

Avian & Human Influenza and Humanitarian Action

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXV

22-24 February 2006

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 22 February

13:30 Registration

14:00 – 14:15 Welcome/Opening Remarks
Yvette Stevens, Director, OCHA Geneva, Chair, IASC Working Group

14:15 – 14:30 Introductions

14:30 – 14:45 Review of the objectives of the meeting, agenda, logistics

Session 1: Avian & human influenza: implications for humanitarian action

Objective: review the level of preparedness of humanitarian agencies for avian & human influenza, discuss constraints and share best practices

Background documents:

- A, B, Cs of Avian & Human Influenza
- Economic Implications of a Human Influenza Pandemic
- Social Implications of a Human Influenza Pandemic
- Governance Implications of a Human Influenza Pandemic
- Avian and Human Influenza: Implications for Humanitarian Action
- One-pagers by each agency on their preparedness measures

14:45 – 15:00 Presentation on the implications of avian & human implications for humanitarian action (OCHA)

15:00 – 16:00 Questions and Answers. Resource people on hand from FAO, WHO, UNSIC, UNICEF, NGOs.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Review of experiences relating to humanitarian preparedness for avian & human influenza. Discussion of constraints and best practices.

Thursday, 23 February

Session 2: Scenarios, planning frameworks and related issues

Objective: review/determine which scenario(s)/planning frameworks should inform humanitarian action during the pre-pandemic, pandemic, and post-pandemic periods

Background documents:

- Avian & Human Influenza: UNSIC Model Scenarios

9:00 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Session 3: Rapid response readiness

Objective: review the rapid response readiness of humanitarian agencies in the pre-pandemic period

Background documents:

11:00 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 4: Preparedness tools

Objectives: (a) review the draft guidance note for IASC Country Teams on country-level contingency planning and discuss what other tools are needed and/or available to help IASC Country Teams prepare for avian & human influenza
(b) review measures taken by humanitarian agencies to ensure continuity of operations, discuss constraints and share best practices

Background documents:

- United Nations System Pandemic Planning and Preparedness Guidelines (draft)
- Humanitarian Preparedness for Avian & Human Influenza: Guidance for Country-Level Contingency Planning (draft)
- Business continuity for humanitarian agencies (draft)

14:00 – 15:30 Working groups (potentially)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Working groups report back in plenary; discussion

Friday, 24 February

Session 5: Towards the March IASC Working Group meeting

Objective: review strategic issues to be addressed at the March IASC Working Group meeting

Background document:
- Strategic Choices

9:00 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Conclusion(s) on different issues

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 6: Outstanding issues; action plan

Objectives: identify outstanding issues relating to humanitarian preparedness for avian & human influenza and review the modalities for addressing them

Background documents:
- List of Outstanding Issues Relevant to Planning & Guidance Package

14:00 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Wrap up