

AVIAN AND HUMAN INFLUENZA



UNHCR Preparedness and Response in
camp settings

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BACKGROUND

UNHCR: mandate and humanitarian responsibility to ensure preparedness and pandemic mitigation of refugees and other POC

UNHCR: together with other UN agencies developed the **consolidated action plan** to meet the need of refugees and other POC

RISK FACTORS (Refugee settings):

- Overcrowding (camps)
- Poor access to health care services
- No access to hospitals (referrals)
- High prevalence of malnutrition
- High incidence/prevalence of CD: ARI, malaria, HIV..
- Logistic challenges (remote location, conflict areas..)
- Lack of surveillance/EWS (detection of clusters)
- Poor links with national surveillance systems
- Possible discrimination on the country contingency plans
- Lack of trained/equipped staff to investigate cases/clusters detected
- WATSAN deficiencies
- Multiple stakeholders (lack of coordination)

RISK FACTORS (Contd.)

- Close habitation with poultry/livestock
- Limited resources for infection control and disease management (lack of medicines and supplies...)
- Restriction of population movements/ camps closed/ quarantine
- Communication: Linguistic and cultural barriers

TARGET POPULATION

Camps of more than 5000 refugees

- **Southern Africa** as of Oct 2007.

Country	POC	Camp popn.
Malawi	9188	6818
Mozambique	6874	4798
Namibia	6281	7672
Zambia	120,468	61,785
Zimbabwe	4420	3519
Total	147,231	84,592

objectives

Based on Consolidated Action plan

1. **Animal health and bio-security**
2. **Sustaining livelihood**
3. **Human health**
4. **Coordination- global, regional, country and camp**
5. **Communication**
6. **Continuity under pandemic condition**
7. **Humanitarian common service support(added)**

Implementing strategies

Capital levels- bilateral meetings- UN agencies

Gov't AHI focal persons-MoH, Moagr.

Camp level-training IPs ,health workers

coordination at districts level-human health

-vet services

strengthening disease surveillance- reporting

Adopt IEC materials

Procurement of supplies, PPEs

Contingency plan

Achievements

Meet UN agencies, gov't officials – inclusion of refugees in CPs

Training =261 Community health workers on AHI

=136 first line health workers at the camp health centres.

WHO/UNHCR modules used

Stockpiling drugs, med supplies and PPEs for the camps-trained on drug mx, and disease outbreak controls

Plans

Strengthen -disease response capacity

- test Contingency plans

-surveillance

-community involvement –task forces

-coordination at district levels