

## H5N1 Bird Flu in the Kantha Bopha Hospitals

At times the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> cases of Bird Flu in 2013 at the Kantha Bopha Hospitals are still hospitalized in the Intensive Care Unit.

The 10<sup>th</sup> case in Jayavarman VII in Siem Reap Angkor was admitted on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2013. Before the poor child was hospitalized in a private clinic in Battambang for two days. The diagnosis there was wrong. The situation has aggravated and the parents brought the most severely sick child to Jayavarman VII Hospital.

The 11<sup>th</sup> case in Kantha Bopha IV in Phnom Penh was admitted on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2013. Before the child of a rich family was hospitalized in a private clinic in Phnom Penh for two days. The diagnosis there was wrong. The situation has aggravated. The child was brought by a nurse of the private clinic to Kantha Bopha IV.

Immediately the clinical diagnosis H5N1 Bird Flu was evident in our Hospitals. The samples were sent to the Institute Pasteur, where the clinical diagnosis Bird Flu was confirmed. We still hope we can save the two children.

Only by these two new cases the authorities are realizing that chickens have died in these areas by Bird Flu. They should realize it before the children get to be sick suffering from this awful and deadly disease.

## The Dengue Fever Epidemic (HDF) in 2013

Still there are severe cases of the Hemorrhagic Dengue Fever. Day and night children are arriving in shock in our Hospitals. Last year 2012 there was a huge Epidemic. 28 000 children in pre shock or shock were hospitalized in the Kantha Bopha Hospitals. 2007 was a huge Epidemic too. It is a cycle of 5 years. It is a surprise that this year 2013 there are so many cases of HDF. Already more than 8000 cases were hospitalized in Kantha Bopha in 2013. Only 30% of all Cambodian houses have got Abathe in order to treat the water stored around the houses. The authorities have given the Abathe only to the areas of risk. But the severe cases of HDF are arriving from all over the country. Everywhere is the risk.



Case 10<sup>th</sup>

Case 11<sup>th</sup>

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