



Republic of Turkey
Ministry of Health
General Directorate of Primary Health Care

AVIAN INFLUENZA

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Avian Influenza

Activities of Ministry of Health

- Seasonal influenza disease monitoring has been set up for the last two years.
- Refik Saydam Hygiene Centre and the laboratories of Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine are determined as National Reference Laboratories.
- The Circular on Avian Influenza dated 16 March 2004 numbered 4273:
 - General information about the disease,
 - Global situation and
 - Necessary actionsare advised to the Provincial Health Directorates.



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Activities of Ministry of Health

- National Influenza Pandemic Plan studies were finalized in October 2005 and revised in April 2006
- As a requirement of this Plan, urgent drug provision was realized and other infrastructural activities were initiated.
- A website has been activated related to Influenza.

(www.grip.saglik.gov.tr).

Avian Influenza

Activities of Ministry of Health

- **December 27, 2005:** Detection of avian influenza among winged animals in Aralık District of Iğdır.
- **On December 31, 2005,** in Doğubayazıt District of Ağrı, referral and hospitalization of 4 siblings (ages between 6-15) to Van Province University Hospital due to suspicion of avian influenza.

Distribution of Cases Based on Cities

Name of the City	Number of Cases	Death
Ağrı	8	4
Van	2	-
Eskişehir	1	-
Şanlıurfa	1	-



ACTIVITIES

- **04.01.2006:** Coordination centre working on 24 hours basis has been established.
- WHO and EU was informed about the matter.
- Posters and brochures were published and disseminated.
- TV spots were forwarded to national television channels.
- Attendance to various TV programmes by Scientific Advisory Board member academicians and the experts of our Ministry for most H.E. Mr. Minister have been realized.
- Through Coordination Centre, national and international community was informed on regular basis.

THE ACTIVITIES WHICH CARRIED OUT

- A delegation of scientists and experts of our Ministry was dispatched to the area.
- The pharmaceutical and supply demands of cities were fulfilled in the most rapid way.
- Samples taken from suspicious cases were sent to laboratories rapidly and cities were informed about the results.
- Experts from international institutions led by WHO were invited to Turkey.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

- An evaluation meeting was held by the participation of Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Health, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and Minister of Environment and Forestry as well as,
 - Governors of all cities,
 - Provincial Health Directors,
 - Provincial Agriculture and Rural Affairs Directors,
 - Provincial Environment and Forestry Directors.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

- On January 23, 2006;

An information and evaluation meeting was held by the participation of

- Provincial Deputy Directors or Division Directors of Communicable Diseases departments.
- Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Specialists
- Public Health Specialists

and provincial training/education teams were established.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

- Educational activities for public.
 - Avoiding contact of children with winged animals,
 - Hygiene (Washing hands thoroughly),
 - Consuming meat and eggs of winged animals by cooking them thoroughly,
 - Applying to hospital in case of risky contact.



CONCLUSION

- Coordination centres has been established in cities and intersectoral cooperation were maintained.
- Regular data exchange was provided.
- Adequate amount of drug and preventive supplies were provided in every city.
- Relevant activities are being carried out within the framework of National Pandemic Plan.



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