

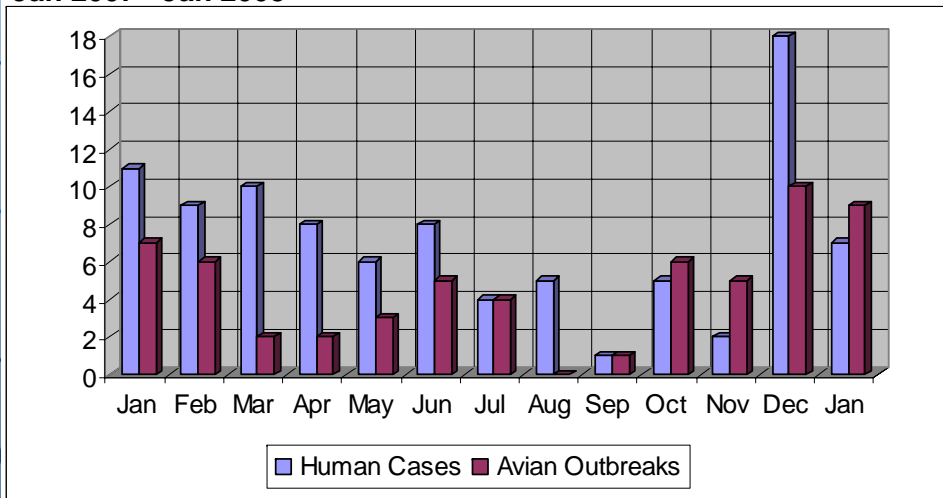


(U) Worldwide H5N1 Trends

(U) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) continues to spread in Asia, Europe, and Africa. Between January 2007 and January 2008, 32 countries experienced outbreaks of H5N1 in wildfowl or commercial poultry; five of the countries had not previously experienced H5N1. Nine countries confirmed human H5N1 cases, four of which faced their first human cases. Indonesia suffered almost half of the global H5N1 human cases in this period (45 of 96), followed by Egypt (24).

(U) Since 2003, the World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed 359 human cases of H5N1 infection and 226 deaths. H5N1 has not been identified in birds or humans in the Western Hemisphere.

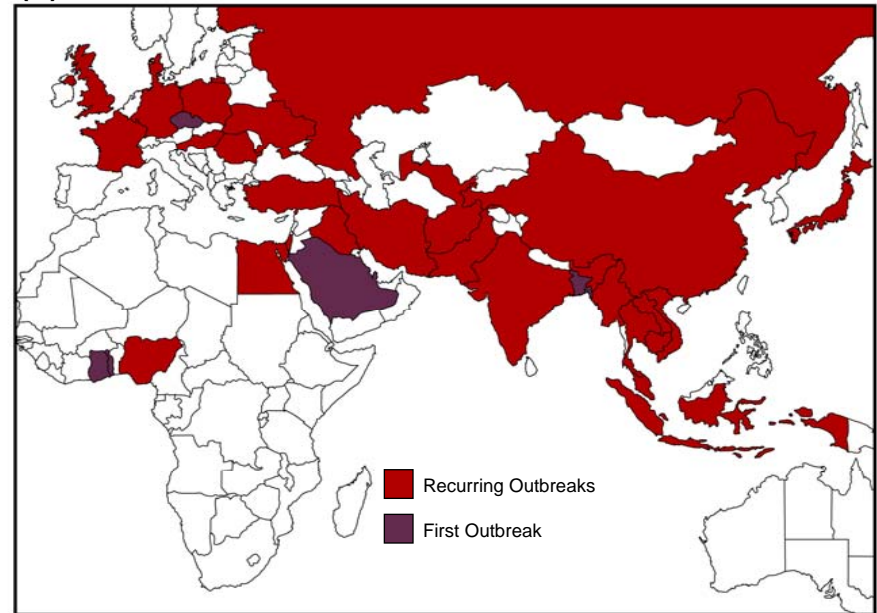
(U) Worldwide H5N1 Human Cases and Avian Outbreaks, Jan 2007 - Jan 2008



(U) The December 2007 spike in human cases includes eight suspected cases that were reported to the WHO for testing positive for H5N1 by the Pakistani National Reference Laboratory. The presence of H5N1 virus was confirmed in samples from only one of the eight patients.

(U) Source: WHO
(U) Information cutoff: 5 Feb 2008

(U) Confirmed H5N1 Avian Outbreaks, Jan 2007 - Jan 2008



(U) Confirmed H5N1 Human Cases, Jan 2007 - Jan 2008

