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ANIMAL SURVEILLANCE

DAI has completed USAID AI commodities training in Afghanistan under RAISE SPS. The training was held in January 2007 and included 21 officials from the Afghan Ministries of Public Health and Agriculture as well as observers from the FAO and WHO.

Based on recent discussions with Mission personnel and the USAID ANE regional coordinator, the STOP AI Project proposes 2 activities during 2008 to prepare Afghan government staff and smallholder and commercial poultry producers for responding to a possible outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

ACTIVITY 1: BIOSECURITY TRAINING

This 4-day training on poultry farm biosecurity techniques for smallholder and commercial poultry producers, and live bird markets will be held near the existing Alternative Livelihood Poultry Project or other mutually agreed-upon location. Up to 20 veterinarians, extension staff, managers, supervisors and other key personnel will attend. Participants will be trained in a workshop using pre-developed biosecurity manuals for the above sectors. Next, they will travel to and evaluate a farm; leading attendees will then develop a biosecurity plan for that farm. At a minimum, training topics will include:

- What is avian influenza?
- How can you tell if your birds have HPAI?
- What should you do if you suspect your birds have HPAI?
- How do you protect yourself, your family and your community from HPAI?
- How to design your farm to keep disease out.
- Controlling the entry and movement of personnel, birds, vehicles and equipment to and from your farm.
- How to prevent workers, visitors, family members and yourself from bringing HPAI to your farm.
- How to prevent HPAI when moving your birds from your farm.
- Managing your farm to prevent disease, including farm sanitation, animal husbandry and record keeping, as well as feed and litter management.
- Biosecurity for people who go from farm to farm.

ACTIVITY 2: BORDER GUARD TRAINING

A 3-day classroom and laboratory training session will be held to primarily train border guards about HPAI; the information conveyed will also be valuable for government authorities, veterinarians, and livestock officers.

Training topics will include:

- What is avian influenza?
- How can you tell if birds have HPAI?
- What should you do if you suspect birds have HPAI?
- Other detection methodologies.
- Factors that will increase the likelihood that birds with HPAI will be smuggled.
- How do you protect yourself, your family and your community from HPAI?