# **Role of WHO**

## **Advocacy meetings**

# **Regional Technical support**

#### Missions to Member States to assist in

- Investigation of outbreaks of avian influenza
- Preparation of National Pandemic Preparedness Plans
- Simulation exercises to assess the capacity in implementation of NIPPP

### Documents/guidelines preparation and dissemination from WHO HQ\*

- Generic Regional Pandemic Preparedness Plan
- Step-by-Step approach for preparing National Pandemic Preparedness Plans
- Guidelines on managing stockpile of Oseltamivir
- Assessment of Regional capacity for antiviral production
- Assessment of Regional capacity in influenza vaccine development
- Guideline in Clinical Management of Al
- Assessment in laboratory assistant of Al

## Procurement and stockpiling of antiviral

- 3 million treatment courses of Oseltamivir® at WHO HQ
- Some stockpile of antiviral & PPE at SEARO

## Capacity building enhanced through

- WHO Bi-Regional training Workshop on Al , Bangkok, February 2004
- WHO Training Workshop on human Influenza surveillance, diagnosis and control, Tokyo,2004
- Regional Meeting on Avian Influenza and Pandemic Preparedness, Bangkok, November 2005
- Laboratory diagnosis training, Hong Kong, February 2006
- Training programmes on outbreak investigation, rapid containment, risk communication and clinical management

### **Consultations**

- Informal Consultation on antiviral and vaccines, Bangkok, August 2005
- Delhi Declaration (Conference of Ministers of Health and Agriculture/Livestock on Avian Influenza Control and Pandemic Preparedness in Asia, New Delhi, India, 28 July,2006
- First Asia Pacific TAG meeting on EID, Philippine, July 2006
- Bi-regional Cross Border meeting on EID, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2007
- Networking of NIC between WHO SEARO and WPRO regions, Melbourne, Australia, May 2007
- Second Asia Pacific TAG meeting on EID, New Delhi, India, July 2007

## Information exchange and collaboration with partners

- Annual meeting of emerging disease focal points (proposed)
- Strategic Health Operations Centre (SHOC) Room with help desk for information dissemination
- Daily outbreak update
- Regular updating of SEARO website
- Collaboration with FAO, OIE and other International Agencies

<sup>\*</sup>For guidelines prepared by WHO HQ: http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian influenza/guidelinestopics/en/index.html