



Partnership Update N° 1 – April 2008

Program Manager's Note This is the first *Partnership Update* that the Secretariat will issue on a regular basis with the objective of informing the ALive Executive Committee and stakeholders on the progress in ALive's work program. It is my sincere hope that the *Update* will keep everyone informed of the latest program developments and generate dynamic interactions between the Secretariat, Executive Committee, and all ALive stakeholders. The Secretariat also welcomes any contributions from all; please send them to secretariat@alive-online.org.

11th Executive Committee Meeting

The 11th Executive Committee (EC11) meeting of the ALive Partnership was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy on April 8-9, 2008. The meeting discussed the following: (i) progress made since the 10th Executive Committee meeting; (ii) adoption of the Operational Guidelines; (iii) national and regional avian and human influenza activities; (iv) achievements and evaluation of the first Triennial Action Plan (TAP1) and launching of the second Triennial Action Plan (TAP2); (v) PRSP-Livestock Methodological Guide; and (vi) current and prospective donors' visions and expectations. EC11 resolutions are available on the ALive public and private websites at: <http://www.alive-online.org>.

First Triennial Action Plan (TAP1)

The Partnership's first Triennial Action Plan was implemented from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2007. In order to build on the headway of TAP1, an independent

evaluation will be launched under the overall coordination of ALive and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). A tender process has been launched. The tender will be advertised next week on: <http://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/>.

Avian and Human Influenza National Program

To date several Rapid Assessment (RA) missions have been conducted and around 10 Integrated National Action Programs (INAPs) developed under the auspices of the ALive Partnership; and many more are expected to be completed in the next several months. At this juncture, the ALive Secretariat would like to take stock of the experiences and lessons learned in the process of conducting RA missions and developing INAPs, with an eye on improving the RA process and the INAP product through a Clinic on June 2-3, 2008.

Specifically, the objectives of this Clinic are to:

- Briefly discuss the issues in organizing RA missions and developing INAPs;
- Develop an alternative approach to improve the flow of communications between ALive and Partners; conduct of RA missions; and process in developing INAPs;

- Develop the improved INAP structure; and
- Agree on a strategy for the scale-up of the AHI program.

Field Testing of the Methodological Guide for the Inclusion of Livestock in PRSPs

The ALive Secretariat is actively organizing the pilot testing of the Methodological Guide, which may take place in Bamako, Mali by July 2008. Prior to field testing, upstream activities have been implemented. These include: (i) a video conference on April 4, 2008 with the Malian Ministry of Livestock and several stakeholders; (ii) a workshop held in Montpellier, France on April 16-19, 2008 to harmonize the six modules and elaborate the website of the Guide; and (iii) the launch of an "interactive poll" from April 23 to May 2, 2008 on the selection of the best suited name for the initial PRSP-Livestock Methodological Guide.

Upcoming Events

May 26-30, 2008 76th General Session of the OIE International Committee

June 2-3, 2008 ALive/AU-IBAR/OIE/FAO/WHO-AFRO Clinic on AHI INAPs