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The Role of USAID in HPAI Preparedness and Response in Eastern/Central Africa

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OVERALL USAID AI STRATEGY

Objectives:

- Prevent and contain H5N1 outbreaks in animals and humans
- Prepare for a human influenza pandemic



Key Principles:

- Follow technical recommendations of WHO, FAO, OIE
- Support prevention and containment of animal and human outbreaks
- Use existing platforms (where available), including at regional and community level
- Work closely with other partners/donors



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Focus Areas:

- Preparedness/planning
- Early detection, reporting and surveillance
- Response and containment
- Crosscutting activities: communications and information management



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PRIORITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Provide technical and program assistance through USAID AI regional and country advisors
- Strengthen coordination between animal and human health activities
- Early reporting of poultry diseases through improved information management and communications
- Evidence-based decision making and planning
- Enhance poultry sector's knowledge on biosecurity
- Coordination among partners and donors to maximize use of resources and deliverables



PRIORITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Fiscal and programmatic accountability
- Strengthen public and private sector linkages
- Investments built upon existing infrastructure including experienced private sector expert
- Improve ability to operate during emergencies
 - combine emergency responses in outbreak countries aligned with development approaches
- Develop and practice structured, logical response to outbreaks, using well defined chain of command
- Ensure materials, trained personnel and delivery systems are available for safe and effective emergency response



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AI Budget FY07 TOTAL=\$23.5M U.S.
(Commodities for outbreak response are additional resources)

West Africa	\$5.76 M
Nigeria	\$3.84 M
Ghana	\$2.0 M
East Africa	\$3.36 M
Uganda	\$1.22 M
Ethiopia	\$1.25 M
Southern Africa	\$2.98M
Regional Activities	\$2.1M
Emergency Funds	\$1.0M



Estimated AI Budget by Activity AFRICA FY07-08 TOTAL=\$23.5M U.S.

Preparedness (Testing plans, developing standard operating procedures, protocols)	\$1.2 M
Early Detection and Surveillance	\$12.0 M
Response and Containment	\$5.0 M
Communications	\$3.3 M
Information Management	\$900,000
Enhancing Private-Public Partnerships	\$500,000
Pandemic Preparedness	\$700,000
Regional USAID AI Advisors	\$1.1 M



WHO ARE INVOLVED AND WHERE?

- **USAID Mission AI focal points**
- **Representatives from our implementing partners**
- **US Government partners**
- **Other key stakeholders involved in AI program activities in Africa**
- **Bamako, Mali: December 3-5, 2007**
- **Kampala, Uganda: March 3-5, 2008**
- **Johannesburg, South Africa: March 6-8, 2008**



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PURPOSE OF AI SUB-REGIONAL PARTNER MEETINGS

- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Introduce partners and establish linkages
- Provide status and knowledge updates on AI program and share lessons learned
- Discuss, harmonize and finalize work plans, including expected milestones
- Identify key coordination / collaboration points among partners



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MEETING OUTCOMES

- **First “all-hands” meeting for focal points, AI implementing partners, other key stakeholders**
- **Formation of working relationships where they hadn’t existed**
- **Confirmed need & commitment to work together.**
- **Commitment to collaborative & coordinating activities not planned before, as documented in the activity plans presented.**
- **Exposure to new information with interactive discussion & joint planning.**
- **Established methods for enhanced communication during implementation of program activities**



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PRIORITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY MISSION FOCAL POINTS

- Improved disease detection, reporting, surveillance,
- Laboratory diagnostic capacity
- Improved cross-border coordination and communication
- Simulation exercises on preparedness/outbreak containment
- Operationalization of national preparedness and response plans



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PRIORITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY MISSION FOCAL POINTS

- Sensitization of districts and district officials, grassroots level education
- Personal protective and diagnostic equipment for surveillance
- District level response teams trained and equipped – both human/animal experts working together.
- Mechanism for better collaboration and coordination of USG and other partners at national and sub-regional levels.



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REGIONAL COORDINATING MECHANISMS

- **AU-IBAR**
 - animal health, animal production, trade and markets
- **Alive** –(African Livestock)
 - platform to coordinate existing programs and identify gaps
 - focus on poverty reduction, economic growth, research, market access, and sustainable institutions e.g., Veterinary Services.
- **FAO/OIE/AU-IBAR** regional animal health centers in Bamako, Nairobi, Gabarone, and Tunis
- Regional Economic Communities: **COMESA, ECOWAS, SADC** etc.
- **UN-OCHA**
- **EAC** and **IGAD**



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PARTNERS AND IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS

- FAO – Eastern Africa
- WHO – Pandemic preparedness, sentinel surveillance
- ILRI – East Africa
- STOP AI – in East Africa for preparedness and surveillance
- AI.COMM – Formative research, communication, BCC
- AFFORD – in Uganda: Support NTF develop district response teams, strategic communication for target audience
- SPS-LMM/TAES –AI plan Ethiopia
- University of Minnesota – Capacity building and surveillance in Tanzania



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