



PACIFIC ISLAND PANDEMIC TASKFORCE MEETING
Noumea, New Caledonia, 26-28 March 2007

Terms of Reference Pacific Avian & Pandemic Influenza Taskforce (PAPITaF)

Purpose

The Pacific Avian & Pandemic Influenza Taskforce (PAPITaF) will provide a consultative forum on avian and pandemic influenza and related issues. It will allow Pacific Island professionals working in avian and pandemic influenza to share various experiences and procedures and benefit from technical expertise in these areas.

Composition of PAPITaF

- Representatives from Pacific Island Country and Territory (PICT) Avian/Pandemic Influenza Task Forces.
- Representatives from associated technical groups including Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), SOPAC, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the coordination of Human Affairs (UNOCHA), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, World Health Organisation (WHO) and other institutions like Institute Pasteur New Caledonia (IPNC), WHO Collaborating Centre (Australia), Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL).
- Donor technical representatives from Australia and New Zealand.
- The Pacific Regional Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Project (PRIPPP).

Terms of Reference of PAPITaF

1. Provide a regional forum on avian and pandemic influenza preparedness for representatives of relevant national institutions and regional and international organisations.
2. Undertake advocacy and promotion on avian and pandemic influenza and related issues in the Pacific Island region.
3. Advise on technical issues, policies and strategies on avian and influenza preparedness for the Pacific Island context.
4. Communication with all sectors of the community, civil society and government on avian and pandemic influenza preparedness.

Channels of communication

- Meetings or as required
- Appropriate information technology channels
- Through the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN) and Pacific Heads of Veterinary and Animal Production Services (PHOVAPS) established mechanisms

Coordination

Coordination of the Pacific Islands Pandemic Taskforce will go through the existing PPHSN and PHOVAPS mechanisms and be facilitated by PRIPPP.

Monitoring of PRIPPP

The PPHSN Coordinating Body and or PHOVAPS Advisory Group (as appropriate), with representation of identified/appropriate donors and technical agencies to provide expert advice to SPC on the planning, implementation and monitoring of the PRIPPP including:

- i. Provide advice and monitor annual work plans and budgets
- ii. Review achievements and outcomes
- iii. Prioritize project activities as required
- iv. Review resource allocations.

The PPSHN Coordinating Body/PHOVAPS Advisory Group to provide feedback on the planning, implementation and monitoring of PRIPPP to the PAPITaF members.

Terms of Reference endorsed at the Taskforce meeting 28 March 2007