The Highly Pathogenic and Emerging Diseases Program (HPED)

Cross-Border Cooperation in Animal and Human Health

Description	HPED provides funding to strengthen animal health and human health services and to develop regional efforts to combat the diseases. While targeting all diseases with a high potential for crises, the HPED program has a particular focus on avian influenza. The HPED programme shall enable the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to control HPEDs and to improve epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the region. Separate projects are implemented by OIE, FAO and WHO. The programme takes an inter-sectoral, integrated One Health approach to disease prevention and control, thus broadening the scope of the EU response to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) crisis.
Purpose	The objective of the HPED programme is to strengthen the institutional capacities of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) and their secretariats to control HPEDs and to improve epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the region.
Scope	Regional – Southeast and South Asia.
Primary Funders	The European Union.
Participants & Key Collaborators	World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), World Health Organisation (WHO).
Definition of One Health	'One Health' (OH) is an integrated approach to health that focuses on the interactions between animals, humans and their diverse environments. It encourages collaborations, synergies and cross-fertilisation of all professional sectors and actors in general whose activities may have an impact on health.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Unknown.
Sources of Information	http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/regional-cooperation/animal-human-health/hped_en.htm
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