



Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Agriculture Cluster Technical Working Group on Livestock and Animal Health

At Bago Room, Chatrium Hotel on 16th October 2008, 12:15 – 13:00 hrs

Participants:

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Minutes of the 2nd meeting (on 16th October 08):

1. Some new participants joined the meeting and they introduced themselves by names and organizations.

2. Feedback on the workshop on 10-11 October 2008

Participants were requested to give feedback on the workshop held on Friday, 10 – Saturday, 11 October 2008. Some points have been noted that LBVD will support and facilitate INGOS or NGOs who have a plan to distribute livestock and poultry to cyclone Nargis affected areas. Some agencies requested FAO to organize the same workshop for local staff of INGOS and NGOs in the Delta areas.

Piglets age 45 days old are expected for distribution to beneficiaries. Sex ratio (20-30% of male pigs per 70-80% female pigs) can be considered. For chickens and ducks, sex ratio (20% of male and 80% of female) is composition of the package. Use of one buffalo for ploughing in the delta area is for future strategy, but the training is needed.

3. Provision of technical fact sheets and booklets / posters / materials for training and education purposes

All the technical fact sheets are available online at the Agriculture Cluster's website at: <http://myanmar.humanitarianinfo.org/agriculture/default.aspx>.

FAO has also arranged for NGOs and INGOS to get some materials. FAO will provide powerpoint presentations to other agencies to be used in conducting the training and awareness programs in Delta region. A CD containing presentations, technical fact sheets, Myanmar Animal Health and Development Law will be provided in a CD format. All abovementioned materials will be translated to Myanmar language. Please contact Dr. Ye Tun Win, National Livestock Expert, Tel: +95 986 02348, Email: ytwvet84@gmail.com.



As requested by some organizations, posters and booklets are available from 17 October at LBVD onwards after filling in an order form at FAO, ERCU Unit. Please feel free to contact FAO, ERCU via email or telephone, if any technical support is needed.

4. Update on livestock activities of each organization

The participants were then requested to fill a form to get the updated data on what they have done in delta region related to any livestock activities, including distribution of livestock, poultry, animal feed, veterinary drug supplies, vaccination or etc.

5. Discussion

The attendants asked for disease reporting system if they find any suspected dead or sick animals or diseases. FAO experts explained that they need to contact township officer if they find any suspicion or inform LBVD in Yangon or FAO.

Improvement of animal health care and vaccine production facilities is needed for development of animal health and production in Myanmar.

6. Date and venue of the next meeting

The next meeting of TWG on livestock and animal health will be organized on Thursday, 30th October, 2008 during 12:15-13:00 hrs at Chatrium Hotel. FAO will send emails individually to remind participants on a mailing list beforehand.

7. Announcements

None