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## BANGLADESH

### 21 Aug 2013: World's eighth global diseases detection centre opens in Dhaka

The world's eighth Global Diseases Detection (GDD) regional center, which works to identify, control and combat priority infectious diseases, opened in Bangladesh yesterday. The centre is housed in the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), the disease control wing of the Directorate General of Health Services in the capital. The GDD regional center has been established by the center for disease control and prevention, the disease prevention unit of the US health department. "Establishment of the GDD regional centre would incorporate the country into a network that monitors and reacts to potential epidemics that could originate from Bangladesh," said, director of IEDCR. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 18 Aug 2013: Bird flu alert in Delhi-National Capital Region after major outbreak in Chattisgarh and Bihar

After outbreaks of avian influenza in Chhattisgarh and Bihar, the central government has informed all states, including Delhi, to conduct regular and close observation of poultry farms. Considering the outbreak in the two states, the ministry of agriculture's department of animal husbandry, dairying & fisheries has recently informed the national disaster management authority (NDMA), Union health ministry, Union home ministry and all the states to carry out regular checks to enable early detection of any possible spread of the virus. [read more](#)

### 17 Aug 2013: Crimean-congo haemorrhagic fever kills 3 men in Ahmedabad district

Crimean-congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) is suspected to have claimed lives of three men in Barvalataluka in Ahmedabad district. Following this, the health department has asked medical and veterinary teams to undertake fogging operations to contain the virus which spreads through ticks found on the cattle. Moreover, two relatives of the victims, including a woman, too have been admitted in the Bhavnagar government hospital. Earlier, four persons of Kariyana village in Babra taluka of Amreli district had died of CCHF. [read more](#)

### 15 Aug 2013: Mumbai's first suspected MERS-CoV case

In the first suspected case of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in the city, a Vashi resident has been quarantined at Kasturba Hospital in Chinchpokli. The 40 year old man was admitted to the hospital's ward 30, meant for infectious diseases, on Wednesday afternoon with complaints of fever and a progressing pneumonia. The patient had returned to India on August 12 after spending 35 days in Saudi Arabia. [read more](#)

## NEPAL

### 21 Aug 2013: Bird flu detected in two village development committees (VDC) in Kavre district

Bird flu virus has been detected in two poultry farms at Janagal and Nasikasthan VDCs of Kavre district on Wednesday. The district livestock service office, Kavre, said the test conducted from suspected fowl samples in a hatchery of Janagal VDC showed positive results. [read more](#)

### 18 Aug 2013: Nepal widens its bird flu emergency zone

Amid health concerns expressed by various quarters, the government of Nepal extended the bird flu emergency zone to more parts of the Kathmandu district for three months. After declaring Bhaktapur district of the capital as emergency zone on Aug 15, it was necessary to include more parts under it. Among three districts of Nepalese capital (Bhaktapur, Lalitpur, Kathmandu), the extension of the emergency zone will be enforced in some parts of Kathmandu district. [read more](#)

### 16 Aug 2013: Bird flu confirmed in Hetauda farms in Makawanpur district

Bird flu has been confirmed in two poultry farms at Kamaney in Hetauda-8, Makawanpur district. District livestock service office said they will disinfect the affected areas and destroy fowls there on Friday. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 31 July 2013: Crimean-congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) update

In week 30, 2013, three positive CCHF cases were reported from district Quetta, Balochistan. All the cases are relatives and having history of contact with animals and fresh animal products (meat, skin). Suspected and confirmed CCHF cases are reported continuously. Since the epidemiological week 13, 2013, at least one confirm case per week has been reported. The highest number of cases (5) reported in week 29 and 4 confirmed cases in week 24. So far, a total of 47 suspected cases, 30 confirmed cases and 10 deaths have been reported and most of the cases are from Balochistan (suspected 40, confirmed 24, deaths 7). WHO team is supporting the provincial health departments in handling the situation. [read more](#)

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