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- A(H5N1) Human influenza Egypt, Vietnam
- "OUTSIDE" Events: none"INSIDE" Events: none

Location: Egypt Event: A(H5N1) – Human

- On 21 March 2010, Egyptian health authorities reported 1 new case of human A(H5N1) avian influenza infection:
 - ✓ A 4 years old child from Beni Suef governorate (cf. map 1).
 - ✓ He was admitted to Beni Suef General Hospital on 18 March.
 - ✓ He was suffering from high fever, cough, runny nose and pneumonia after exposure to infected birds.
 - ✓ The child received Tamiflu treatment.
 - This case was not yet reported to WHO.
- Since April 2006, Egypt has reported a total of 107 confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1), 32 have been fatal.

Map 1. Beni Suef Governorate, Egypt.



Location: Vietnam Event: A(H5N1) – Human

- On 23 March 2010, the Vietnamese Ministry of Health reported one A(H5N1) human case infection:
 - ✓ A 3 year old girl from the Binh Duong province (cf. map 2).
 - ✓ Symptomatic on 05 March 2010.
 - ✓ Hospitalised on 10 March 2010.
 - ✓ She died on 17 March 2010.
 - Contact with sick or dead poultry was not documented.
 - ✓ This case was not yet reported to WHO.
- This case is the 5th case and the 2nd fatal one reported in 2010.

Comments

- Avian influenza foci among poultry are present in both Egypt and Vietnam.
- The occurrence of human cases of avian A(H5N1) in these 2 countries does not constitute an unexpected event.
- To date, the available information does not indicate a change in the epidemiology of the virus in either country.

Map 2. Binh Duong province, Vietnam.

