



Bangladesh:

March 10, 2012: Call to disinfect markets ignored

Drive to clean Dhaka's kitchen markets has not started yet, despite health experts' serious call to disinfect those after H5N1 avian influenza lurched from poultry farms to slaughter houses. Workers have been seen working in the filthy environment strewn with chicken giblets and wings in the blood and mud-strained floor. [\[more\]](#)

Bhutan:

March 15, 2012: Hundreds rush to hospital in fear of rabies

More than 154 people of Sarpang rushed to the hospital for check up, following the Dzongkhag's notification that the two calves belonging to a milk association were confirmed as rabid. [\[more\]](#)

March 13, 2012: Awaiting vaccines after death of three cattle

Although the first outbreak of anthrax was reported in Yonphula under Kanglung gewog on February 18 Trashigang Dzongkhag has still not received the vaccine from National Center for Animal Health. [\[more\]](#)

March 09, 2012: HPAI Follow-up report No. 5 sent to OIE

A case of yet another H5N1 was reported from Burkey, Sampheling, a border town under Chhukha Dzongkhag. Only one bird was reported affected from a population of 1050 in the village and 131 were destroyed. [\[more\]](#)

India:

March 11, 2012: Bird flu resurfaces in Tripura

Bird flu influenza has resurfaced in Tripura after one-and-a-half months. Samples of sick birds from the state-owned Gandhigram Poultry Farm in western Tripura were found to contain the H5N1. [\[more\]](#) [\[...\]](#)

March 09, 2012: Bihar SOS to centre on tackling bird flu

Bird flu or avian influenza is threatening Bihar's poultry industry and an SOS has been sent to the central government on tackling the deadly H5N1 virus as the state lacks the resources to do so, a Bihar minister said. [\[more\]](#)

Nepal:

March 11, 2012: HPAI Follow-up report No. 3 sent to OIE

Three outbreaks of H5N1 were reported in backyard poultry from Tagandubba, Tagandubba and Kumarkhod VDC 1, Khumarkhod of Jhapa, Mechi and also from Narsinghatappu VDC 1 and 3, Narsinghatappu, Sunsari, KOSHI. [\[more\]](#)

March 15, 2012: Bird flu confirmed in Pharping

Bird flu (H1N1 strain) has been confirmed at a poultry firm in Pharping, Kathmandu. The tests on a sample of the dead chicken of Dallu Hatchery and Feed Firm confirmed that the chicken died of avian influenza, according to the director of directorate of National Animal Health. [\[more\]](#) [\[map\]](#)

Others:

March 2012: Schmollenberg virus: a new disease of ruminants

A new disease causing fever, reduced milk production, diarrhoea and abortion in cattle emerged in Germany in August 2011. A novel virus was subsequently demonstrated by real-time PCR and named Schmollenberg virus (SBV) Since then, disease caused by SBV has been reported in ruminants (cattle, sheep, goats, bison) in the Netherlands, Belgium, England, France, Luxembourg and Italy.. [\[more\]](#)

March 12, 2012: A new type of rabies virus has been discovered in Tanzania

Scientists from the University of Glasgow and the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency believe the new virus is likely to originate in bats and that cross-over infection to civets and other mammalian species is likely to be relatively rare. Genetic tests showed that the virus was a new type of rabies virus that had not been previously described, but was similar to a bat rabies virus isolated in the Caucasian region of Eastern Europe. [\[more\]](#)