Southeast Asia Regional Inter-agency information sharing on AHI

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Theme: ‘Donor Day’

Presentation of the European Commission

EC funding to AHI prevention

Not only AHI but covering simultaneously **other HPED** (Highly Pandemic Emerging Diseases).

Legal basis of EC funding:

Regional Programming for Asia 2007-2013

"**Cross-border cooperation in Animal and Human Health**"

EC funded worldwide 89.2 mln EUR to AHI-Facility, incl. 29.7 mln EUR to Asia.

Avian and Human Influenza Facility

The **AHI – facility** is a Trust Fund managed by the World Bank, of which 80% is funded by the EC.

9 countries in E. & S.E. Asia: 29.6 mln EUR

(Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, Mongolia, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan)

Total AHI funding to 9 countries in Asia

87.9 million EUR to 9 countries, incl.

- IDA (= World Bank grants and loans) = 46%
- PHRD = Programme for Human Resource Dev.
  = Japan funds for training and TA only
  = 17%
- **AHI Facility**, of which 80% are EC funds = 34%
  or 29.6 mln EUR which can pay for TA, works, supplies, compensation,…
- Local government input = 3.6%

AHI Facility funding targets

- AHIF funding target by **CATEGORY**
  - 30% goods
  - 23% TA
  - 21% compensation : too slow

    (incl. Vietnam 2.8 mln EUR, Laos 100,000 EUR, Indonesia 2.5 mln EUR)
  - 16% training:

    low capital, no post-grad (too short)

AHI Facility funding targets

- AHIF funding target by **COMPONENT**

  - 58% veterinary: biggest need
  - 28% human health: already much funding
  - 13% communication

Typical funding to WHO / FAO

<u>Usual specific objectives in veterinary and human health</u>

- Strengthened leadership **planning for pandemic** preparedness and response
- Strengthened **disease surveillance** outbreak investigation response and **containment**
- Strengthened **laboratory** capacity
- Strengthened **health system** (human and veterinary)
- **Awareness**, health education, behavior change
- Funding for drugs, supplies, equipment, infrastructure, compensation funds, etc.

Mechanism of applying for EC funds for AHI

Condition of EC:

‘funds must fill gaps in the national **AHI pandemic preparedness plan**’ or AHI – PPP

Country does **Rapid Needs Assessment** to identify the financial gaps in the PPP.

Project proposals must have gaps reflected in **project components**.

Challenges and perspectives

- Slow disbursement:

  Reason: recipient government slow to process projects, first training = low cost, start with advocacy, difficult & slow compensation, …

- Speed up disbursement, extend projects
- Achievements:

  - much improved preparedness
  - multi-disciplinary, inter-ministerial, inter-agency but still need to improve inter-county coordination and sharing.
  - general strengthening of animal & human health sector

Further needs:

- Need more capacity building:

  large scale epidemiology training, but also veterinary, wet market, Village Workers, integration of statistics, …
- Need better cross-border cooperation
- Need more engagement of ASEAN and SAARC.
- Need more attention to sustainability:

  increased operational cost, cooperation mechanisms, how to fund compensation, …

Thank you for your attention