



There is a need for immediate and long-term support for both national and inter-country efforts to improve animal health and prepare for a human flu pandemic. The World Bank's administered multi-donor trust fund (the AHI Facility) is a way of making grants available to countries in response to need.

Facility. The implementation of activities under the approved grants is now underway in many countries. Experience to date indicates that these grants are having a positive impact by assisting countries to strengthen capacity and tackle the threats of avian and human influenzas.

Examples include:

Armenia \$2 million Grant

The grant supports veterinary laboratory network improvements at central and regional levels, and enhances surveillance and disease monitoring. The laboratory designs are complete and renovations will begin shortly. Surveillance activities have been developed. The participatory disease surveillance program training has started. The central veterinary laboratory upgrades have been completed. Under the *human health component*, renovation/construction activities are underway at two border check points, the architectural design for three other points are finished, and the tender for civil works will be announced shortly.

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Sub-Regional (Jordan, Israel & West Bank Gaza) \$0.98 million Grant

The Middle East Consortium on Infectious Disease Surveillance (MECIDS) has made significant advances towards becoming an independent consortium managed by an international joint secretariat based in Jerusalem and Amman. MECIDS has pursued capacity-building and surveillance partnerships, and is engaged in training and workshops to enhance national and regional infectious disease surveillance capabilities.

Yemen \$0.06 million Grant

The National Integrated Action Plan for Avian Influenza was finalized with a rapid assessment grant. A dissemination workshop was organized in March 2008 in Sana'a through a presentation of the Action Plan to all the stakeholders, including the donor community. A follow-on AHI Facility grant of \$1.1 million was prepared based on the recommended actions in the Action Plan. The grant was approved in August 2008 with implementation expected to commence in October 2008.

Visibility of Donors

The World Bank makes every effort to ensure that relevant information is shared with the public and that donors' contributions to the Facility are publicly acknowledged. A press release is issued at the time of every grant approval. Grant agreement signing ceremonies are organized in recipient countries to which donor representatives, governments and other stakeholders are invited, along with the local and international press.

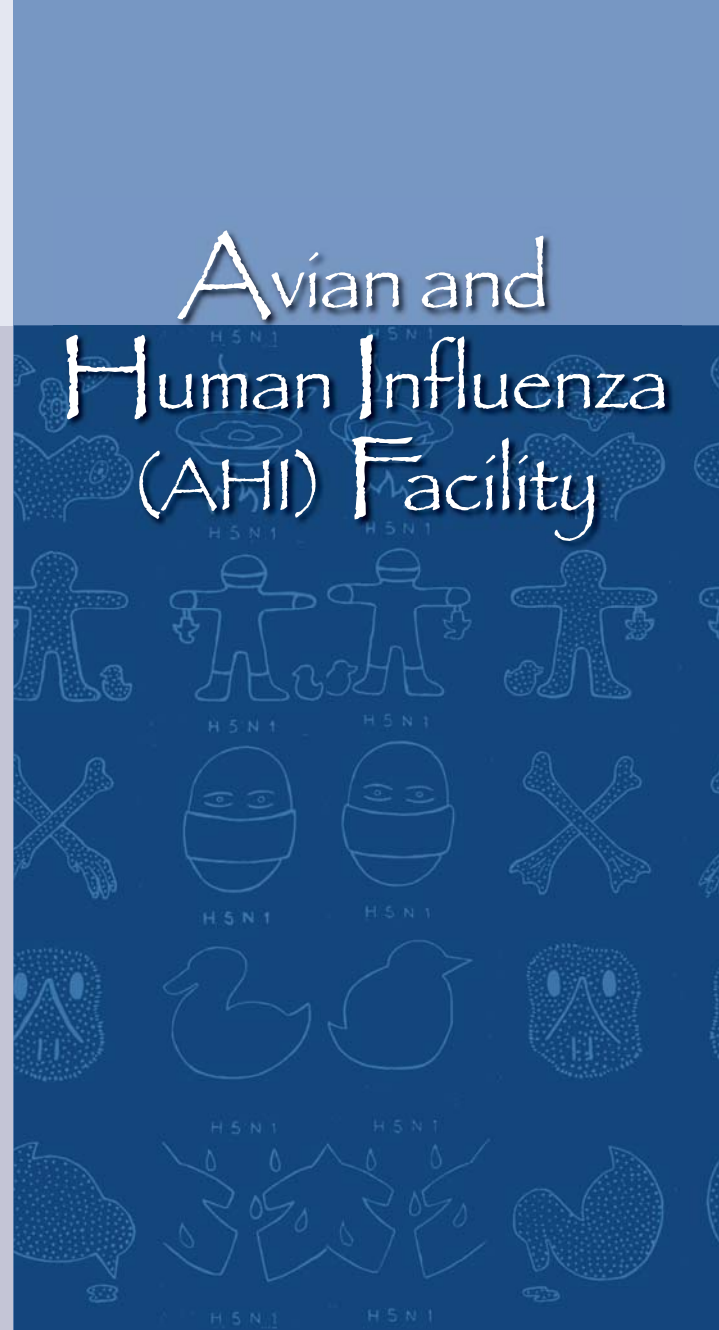
Calendar for Proposal Submission

Funding proposals can be submitted at any time of the year, subject to availability of funds.

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The Facility at a Glance

The Facility was created as a result of the International Pledging Conference in Beijing during January 2006. It provides grant funding for developing countries in order to help them reduce financing gaps in implementing their AHI integrated national action plans (INAPs). Most countries have put such plans in place to reduce the risk and the socio-economic impact of an avian and possibly a human influenza pandemic. An uncontrolled outbreak of avian influenza in any country is a threat to all countries.

The AHI Facility may provide self-standing grants, including to countries where the Bank is not active, and, at the request of the government concerned, may provide grants to international organizations and to non-governmental organizations. In addition, the World Bank provides funds (in the form of loans and credits) under the \$500 million Global Program for Avian Influenza.

Donor Pledges

As of September 2008, the AHI Facility had received combined pledges of \$126 million equivalent from nine donors, the European Commission being the largest. The donors are:

- Australia
- China
- Estonia
- European Commission
- Iceland
- Korea
- Russian Federation
- Slovenia
- United Kingdom

New funds may be provided at any time of the year. Under separate World Bank-administered trust fund programs, the Government of Japan has provided over \$21 million to support AHI operations, and the European Commission has provided €8.5million through the African Livestock (ALive) Partnership to conduct AHI rapid assessments and to design INAPs in Africa.

Objectives

The AHI Facility objectives are to:

- assist developing countries to prevent, control, and progressively eradicate avian influenza; and
- increase human influenza pandemic preparedness in developing countries.

The AHI Facility expects to achieve its objectives by supporting activities that are: included as a priority in, or as an elaboration and improvement of, integrated country programs consistent with protocols of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the World

When dealing with animal health governance and emergencies, functioning mechanisms between partner international organizations and donors are crucial for creating performant synergies and for better routing of limited resources.

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Health Organization (WHO); and endorsed in accordance with predetermined in-country procedures.

Management

The AHI Facility is a multidonor financing mechanism administered by the World Bank.

Internal Review Committee

All proposals need to comply with World Bank policies on procurement, financial management, and environmental and social assessments; proposals are reviewed and those found compliant are endorsed by an Internal Review Committee established within the World Bank.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board is responsible for oversight of the AHI Facility and for review of grant proposals that are non-country specific or are valued at \$3 million or more. The Advisory Board is comprised of selected donors and the World Bank, with the involvement of the United Nations System Influenza Coordinator and the World Organization for Animal Health.

Approved Grants

As of September 2008, forty grants to 44 countries, for a total of \$81.4 million, had been approved from the AHI