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BHUTAN

7 Aug 2014: Rabies outbreak in Sarpang & Samtse Dzongkhags

One case of suspected rabies in cow was reported from Umling area, Umling Geog Sarpang Dzongkhag on 7 August. Similarly, another suspected rabies case was seen in Sukrety village, Samtse Geog under Samtse Dzongkhag on 5th August 2014 which was found positive on rapid antigen test. [read more](#)

16 Jul 2014: Foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak

FMD outbreak has occurred in Domphu village, Deothang Geog under Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag on 16 July. A total of seven animals were affected and the source of infection is suspected to be from introduction of new animals into the herd. [read more](#)

INDIA

12 Aug 2014: 11-year-old boy bitten by stray dog a month ago dies in Tamil Nadu

An 11-year-old boy, who was bitten by a stray dog a month ago and developed symptoms of rabies died despite treatment at a primary health centre (PHC) on Sunday in Puducherry. His parents took him to a PHC where he underwent treatment. However, later he developed symptoms of rabies such as excessive saliva production, hallucinations and insomnia. His parents admitted him to the Indira Gandhi government general hospital cum research institute. He was later referred to the Jawaharlal institute of postgraduate education and medical research (Jipmer). Despite treatments, the boy died on Sunday morning. [read more](#)

12 Aug 2014: Ebola outbreak: No panic movement by Indians from west Africa

India's civil aviation watchdog on Tuesday directed all airlines operating on international routes to take steps against the spread of Ebola virus, including distribution of pamphlets to passengers. The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked all airlines to take the following precautionary measures with immediate effect: in-flight announcement for self-reporting by travelers with any sign or symptoms; provision for self-reporting by travelers with symptoms; submitting of information regarding visit to any affected country during the past 21 days and having symptoms on arrival; distribution of the proforma to all passengers and crew before they disembark in India. [read more](#)

NEPAL

12 Aug 2014: Government to set up Ebola health checkup desk at TIA

Considering the pandemic of Ebola virus, the government has mulled a special alertness and preparedness to prevent the disease. A meeting of the government secretaries held at the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (OPMCM) on Tuesday decided to immediately set up a health checkup desk with medical persons at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) as part of the preparedness to prevent the disease. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

11 Aug 2014: Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) claims life

Another man died of CCHF fever while two others were detected with the virus here on Sunday. Five persons hailing from Meena Bazaar locality of Zhob were found affected with CCHF. One of the victims hails from the village had died a couple of days ago while another expired in a hospital on Sunday. [read more](#)

OTHER

06 Aug 2014: WHO Statement on the meeting of the international health regulations emergency committee regarding the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa

The first meeting of the emergency committee convened by the Director-General under the international health regulations (2005) [IHR (2005)] regarding the 2014 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD, or "Ebola") outbreak in West Africa was held on 6 August 2014. After discussion and deliberation on the information provided, the committee advised that: the Ebola outbreak in West Africa constitutes an 'extraordinary event' and a public health risk to other States; the possible consequences of further international spread are particularly serious in view of the virulence of the virus, the intensive community and health facility transmission patterns, and the weak health systems in the currently affected and most at-risk countries. A coordinated international response is deemed essential to stop and reverse the international spread of Ebola. It was the unanimous view of the committee that the conditions for a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) have been met.

The current EVD outbreak began in Guinea in December 2013. This outbreak now involves transmission in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. As of 4 August 2014, countries have reported 1711 cases (1070 confirmed, 436 probable, 205 suspect), including 932 deaths. This is currently the largest EVD outbreak ever recorded. [read more](#)