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PACIFIC ISLAND PANDEMIC TASKFORCE MEETING

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Meeting Recommendations

1. The Pacific Avian & Pandemic Influenza Taskforce (PAPITaF) is established to provide a consultative forum on avian and pandemic influenza and related issues for Pacific Island professionals working in the area.
2. Agreement to use the existing structures of the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN) and the Pacific Heads of Veterinary and Animal Production Services (PHOVAPS) for the planning, implementation and monitoring of the Pacific Regional Influenza Preparedness Project (PRIPPP).
3. Clear explanation of stakeholders' roles, including technical and donor agencies, and regional coordination mechanisms to be communicated to Pacific Island countries and territories.
4. The list of questions in the "Pacific Island HPAI & Influenza Preparedness Checklist" as finalized at the meeting, to be used as a basis for PRIPPP to provide technical assistance to Pacific Island countries and territories.
5. Informed by the assessment in the "Pacific Island HPAI & Influenza Preparedness Checklist" national capacities to be strengthened by PRIPPP and other stakeholders.
6. Throughout its implementation PRIPPP to be transparent about decisions regarding project assistance to countries.
7. Clear and feasible lines of communication to be established/strengthened and tested at the national level to prepare and respond to avian and pandemic influenza.
8. Communication between animal and human health agencies to be strengthened both nationally and regionally.

9. Clear and feasible lines of communication to be established/strengthened and tested between the national and regional level to prepare and respond to avian and pandemic influenza.
10. A regional approach to be identified to address the shipping of samples including agreements with airlines and shipping companies.
11. A regional assessment of animal health laboratories capacity to be undertaken.
12. PRIPPP to increase awareness and capacity building for complying with the International Health Regulations.
13. PRIPPP and other agencies to support Pacific Island countries and territories to prepare evidence based public communication plans aligned to national avian and pandemic preparedness and response plans.
14. Template public communication materials (e.g. Information, Education, Communication materials) to support public communication plans be made available for adaptation by Pacific Island countries and territories.
15. PRIPPP and other stakeholders to help establish national stockpiles in timely manner.
16. PRIPPP to explore Early Warning Systems options in the Pacific Island countries and territories.
17. PRIPPP to provide support to Pacific Island countries and territories to undertake business continuity planning.