implementation of BF-CCC approved Contingency Plan in coordination with national and local level concerned agencies,
- (b) Management and mobilization of resources as per the rule,
- (c) Performing all duties and responsibilities as per the directives of BF-CCC,
- (d) Daily reporting of all activities and decisions to the secretariate of BF-CCC with recommendations.

Chapter 3

Action Plan for the Prevention of the Entrance of HPAI and Responsible Institutions

10. Duties and Responsibilities of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives:

- (a) Formulation of policies including the use of government employee in period other than office hours,
- (b) Approval and implementation of Plan,
- (c) Resources management, mobilization and monitoring of the program implementation
- (d) Coordination with the central and district committees,
- (e) Coordination with concerned national and international agencies to facilitate the implementation of Plan,
- (f) Formulation of policies required to implement the Stamping Out policy and compensation issue,
- (g) Other activities as per the directives of BF-CCC.

11. Duties and Responsibilities of Department of Livestock Services.

- (1) Co-ordinate with Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative BF-CCC in policy formulation, resource management and Plan implementation,
- (2) Coordination and collaboration with national and international concerned agencies,

12. Duties and Responsibilities of the Directorate of Animal Health

- (1) Active involvement in the implementation of the approved Plan
- (2) Work as the Secretariate of BF-CCC

13. Duties and Responsibilities of Animal Quarantine Section

- (1) Active involvement in disease surveillance
- (2) Strict movement control

14. Duties and Responsibilities of Animal Quarantine Checkpost

- (1) Active participation in disease surveillance
- (2) Strict movement control

15. Duties and Responsibilities of Veterinary Laboratories

- (1) Prompt diagnosis
- (2) Information flow

16. Duties and Responsibilities of Regional Directorates of Livestock Services

- (1) Facilitating the implementation of Plan
- (2) Providing logistic support including manpower and
- (3) Program monitoring

17. Duties and Responsibilities of District Livestock Service Offices

1. Actively mobilization available resources and network.Coordination and implementation of Plan as per the guidance of BF-CDC
2. Secretariate of BF-CDC
3. Reporting progress to BF-CCC

18. Duties and Responsibilities of Private Sectors

- (1) Notification
- (2) Participation in the implementation of Plan

19. Duties and Responsibilities of Individual Citizen

- (1) Notification
- (2) Participation in the implementation of Plan

Chapter 4

Action Plan during HPAI Outbreak

20. Declaration of Provisional Infected Zone:

The Veterinary Inspector or Chief of DLSO or Quarantine Officer, in suspicion of Bird flu, may declare an area of 20 Km. from the point of suspected point (farm, hatchary) as Pdrovisional Infected Zone and immediately inform to the BF-CDC.

21. Detention of Suspected Birds/Flock in Provisional Infected Zone:

- a. Orders for the detention of the suspected birds,avian products and materials within the declared Provisional Infected Zone,
- b. Quarantine the suspected birds, avian products and materials in the same place till the confirmatory diagnosis is made,
- c. Withdraws the imposed Movement control and declaration of fre area upon the receipt of the negative confirmatory diagnosis from the laboratory.

22. Declaration of Restrcted Zone: 20 Km. from the point of outbreak

(1) Decleration of infected zone: 3 km. from the point of outbreak.

(a) Stampingout

(b) Disinfection

(c) Biosecurity

or

Stampingout, disinfection, biosecurity and vaccination

(2) High risk zone: 3 to 20 from the point of outbreak

(a) Vaccination

(b) Disinfection

(c) Biosecurity

(d) Screening

(e) Movement control

(3) Surveillance zone: the rest of the area

(a) Inspection and surveillance

(b) Screening

(c) Biosecurity

23. Movement Control from the Infected Zone

24. Carcass Disposal and Disinfection as per OIE Guidelines

25. Withdrawl of the Declaration of Infected Zone and Imposition of the Movement Control ; When no any fresh case detected 6 month from the last date of stamping out performed.

26. Coordination at Global and Regional Level (FAO, WHO, OIE, SAARC) for Implementing HPAI Contingency Plan as Transboundary Animal Disease (TAD)

27. Vaccine and Vaccinarion as per the Guidelines of OIE

28. Rehabilitation and restocking: