



## Partnership Update N<sup>o</sup> 3 – June 2008

**Program Manager's Note** Many thanks to those who have sent their comments and complements on the *Update* especially following the dissemination of Issue No 2. In addition to being a tool of keeping you informed on ALive's activities and accomplishments, I hope that the *Update* will also serve as a vehicle in the active exchange of ideas and information dissemination among all ALive stakeholders. Thus the Secretariat welcomes any contribution, i.e. news, announcements in the "world of livestock development" to future issues. Keep them coming through [secretariat@alive-online.org](mailto:secretariat@alive-online.org)!

### Feasibility Studies for Establishing Avian and Human Influenza Epidemiology, Laboratory, and Socio-Economic Networks in Africa

In accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the Executive Committee, the Secretariat has started the recruitment of experts who will carry out feasibility studies on establishing networks in the region.

Epidemiology network – five experts: (1) Team leader, an epidemiologist with experience in the management and coordination of regional epidemiology networks; (2) Epidemiology expert from the OIE-FAO OFFLU network and collaborating centers; (3) Epidemiologist experienced in the management of national surveillance systems; (4) Economist who will assess the cost of establishing epidemiology networks and identify sources of sustainable funding; and (5) Expert on animal health information systems.

Laboratory network - four experts: (1) Team leader, a laboratory scientist with experience in the management and coordination of laboratory networks; (2) Laboratory expert with at least 10 year experience in the management and quality control of national laboratories in a developed country; (3) Laboratory expert preferably from an OFFLU laboratory with at least 10 years experience in diagnosis of transboundary animal and poultry diseases; and (4) Economist who will assess the cost of laboratory networks and identify sources of sustainable funding.

Socio-economic network – four experts: (1) Team leader, an expert with experience in the management and coordination of socio-economic networks; and (2) three experts with experience communications, policy processes, livestock economics/animal health economics, sociology/ anthropology related to livestock

and ideally animal health issues, poultry production, and animal genetic resources.

### Clinic on Avian and Human Influenza Integrated National Action Programs

In collaboration with technical partner institutions (AU-IBAR, FAO, OIE, and WHO-AFRO), ALive sponsored a Clinic on Integrated National Action Programs (INAPs) on Avian and Human Influenza (AHI). The main objective of the Clinic was to take stock of the experiences and lessons learned in the process of conducting Rapid Assessment (RA) missions and developing INAPs, with an eye toward improving the RA process and the INAP product. Members of the ALive INAP Task Force and experts from the technical partner institutions worked together during the two-day Clinic, which was held in Paris on June 2-3, 2008. Recommendations by the group will be sent out to EC members and partners in a separate communication.

### Dissemination of ALive Policy Notes

EC10 Resolution No. 7 authorized the dissemination of ALive's six Policy Notes on: (i) Animal Health Service Delivery and Veterinary Public Health, (ii) International Standards and Food Safety, (iii) Subsidies and Trade in Animal Products, (iv) Maintaining Mobility in Pastoral Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa, (v) Community Based Drought Management for the Pastoral Livestock Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa, and (vi) Dairy Sector Development in Sub-Saharan Africa. They have been disseminated by the Secretariat to African Ministers of Agriculture and Animal Resources, African Directors of Veterinary Services, International Organizations, Regional Economic Communities, NGOs, NEPAD, Research Institutions, and

selected Private Sector representatives. The Secretariat welcomes suggestions on additional addresses for wider dissemination. The Policy Notes are available online at [www.alive-online.org](http://www.alive-online.org).

### PRSP-Livestock Methodological Guide

ALive launched the first of three workshops to test the *Livestock Sector Investment and Policy Toolkit* (LSIPT) in Bamako on June 9-13, 2008. Experts from partner agencies (CIRAD, FAO, and WB) that contributed in the design of the LSIPT trained seven participants from the Malian Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in using this toolkit. Clearly, the Malian team benefited from this training and the toolkit, which they will use as a guide in developing a National Plan for Investment in Livestock in the next three months. To complete this pilot study in Mali, the mid-term workshop is scheduled in August and the final one in October 2008. The final workshop will build on the experiences and lessons learned from the two previous workshops and generate recommendations for the improvement of the LSIPT.

### Upcoming ALive Events

**June 24-25, 2008** ALive Research Meeting on *Feasibility Study for the Organization of a Labeling Procedure for Research Proposals: Example of Avian influenza* in FAO HQ, Rome

**July 28-30, 2008** INAP Technical Experts Orientation at the Regional Animal Health Center in Bamako, Mali (tentative)