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- A(H5N1) Human influenza Indonesia
- A(H5N1) avian influenza None

No new affected area has been reported this week.

- "INSIDE" events: none
- "OUTSIDE" events:
 - Ebola, Uganda
 - Beriberi, Côte d'Ivoire

	Location: Indonesia	Event: A(H5N1) – Human	Comments	
•	reported 1 new case of A(I Jakarta district, Jakarta pro The case was a 8 years old Onset of sympto Hospitalised or She died on 11	d girl: toms on 1 st April 2011 n 8 th April 2011	Map 1. Jakarta province, Indonesia Jakarta A(H5N1) is enzootic in the whole country.	
•	In Indonesia, the last human case was reported on 1 st April 2011 in Yogykarta province, Java Island (<u>cf. eWEB n°159</u>).		 Indonesia is also the country reporting most A(H5N1) human infections in the world. 	
•	This is the 177 th case reauthorities to WHO, and the 2011.	eported by the national health e 6 th case since the beginning of	 In Indonesia, suspected A(H5N1) cases are regularly reported by various non official sources. In this respect, it is likely that the number of cases is under reported by national authorities. 	
Lo	ocation: World	Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic	<u>Comments</u>	

REPORT OF NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURRING <u>OUTSIDE</u> THE EPISOUTH AREA (Occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

Location: Uganda Event: Ebola <u>Comments</u>

- On 9th May 2011, one isolated case of Ebola has been reported in Uganda, in the province of Luwero, North Kampala (map 2).
- The case is a 12 years old girl:
 - Onset of symptoms on 1st May 2011
 - o She died on 6th May 2011
- The diagnosis has been confirmed by PCR on 9th May 2011, and revealed the presence of the "Sudan" strain.
- 20 to 30 close contacts are monitored on a daily basis.
- To date, investigations haven't allowed identifying the origin of the contamination. A US-CDC team has joined Ugandan teams for investigation.

- Ebola circulates sporadically in Uganda and in some tropical Sub-Saharan countries.
- This is the first reported case in the country since the last major epidemic reported in December 2007. At that time, a new strain was identified: Ebola Bundibugyo.
- In past outbreaks, case fatality rates for Ebola infections have ranged from 50% to nearly 90%, varying according to the strains; incubation period is considered to range from 2 to 21 days.
- Considering that the incubation period is not yet over, the situation is monitored carefully, especially due to the fact that the case is located nearby Kampala capital and on a major road to Sudan (cf. map 2).



Map 2. Uganda, Luwero district

Location: Côte d'Ivoire

Event: Beriberi

Comments

- Since 17th May 2011, the Ivorian media mentioned an unspecified outbreak, leading to a dozen of cases and deaths in Abobo district, North Abidjan (cf. map 3).
- The cause of this outbreak has been identified: Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) teams confirmed a Beriberi epidemic with at least 356 cases (with flaccid paralysis of lower limbs) an 5 deaths since 15th April 2011.
- Beriberi is a disease caused by a deficiency in Vitamin B1 which leads to heart failure and serious neurological disorder.
- Beriberi is a neglected pathology and usually affects population living in very precarious conditions such as camps of refugees or prisoners, or in war situations.
- The risks concern only very precarious population, and this epidemic reflects the very poor nutrition level of the affected population.

