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## BULGARIA WORK PLAN

### PILLAR ACTIVITY – (I) PREPAREDNESS

Under RAISE SPS, DAI has completed AI related activities in Bulgaria. A technical review of Bulgaria's avian influenza AI surveillance, prevention, and preparedness program was conducted June of 2006. Using the results of that technical review, AI surveillance and monitoring training was completed in Sofia in September 2006. The training targeted government veterinary officers as well as private field veterinarians, and in total more than 420 individuals were trained. In addition, in December 2006, a USAID AI Commodities Training was completed in Sofia with the participation of 10 officials from the Bulgarian Ministries of Health and Agriculture.

Based on communications with Mission personnel and the USAID E&E regional coordinator, the STOP AI Project proposes two activities during 2008 to complement RAISE SPS activities and to prepare Bulgarian government staff for responding to a possible outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

#### **ACTIVITY 1: COLLABORATIVE PLANNING FOR THE FARM-BASED DRILL**

Two core STOP AI staff will travel to Bulgaria in early 2008 to reach agreement with key stakeholders on the scope and focus of a farm-based drill, and to identify the parameters and standard operating procedures to be used in developing the scenario for the drill.

#### **ACTIVITY 2: FARM-BASED DRILL**

A 3-day farm-based drill in April will allow participants to practice skills and implement procedures at the farm level for a suspected outbreak on a small poultry farm. FORA will be contracted to provide co-facilitators and other logistics. A potential schedule would include:

- Day 1: Walk through the skills and procedures to be tested during the drill.
- Day 2: Perform the procedures for quarantine, site management, sample collection, culling, worker safety and disinfection.
- Day 3: Debrief participants to extract lessons learned and develop recommendations.