



Project Highlights

TIMOR-LESTE

“BIOSECURITY STRENGTHENING PROJECT FOR TIMOR-LESTE”

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Target areas: Timor-Leste

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Objective:

To improve Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) education, communication and disease surveillance; establish a laboratory; draft animal health legislation; improve pig and poultry health and production; and research HPAI and other emerging infectious diseases.

Key partners:

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)

Beneficiaries reached:

MAP (particularly the National Directorate of Livestock and Veterinary Services) benefited from various capacity building trainings, and improved capacity on animal disease diagnosis, prevention and control.

Activities implemented:

- Developed animal disease surveillance and passive reporting system in Timor-Leste.
- Created national and district animal investigation teams in 13 districts equipped with essential equipment and relevant trainings.
- Developed a vaccination strategy for classical swine fever, including the operational budget and technical support of its implementation in the field.
- Established and equipped a diagnostic veterinary laboratory.

Impact:

- Timor-Leste now has the human assets, technical knowledge and facilities to undertake active and passive disease surveillance for HPAI and other important diseases.
- The project improved public awareness for early detection and reporting of HPAI and other emerging infectious diseases.
- Training provided by the project has significantly improved the MAF's veterinary service capacities.