



Supporting Avian/ Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response in Partner Countries

BMZ/GTZ Task Force

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GTZ/BMZ Set up:



- Avian/ Pandemic Influenza Task Force is a component of the supra-regional project „Poverty Reduction in Rural Areas“
- Supported by Health and Rural Development Experts in BMZ and GTZ
- Project has a duration of 2,5 years (July 2006 - December 2008) and a budget of 4 Mio. Euro



Background for the BMZ/GTZ support



Institutional shortcomings for successfully fighting avian/pandemic influenza in partner countries due to

- limited capacity to plan and coordinate multi-sectoral preparedness and response plans
- poor multi-sectoral linkages between National Ministries
- variable existence of emergency plans; poor set up for speedy decision making
- weak veterinary and human avian influenza surveillance systems
- inadequate financial resources to implement preventive and emergency measures
- limited availability of required materials and equipment



Some guiding principles for support



- Focus on partner countries with health and rural development programmes
- Benefit from advantage of already established GTZ structures:
 - Rapid problem and situation analysis
 - Easy access to corresponding ministries
 - Reliable identification of needed services in demand
- Focus on countries that have already experienced AI outbreaks and neighbouring countries
- Collaboration with regional institutions and bodies partly facilitated by German TC-advisors based in these institutions (e.g. ASEAN, IGAD, EAC, ECOWAS, AU-IBAR and ILRI)

But also: remain with high degree of flexibility in case of upcoming emergencies



Technical areas qualifying for support



- Proposal development
- Harmonisation and coordination at country level
- Support to civil society
- Capacity development (development and revision of policies and strategic plans, programme development, human resource development)
- Quality assurance
- Development and implementation of national M&E systems
- Development of models for scaling-up effective programmes
- Knowledge management and information services
- Innovative approaches



Modes of delivering support



- **Fast access**

- provides quick cash for specific activities that feed directly into above objectives (e.g. sponsorship for participation in relevant conferences)

- **Consultancy mode**

- Creates opportunities to assign consultants for specific tasks on the basis of specified ToR

- **Project mode**

- Caters for small to medium sized projects to support application process and implementation of internationally financed activities and programmes.
- **Summary:** proposal, logframe, timeframe und budget required. Own contributions and contributions from other partners must be clearly stated



Expected Results



- Strengthening national and regional capacities for the planning and implementation of multi-sectoral preparedness and response plans
- Support to networks of specialists and specialist institutions who are able to respond quickly and efficiently to the demand of concerned partner countries
- Mobilisation of essential national and international resources, to enabling rapid implementation of interventions and preventive measures in case of emergency



Thanks for your attention



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