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## USAID's Avian Influenza Global Technical Partners for Pandemic Preparedness and Response



The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has made the financial and technical commitment to two initiatives that help developing countries prepare for and respond to avian and pandemic influenza. With its technical partners, USAID is focused on enhancing preparedness planning at all levels of society through home- and community-based care of influenza and other potentially lethal diseases; mitigation of transmission through non-pharmaceutical interventions; food security; and rapid resumption of livelihoods. With its partners and with host country officials, USAID will develop country-level plans that will limit excess mortality that will occur during a pandemic.

Through this process, USAID and its strategic partners—UN Systems and Partners, IFRC, CORE Group, Interaction, and AED—are working together with country-level public and private sector leaders to achieve their shared pandemic influenza preparedness objectives.

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## **STRATEGIC PARTNERS FOR PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

### **UN SYSTEMS AND PARTNERS**

A newly formed innovative partnership among USAID, the IFRC, and the UN Systems and Partners is designed to reach across all sectors—public, private and civil society—to prepare for and respond to pandemic influenza. USAID's support of the UN Systems and Partners including the OIM, OACH, UNHCR, WFP, and UNICEF assures implementation of its Consolidated Action Plan for Contributions of the UN Systems and Partners (UNCAPAHI). This new activity is focusing on three primary components of the UNCAPAHI—these include Human Health, Continuity of Services under Pandemic Conditions and Humanitarian Common Services and Support.

### **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES**

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is a membership organization consisting of 186 Red Cross and Red Crescent societies worldwide, each playing an important humanitarian role in their own national context, either in disaster response or health, under its unique auxiliary position vis-a-vis the government. Through the existing worldwide network of volunteers the Federation is able to reach the farthest communities at risk and provide Avian and Human Influenza response to pandemic influenza.

Under the pandemic preparedness work, in collaboration with the UN system, respective governments, as well as key humanitarian organizations, the Federation will take the lead in supporting the Red Cross and Red Crescent preparedness plans in place that are in sync with national plans. This will range from supporting collaborative and cooperation platforms; dialogues that ensure the pandemic preparedness planning of national and international NGOs are in place; development of Service Continuity Plans; and ensuring well-trained and well-established NGOs, government authorities and other relevant actors in

rapid response to a pandemic event. IFRC with its members will focus on capacity building initiatives for staff and volunteers; establishing an operational chain of command with directives; and ensuring the establishment of mechanisms are in place for long-term sustainability of pandemic response programs.

### **AI.COMM**

The Global Avian Influenza Behavior Change and Communications Support Activity (AI.COMM) project funded by USAID and managed by AED provides behavior change technical assistance for avian and pandemic influenza. The project scope spans pre-outbreak, outbreak, and post-outbreak communications.

### **CORE GROUP**

The CORE Group is a membership association of international NGOs working collectively in over 180 developing and transitional countries. CORE's mission is to strengthen local capacity on a global scale to improve the health and well-being of children and women through collaborative NGO action and learning. CORE members work with local partners to deliver services to the most vulnerable communities. The CORE Group strengthens the capacity of members and in-country partners to be ready and able to respond in a pandemic by developing and testing pandemic preparedness plans and guidelines, with particular focus on reducing transmission of the pandemic virus at community and household levels and home-based care of the ill.

### **INTERACTION**

InterAction, representing over 165 American relief and development NGOs engaged in every developing country, is working to ensure NGO participation in the preparation of country pandemic preparedness plans being undertaken by the Pandemic Partnership. InterAction will also work with its European and Southern NGO coalition counterparts in order to facilitate the participation of as many NGOs beyond the InterAction membership as feasible. As the Pandemic Partnership works together with countries to design pandemic response plans, InterAction will develop NGO capacity maps for those countries - identifying the existing range of NGO response capacities that could be drawn on in a pandemic situation. InterAction will also continue assisting its NGO membership on the development of business continuity plans, and facilitate the sharing of information among them on pandemic preparedness and response.



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## RESOURCE PARTNER

### **STOP AI**

#### **Logistical Support - Technical Expertise - Training**

Stamping Out Pandemic and Avian Influenza (STOP AI) provides technical resources and support services in preparedness planning; surveillance and prevention; outbreak response; and re-infection prevention and recovery within the animal health sector. Funded by USAID the project is managed by DAI.

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