



SADC Regional Preparedness and Response Plan - Progress Report

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Council's Decisions

SADC Regional
Preparedness and
Response Plan
Approved



Member States Advised to

- Strengthen capacities to implement National Plans
- Urged SADC Secretariat to mobilize resources for coordination
- Approved the setting up of a Joint Technical Committee (Vet and Health) to review the National and Regional Plans
- Follow OIE recommendations and impose ban on importation from affected areas

Recommendations

- Approved stamping out with compensation as the preferred regional strategy in the event of an outbreak
- SADC Member States had decided not to vaccinate in case of an outbreak
- Expenditure incurred to send samples to reference laboratories be sourced through SADC



Livestock Technical Committee

- Member States agreed to carry out modified stamping out with vaccination in case of an outbreak
- Member States advised to submit their requirements for training and equipment through SADC for resource mobilization
- Representative of AU-IBAR has volunteered to assist.

Priority Interventions

- Identify training and equipment needs
- Sensitise entire community of necessity to remain vigilant
- Simulate steps that need to be taken in case of an outbreak as often as possible
- Make sure that the National HPAI Committee meets on a regular basis to keep track of development



Opportunities

- Sub-Saharan Africa has been lucky so far
- Opportunity to get fully prepared
- Opportunity to identify gaps and needs in both National and Regional Plans
- Source funding
- Develop capacity



Joint Technical Committee

Animal Health and Human Health
Representatives of

Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo,
Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, United
Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe

Lesotho was invited as the Chair of LTC



Second Meeting of JTC

United Republic of Tanzania, 26-28 Sept, 07 with financial and technical assistance of FAO

OBJECTIVES

- Review the SADC Preparedness and Response Plan
- Kick start its implementation

ACTIVITIES

- Harmonise policies and regulations on importation into SADC region of poultry, poultry products and exotic birds
- Adopt bio-security measures (as per OIE guidelines) at points of entry, poultry processing plants and farms
- Monitor level of implementation of the regional and country plans



ACTIVITIES

- Monitor the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) on the movements of people at ports of entry
- Develop tools for M&E
- Establish standardised early warning SOPs at field/laboratory level and for sample shipment
- Strengthen field services for effective surveillance
- Strengthen epidemiological and laboratory networks for avian influenza



ACTIVITIES

- Monitor and follow up notification of any novel (Mutant) avian influenza virus
- Develop guidelines on compensation policy
- Intensify human health collaboration with animal health and wildlife authorities
- Intensify awareness campaigns
- Convene meetings of the JTC



Estimated Costs

USD 1.1 Million



THANK YOU

