

Toddler is Cambodia's 6th bird flu death of year

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(AP)—A 3-year-old Cambodian girl has become the sixth person to die from bird flu in the country this year.

Cambodia's Health Ministry and the [World Health Organization](#) said Wednesday that the child was in contact with poultry in her village in southern Kampot province, where there were recent deaths among poultry.

Cambodia has registered seven human cases this year of the virus, also called avian influenza, or H5N1. Only one has survived.

The [H5N1 virus](#) normally spreads between sick poultry, but it can sometimes spread from poultry to humans.

The WHO says bird flu has killed 365 other people worldwide since surfacing in 2003.

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