

# **Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

**Information Decision Support Center  
(IDSC)**

**And**

**United Nations Development Programme  
(UNDP)**

## **Project**

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR AVIAN AND HUMAN INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS**  
Avian Influenza Coordination in Egypt

"In support of the office of the UN Resident Coordinator and UNCT, UNDP will coordinate the international partners of Egypt, in particular the UN, donor community, NGOs and the private sector, in a cross-sectoral, harmonized avian and human influenza approach, focused on national priorities and national planning processes, to support the Government in its development approach to AI, its pandemic preparedness efforts and aid coordination."

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**Country: Egypt**

**UNDAF Outcome(s):**

By 2011 State's performance and accountability in programming, implementing and coordinating actions, especially those that reduce exclusion, vulnerabilities and gender disparities are improved.

**CP Outcome(s):**

Conflict prevention and peace-building approaches informed/factored into national development frameworks, and integrated Programmes designed and implemented at national and local level

**CP Output(s):**

Government & key stakeholders capacity enhanced in the field of disaster prevention and management, preparedness and early warning systems and adaptation to climate change.

**Implementing partner:**

Information Decision Support Center (IDSC)

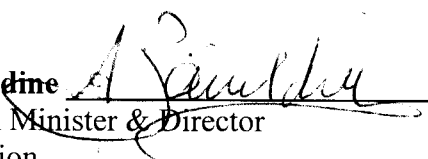
<b>Programme Period:</b> 2007-2011
<b>Programme Component:</b> Crisis Prevention and Recovery
<b>Project Title:</b> Capacity Building for Avian and Human Influenza Preparedness
<b>Project ID:</b> 00054030
<b>Award ID:</b> 00045688
<b>Project Duration:</b> 4 months (Jan 07- Apr 07)
<b>Management Arrangement:</b> NEX

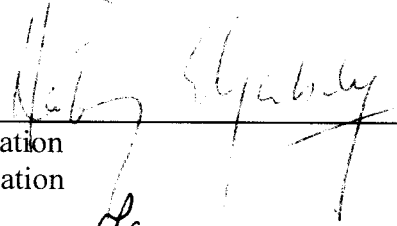
Total budget:	
• BCPR	US\$ 75,000
Total Award Programmed	US \$ 75,000

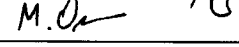
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## Situation analysis

Avian Influenza has emerged as an important development issue in Egypt, and continues to affect poultry especially those housed in people's backyards and on roofs. Egypt is also one of the 10 countries with confirmed human cases of the virus. To date, 19 human cases have been confirmed positive, 11 have been fatal, ranking Egypt fifth in the world in terms of the number of confirmed human cases (Source: World Health Organization Website, 1 February, 2007).

Owing to a number of factors – large population, population density, large dependence on poultry for income and nutritional sources, widespread backyard poultry – Egypt is considered to be a high-risk country for Avian Influenza. For this reason, the Government of Egypt, in partnership with the international community simultaneously plan and prepare for a potential influenza pandemic and address AI as a development issue in a comprehensive manner to avoid transmission to humans.

The UN Country team has benefited from recent missions from United Nations System Influenza Coordination (UNSCIC) by Mr. Brad Herbert, Consultant and Managing Director of Brad Herbert Associates, and most recently by Dr. David Nabarro, Senior UN System Influenza Coordinator. In his detailed assessment of the situation, Mr. Herbert highlighted that: (a) the Government response to Egypt's vulnerability has been short of what is required; (b) Donor support has been limited and a sense of frustration prevails both within government circles and among donors; and (c) Effective coordination, essential in Egypt, will require an effective implementation plan and coordination forum.

Dr. Nabarro fully supported Mr. Herbert's assessment, stressing that bird to human infections would only cease if serious efforts were mounted to improve bio-security in locations where birds are farmed, which would require rigorous reporting and follow-up surveillance of avian infection through the veterinary sector, and ensure a predictable response – culling and movement restrictions – to stamp out the disease at its source.

Based on Mr. Hebert's findings and based on the efforts exerted by the government in this matter for the past year (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, the National Center for Disaster Management and others), it is strongly recommended that:

1. The Government urgently develops a comprehensive national strategy with a bankable operational plan to be prepared with full national ownership and with the participation of relevant international actors led by a central government authority. This national strategy would ideally be developed in a high-level workshop with support from national and international technical assistance by end January 2007.
2. In order to shift from emergency response to long-term development, the UN Resident Coordinator should manage the coordination responsibility with strong support from the World Bank, specialized UN agencies (WHO, FAO, WFP, UNICEF) and bilateral donors. UNDP in support of the RC Office should be adequately resourced to carry out

the coordination function, in particular by recruiting an AI Coordination Specialist based in the RC Office.

3. The recently completed FAO report on compensation in Egypt should be fully discussed with Government and stakeholders to ensure full support for its recommendations, especially on the issue of how compensation will be provided to subsistence farmers. Compensation schemes must ensure farmers receive cash when their birds are culled, reducing their temptation to sell their birds as soon as they fall sick.

### Strategy

To achieve the objectives set out above, UNDP in support of the UN Resident Coordinator office and UNCT will undertake the following activities to support to the Government in its development approach to AI, its pandemic preparedness efforts and aid coordination.

- Guided by the efforts of the National Committee for Avian Influenza, building on all the work undertaken at the national level and coordinating with all national and international stakeholders, UNDP in support of the UN Resident Coordinator office and UNCT will coordinate the international partners of Egypt, in particular the UN, donor community, NGOs and the private sector, in a cross-sectoral, harmonized avian and human influenza approach, focused on national priorities and national planning processes;

### Outputs:

- Identification of national efforts done on AHI by the major stakeholders (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and the National Center for Disaster Management)
- Will foster links between the international partners, especially donors, and the Government on avian and human influenza; to foster links with regional and UN Headquarters system focal points related to avian and human influenza,
- And support the UN Country Team to provide coordinated inputs into the government's development of a Comprehensive National AHI strategy and detailed plan.

At the end of the project period, the project will have provided:

- An up to date diagnostic of the AHI situation in the country
- A Comprehensive National Integrated Avian and Human Influenza Plan
- Structured AHI coordination mechanism
- AHI communication tool

The above will be done through the following activities:

- a) An AI Coordination Specialist based in the RC Office for 4 months; to do the following: <sup>1</sup>
  1. Continued AI coordination through the establishment, facilitation and organization of monthly meetings, chaired jointly by the UN and Government where all partners active on AI in Egypt are invited
  2. Coordination of a private sector forum
  3. Organize an NGO consortium on AI – supporting funds mobilization efforts
  4. Raise awareness of the conclusions of socio-economic analyses of AHI impacts to inform development activities in Egypt and instigate further studies are required.
  5. Continued information sharing through established UN communications channels
  6. Regular reporting on Egypt's efforts and activities within avian and pandemic influenza
  7. Provide advice and guidance to the National Pandemic Planning Process
  8. Attend all AI coordination meetings convened by Government and development partners
  
- (b) Coordination of a high-level workshop in partnership with Government with all stakeholders to support the development of a comprehensive AHI national plan
  1. A seasoned facilitator to run the workshop;
  2. Administrative and technical assistance for the workshop.

### Management Arrangements

The activity supported will be supervised through a steering committee comprised of members from IDSC, the RC office and UNDMT, providing technical input, most notably from the specialist agencies FAO, WHO, UNICEF, WFP and UNDP. The activity is under the overall supervision of UNDP in support of the UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

Progress towards achievement of outputs will be monitored on-going by RCO and through the UN country team and IDSC. Milestones will be reported to external partners and key Government representatives through the monthly meetings convened by the UN RC Office on behalf of the UNCT, attended by UN, Government, civil society, NGOs, private sector and donors.

Planned timeframe for utilization of funds:

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to attached draft TOR for UN AI Coordination Specialist

January/ February	Mission by a UN AI Coordination Specialist to assess the situation Establishment of partner coordination meetings by the RC Office
February/ March	Finalize mission report and recommendation for a coordination structure in line with Government's planning process
March/ April	Establishment of the coordination structure

**Budget:**

To provide basic longer term support to continued national pandemic preparedness efforts and maintained ability of the UN to provide quality consistent support to these efforts, the budget is proposed as follows:

<b>Programme area</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Hospitality	US\$30,000
International Consultants	US\$36,000
Local Consultants	US\$ 4,000
Support expenses	US\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$75,000</b>

<p>and Human Influenza Plan</p> <p>3. Structured AHI coordination mechanism defined</p> <p>4. AHI Information sharing tool</p>	<p>Commence implementation of mechanism activities</p> <p>AHI Information sharing tool in place</p>	<p>stakeholders, UN, Donors, Private Sector, NGOs, chaired jointly by the UN and Government where all partners active on AI in Egypt are invited</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued information sharing through established UN communications channels</li> <li>Regular reporting on Egypt's efforts and activities within avian and pandemic influenza</li> <li>Provide advice and guidance to the National Pandemic Planning Process</li> <li>Attend all AI coordination meetings convened by Government and development partners</li> </ul>	<p>Health, Ministry of agriculture, National Committee for Avian Influenza, IDSC and local professional</p> <p>3- International Consultant, Ministry of Health, Ministry of agriculture, National Committee for Avian Influenza, IDSC and local professional</p> <p>4- UNESCO and local professional</p>	<p>3- AI Coordination Specialist \$ 9,000 Local Consultant \$ 4,000 Support Exp. \$ 5,000</p> <p>4- Hospitality \$ 30,000</p>
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## PROJECT RESULTS AND RESOURCES FRAMEWORK

Complete the table below for the outcome that the project is designed to address.

<p><b>Intended Outcome as stated in the Country/ Regional/ Global Programme Results and Resource Framework:</b>  <b>UNDAF Outcome(s):</b> By 2011 State's performance and accountability in programming, implementing and coordinating actions, especially those that reduce exclusion, vulnerabilities and gender disparities are improved.</p>				
<p><b>Outcome indicators as stated in the Country/ Regional/ Global Programme Results and Resources Framework, including baseline and targets.</b>          Conflict prevention and peace-building approaches informed/factored into national development frameworks, and integrated Programmes designed and implemented at national and local level</p>				
<p><b>4.1 Applicable MYFF Service Line:</b> Conflict prevention and peace building</p>				
<p><b>Partnership Strategy:</b> The Project's main National Counterpart in IDSC and the National Committee for Avian Influenza. It will also establish strong partnership with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture as major players in AHL. Moreover, it will mobilize and coordinate with a number of other stakeholders such as Donors, NGOs, the UN and the Private Sector.</p>				
<p><b>Project title and ID (ATLAS Award ID):</b>          Capacity Building for Avian and Human Influenza Preparedness          Project ID: 00054030          Award ID: 00045688</p>				
<b>Intended Outputs</b>	<b>Output Targets for 2007</b>	<b>Indicative Activities</b>	<b>Responsible parties</b>	<b>Inputs</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Up to date diagnostic of the AHI situation in the country</li> <li>2. A Comprehensive National Integrated Avian</li> </ol>	<p>Assessment Review Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AI coordination through the establishment, facilitation and organization of meetings of</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- International Consultant and local professional</li> <li>2- International Consultant, Ministry of</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- AI Coordination Specialist \$ 9,000</li> <li>2- AI Coordination Specialist \$ 9,000</li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resource Mobilization in support of National efforts on AHI</li><li>• Coordination of a high-level workshop in partnership with Government with all stakeholders to support the development of a comprehensive AHI national plan</li></ul>		
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Attachment:

TOR for UN AI Coordination Specialist

Herbert Report – Review of Effective Coordination for Preparedness and Readiness for AI in Egypt

Draft – Government of Egypt submission to the Fourth International Conference on AHI  
Bamako, Mali 6-8 December 2006

Draft – Egypt AI coordination structures

Donor Support to AHI activities in Egypt – November 2006 update