

Avian Flu Task Force: Terms of Reference

A. Objective

The objective of the Task Force is to coordinate ADB's efforts to mitigate the avian influenza's impact on human health. This will involve:

- serving as a focal point for contact and liaison with relevant stakeholders;
- keeping management abreast of the latest developments and their implications for ADB and its development member countries; and
- developing a response strategy.

B. Scope

The Task Force will be responsible for the following:

1. Liaison with Partners

- (i) Serve as the primary contact for countries, development partners, NGOs and other stakeholders on ADB's support for responding to avian flu;
- (ii) Liaise with international technical agencies and other multilateral and bilateral development partners interested in supporting the response;
- (iii) Explore the potential for cofinancing of ADB project and TAs for avian flu;

2. Knowledge Management

- (iv) Keep Management and the Board informed about the key developments in the avian flu epidemic in the region and international response;
- (v) Serve as a repository for information and update on avian flu and its economic and social impacts;
- (vi) Coordinate and review knowledge products developed and supported by ADB;

3. Response

- (vii) Develop an ADB strategy for strengthening regional response to avian flu epidemic;
- (viii) Identify and process appropriate investment project and TAs to support the avian flu strategy; and
- (ix) Work closely with the Emergency Management Team working on the contingency plan for ADB staff, their dependents and consultants.