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On 04-02-2008, the Government of West Bengal in the Animal Resources Development Department has not declared any further area to be an eradication area.

A) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR CULLING OPERATION ON 03-02-2008

Sl. No.	Activities	DISTRICTS														TOTAL
		Birbhum	Dakshin Dinajpur	Nadia	North 24 Pgs	Murshidabad	Burdwan	Coochbehar	Malda + Uttar Dinajpur	Howrah	Bankura	Hooghly	Purulia	South 24 Pgs	Pasch. Med. + Purba Med.	
1)	Deployment of RRT															
	a) For Culling	36	0	32	0	0	0	6	0	8	0	38	0	36	27	183
	b) For surveillance/ Mopping	8	2	4	29	9	15	30	8	0	2	4	1	0	0	112
	TOTAL RRT	44	2	36	29	9	15	36	8	8	2	42	1	36	27	295
2)	Tentative culling Target of birds	909540	80000	262000	140149	712691	169540	105000	96000	139200	11000	220000	35500	150000	95000	3125620
3)	Culling of birds															
	a) Upto 02-02-2008	1007585	79940	359786	200063	615758	169037	81894	103861	147937	10683	205789	34928	91969	89190	3198420
	b) On 03-02-2008	35727	0	12114	0	413	0	1629	0	2581	0	99491	150	25570	7751	185426
	Progressive Total of Birds Culled	1043312	79940	371900	200063	616171	169037	83523	103861	150518	10683	305280	35078	117539	96941	3383846
3)	No. of eggs destroyed															
	a) Upto 02-02-2008	109267	67988	27674	0	7688	17134	9932	16623	1012	1338	78612	4236	182	569	342255
	b) On 03-02-2008	45213	0	1338	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	563265	0	0	59150	669003
	Progressive Total of eggs destroyed	154480	67988	29012	0	7688	17134	9969	16623	1012	1338	641877	4236	182	59719	1011258
4)	Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)															
	a) Upto 02-02-2008	19429.50	3181.00	14500.00	13,413.00	646.50	2212.50	-	216.00	1012	54.00	1726.00	-	57.00	545.00	73743.00
	b) On 03-02-2008	4500.00	-	-	-	-	-	95.00	-	-	-	200.00	-	-	40.00	5125.00
	Progressive Quantity of Feed destroyed (kg)	23929.50	3181.00	14500.00	13413.00	646.50	2212.50	95.00	216.00	18,052.50	54.00	1,926.00	-	57.00	585.00	78868.00

B) UNUSUAL MORTALITY FOR THE DAY & THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL

SL NO	DISTRICT	Upto 02-02-08	On 03-02-08	Progressive Total
1)	Birbhum	80992	-	80992
2)	Dakshin Dinajpur	1650	-	1650
3)	Murshidabad	29113	14	29127
4)	Nadia	1683	-	1683
5)	South 24 Parganas	3290	-	3290
6)	Bardhaman	9592	-	9592
7)	Bankura	780	-	780
8)	Hooghly	327	-	327
9)	Malda	43	-	43
10)	Coochbehar	300	-	300
11)	Purulia	130	-	130
12)	Howrah	235	-	235
13)	North 24 Parganas	4590	-	4590
TOTAL (B)		132725	14	132739

Human surveillance for Avian Flu on 04-02-2008

(Based on reports on 3.2.08)

Avian influenza outbreak: Situation update

Affected districts: 14 (Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Malda, Coochbihar, Bankura, Hooghly, Purulia, Hooghly, Paschim Medinipur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas)

Affected blocks/municipalities: 48 blocks and five municipalities

Parts of non-notified districts within five Km of aforementioned affected areas:

- Small area of Uttar Dinajpur district adjoining to affected area of Chanchal, Malda
- Small area of Purba Medinipur adjoining Debra, Paschim Medinipur

A. Steps taken to prevent human infection:

Community surveillance:

- A total of 28.6 lakh people have been surveyed for fever and upper respiratory infection on 3.2.08.
- Number of fever cases found in the survey was 4,038 cases (0.14%), which is within normal limit of fever incidence at this point of season.
- Till date, no suspected case of human Avian Influenza has been detected.

Biological samples tested:

- Till date, biological samples tested for Avian influenza are 23 (Dakshin Dinajpur: 07, Murshidabad: 02, Birbhum: 08, South 24 Parganas: 02, Purba Medinipur: 01 and North 24 Parganas: 03).
- Report of sample collected from North 24 Parganas is yet to come. All other samples tested negative.

Rapid Response Teams (RRT)

- Central and State Rapid Response Teams are engaged in surveillance activities at all the districts.
- Senior State health officers and faculty members of the medical colleges are working at districts.

Surveillance of the health personnel

- On date, medical teams examined a total of 6320 health personnel deployed in the fields.
- Department has ensured adequate supply of drugs for prophylaxis and personal protective equipments (PPE) for the health personnel examining the cullers.
- Department has sent adequate quantity of three layered masks, gloves, caps and aprons to the districts for the use of health workers engaged in community surveillance.

Preparation for management of human Avian Influenza cases, if any

- Isolation/observation wards have been set up and equipped at all identified facilities of the affected districts.
- Till date, 11 patients under investigation have been admitted in those facilities, out of which 08 have already been discharged. 01 at Purba Medinipur is still under observation.
- Till date, 20 ventilators have already been installed at those facilities; 03 are under process of being installed. A total of 14 pulse-oxymeters have already been installed; rest 10 are in the process of being installed.
- All districts have identified and equipped health facilities where isolation wards can be opened if necessary and made necessary human resource planning.
- IDBG hospital, Kolkata has been identified and equipped as apex referral hospital.
- All medical colleges have formed medical teams.
- Daily coordination meetings are being held at the state and district headquarters.

B. Steps taken to support ARD Department

- On date, a total of 6111 cullers comprising 295 teams (183 engaged in culling, and 112 in surveillance/mopping) have been medically examined twice a day, at the start and at the end of culling activity.
- They were given chemoprophylaxis (Tamiflu).

C. Steps taken for dissemination of information and messages to the community

- Health personnel, during their survey activity, are interpersonally communicating with the community to bring out essential behaviour changes.
- 15 lakh leaflets and 1.75 lakh posters have been distributed in the affected districts by local health personnel. UNICEF has given support in this regard.
- 2000 cassettes containing audio messages have been sent to the districts. Reports revealed that the local health authorities are playing those cassettes at important sites in the locality to make the people aware about Bird Flu.
- Local cable channels at the affected districts are engaged in increasing awareness of the community by playing TV clippings and short film on Avian influenza.
- GOI and GOWB are disseminating messages on Bird Flu through Doordarshan and other major TV channels and also through All India Radio and FM band.
- Department has taken the initiative to print IEC materials in Santhali and Gorkhali languages for distribution among the aforesaid communities in different districts.
- Department has taken the initiative to print handbill on good practices and treatment seeking messages.
- All the IEC materials, guidelines, forms and protocols and important documents related to Avian Influenza have been made available to the community at the website: www.wbhealth.gov.in.