



Partnership Update N° 5 – October 2008

Program Manager's Note After a summer hiatus, the Secretariat wants to draw your attention again to ALive's activities through this **Update**. The pause in issuing updates is not because there has been a pause in Secretariat activities; on the contrary over the summer, simultaneous implementation of ALive's many activities forced the Secretariat to work almost at dizzying speed. To name a few: EC12 logistics and documentation, implementation of a number of regional programs, TAP1 evaluation, as well as preparation for five INAP missions. As we usher autumn, the Secretariat could now breathe a sigh of relief – TAP1 independent evaluation mission has been completed; EC12 documents are in the final stage of editing and will be posted soon in the ALive website; workshops for the HPAI regional program have either concluded or ongoing; three INAP missions have been launched and two more would be launched shortly, etc. So, here we are... please read on the many activities that ALive has accomplished since the last Update Issue in July. As always, your contributions would be well received at secretariat@alive-online.org.

TAP1 Evaluation

An independent evaluation of TAP1 was launched in coordination with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Phylum was awarded the contract to conduct this evaluation. To carry out this task, Phylum's principal interviewed several EC members, representatives of donors, international organizations and RECs, and selected African directors of Vet Services. Phylum also interviewed World Bank (host of the Secretariat) management and the Secretariat staff over a full week period on September 15-19.

HPAI Regional Program

- A workshop on *Developing a Regional Communication Strategy on AHI in SSA* was held in Bamako on September 8-9. The output of this workshop was supposed to be distributed during EC12 for validation; with the EC12 cancellation, it will be posted in the ALive website.
- A workshop on *Establishing Socio-economic and Bio-diversity Networks in SSA* will be held from October 15-16, 2008 in Bamako, Gaborone, and Nairobi.
- Two workshops on *Establishing Epidemiology and Laboratory Networks* will be organized. Dates and locations will be discussed with the Regional Animal Health Centers and FAO.

AHI National Program

Several activities under the AHI National Program have been undertaken in the last three months.

- *INAP Experts' Orientation* in Bamako, July 28-30. Attended by around 40 INAP experts and interested colleagues, this orientation aimed to

sharpen the skills of INAP experts and equip prospective INAP consultants with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to contribute in the development of high quality INAPs through a streamlined and efficient process.

- *Continuing dissemination of information* on availability of ALive technical assistance on AHI activities on the national level. The Program Manager sent letters to 16 Ministers of Agriculture/Livestock in July where Governments were encouraged to take action on the control of HPAI and the prevention of a potential pandemic. In the same letter, Ministers were informed of the steps to obtain ALive's technical support for such activities. Consequently, four requests have been received.
- *Preparation of five INAP missions*. In coordination with ALive's technical partners (AU-IBAR, FAO, OIE, and WHO-AFRO) and Government Ministries, the Secretariat has launched missions in Ghana (October 1-21), Cote d'Ivoire (October 6-26) and Guinea Bissau (October 21-November 9). Missions in Gabon (November 24-December 14) and Zambia (dates not yet known) are currently under preparation.

Livestock Portfolio Database

Carried out as a project under TAP1, the African Livestock Portfolio Database has been completed in July 2008 and can be accessed in the website. Please [click here](#). The list of projects included in this database may be exported as an Excel file directly to the requestor's email address. As the database is a living document, the Secretariat recommends follow-up actions: (i) inclusion as an activity under TAP2; (ii) regular update on information; (iii) improvement of technical and

administrative features; and (iv) allocation of sufficient funds.

Update on LSIPT

Upon completion of the LSIPT's six modules (Initial Assessment, Coalition for Change, Livestock at the Household Level, Livestock at the National Level, Strategy and Action Plan, and Monitoring and Evaluation), it was field tested in Mali in June 2008. A follow-up activity was launched in early October to apply the tool kit in analyzing the Malian livestock sector and developing an investment action plan. Consultation is ongoing on testing the tool kit in an Anglophone country, based on availability of funding.

EC12 Preparation

You should have read by now about the cancellation of EC 12 scheduled in Gaborone, Botswana on October 28 – 30. Up until the day the decision to cancel was made, the Secretariat has been working tirelessly on its documentation, alternative budgets, and logistics. In place of this meeting, a suggestion to conduct a virtual EC12 session was made, whereby the Secretariat will send you and post on the ALive website all the documents being prepared for Gaborone, and give you enough time to review them and provide your comments back to the Secretariat. Stand by for the documents; they will be sent to you and simultaneously posted on the website.

Upcoming Event

Oct 24 - 26, 2008 International Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt.