



Emergency Assistance to the Avian and Human Pandemic Influenza Control: Lessons Learned

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Mobilization within the Bank

- Establishment of taskforce on HPAI
- Ring-fencing of SRF resources for HPAI activities in RMCs
- Participation in all International conferences on HPAI
- Sensitization of staff and RMCs through dialogue and other channels

International Community

- Mobilization of the international community
- Establishment of UN Centre for HPAI
- Establishment within FAO of Command Centre
- Sensitization of stakeholders
- Organization of international conferences

Support to RMCs

- Approvals: US\$7 million for 14 affected and high risk countries
- Disbursement: US\$6,200,000 for both animal and human health activities
- Undisbursed balance: US\$800,000 (cancelled)

Lessons Learned

- Programme design: Swift transformation of SRF to ring-fence some of the funds for HPAI
- Project preparation: Simplification of Bank processes to enable the quick turn-around time for HPAI projects
- Approval processes: Flexible approval processes – LOTB and two tranche disbursement - 75% and 25%
- Implementation arrangements: AU-IBAR and WHO and beneficiary countries

Lessons Learned

- Delays experienced in signing of MOUs, opening of SAs
- Slow utilization of funds => slow disbursement and increased likelihood of cancellation of outstanding funds
- Seed funds for enabling the beneficiary countries to prepare INAPs
- Targeted assistance: affected and highly at risk countries for assistance

Lessons learned

- Accountability: timely and quality audit and progress reporting were a challenge
- Coordination between technical and implementing agencies was another challenge
- Difficulty in having a common understanding of an emergency situation and translation into swift response
- Challenge in integrating different sectors – Ministries of animal health, human health and finance and communication

Lessons Learned

- Commitment and common understanding at the international level was excellent: under the leadership of UN, FAO, WHO and OIE – organisation of international conferences and mobilization of funds
- ALive played a focal role by enabling Africa to speak with one voice and to spearhead the organisation of the conference in Africa-Bamako, Mali and later Sharm el Sheilk, Egypt



Thank you

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