

Learning by doing: The FETPV training through services approach

As a key component of the China FETPV, Training through Services (TTS) activities are meant to support the trainees to deliver government's services while increasing individual capacity. The 15 trainees are required to conduct three compulsory assignments in order to graduate: a field surveillance study, two outbreak investigations and one surveillance review program. The first assignment "field surveillance study" began in August 2011 with the implementation of 13 different studies conducted at provincial level on Brucellosis, Rabies, African Swine Fever (ASF), Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), Newcastle Disease, Avian Infectious Bronchitis and Pullorum Disease. The trainees have combined their TTS assignments with their daily tasks within their own institute. In addition, they have started reviewing the provincial disease surveillance plans in their respective provinces and will use newly acquired knowledge to critically review these plans and provide recommendations for improvement.

Another excellent outcome of the FEPTV program stems from the sensitization of the trainees to use a multidisciplinary approach when dealing with complex disease situations. As an example, one of the trainees, Dr Huang Cheng, who conducted rabies surveillance activities in one of the counties of Chongqing Municipality, has been playing a critical role in fostering better center collaboration between the local Animal Disease Prevention and Control (ACDC) and public health authorities. Thanks to his efforts, a joint rabies awareness campaign was conducted in the field, including a program of school education on rabies prevention.



▲ Rabies awareness campaign at a local school in Chongqing



▲ Mr. Huang Cheng is introducing Rabies prevention knowledge to the students



▲ Dr. Huang Cheng is interviewing local residents on Rabies situation

Strengthening Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in Guangdong Province

According to the consultation made with Guangdong Province local stakeholders engaged in the PPP Project and the proposal from the FAO international engineer, a vehicle cleaning & disinfection station is expected to be constructed at Guangzhou Jiangcun Poultry Wholesale Market to upgrade the live bird market (LBM) and improve LBM biosecurity. The FAO ECTAD China office received the proposed budget from the market for the construction in mid-February and will assist provincial authorities in finalizing the market upgrade.

Upcoming activities:

1. In the Framework of the TCP Facility Project (TCP/RAS/3306) dealing cross-border TAD control, ECTAD China team is preparing a meeting that will gather participants from Mongolia, China and Russia. The meeting is expected to take place in early April in Mongolia.
2. Following the launching of the EPT+ program in Bangkok in February 2012, a process of consultation will start in China to sensitize the national authorities about the objectives of the program and define the scope of work during the next year.