

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Political Economy of Avian Influenza: SE Asia country study workshop Brighton, UK – February 26-27, 2009

This workshop is aimed primarily at reviewing the country papers from Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam, and setting them in a comparative framework. Additionally, it examines the lessons learned from the international response to avian influenza and the implications these have for the 'One World, One Health' initiative. It is a focused event for 25 invited participants.

Building on earlier work on the international response to avian influenza, the aim of the country studies has been to look at the national contexts for the response, examining the implications for both national and international policy. The studies were planned at a workshop at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in April 2008, attended by many of the invitees to this event.

The expected outputs of the workshop will be:

1. A critical review of the 4 country papers.
2. A comparative analysis of lessons learned.
3. The identification of key policy issues for the 'One World, One Health' initiative.

This event has been coordinated by the STEPS Centre based at the University of Sussex (IDS and SPRU) and funded through the FAO's Pro-Poor Livestock Policy Initiative as part of a wider programme of work on Pro-Poor HPAI risk reduction, as well as part of a follow-up activity supported by the World Bank and DFID which is being led by Chatham House, London.