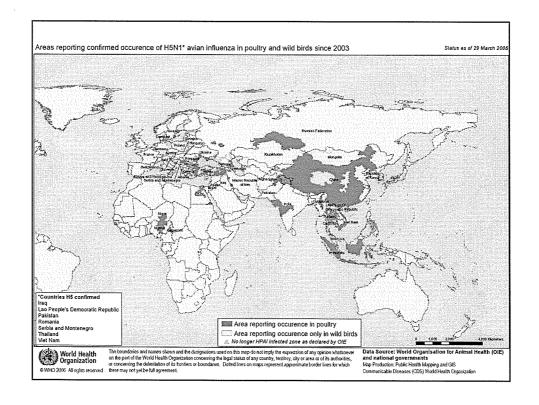
+ Pandemic planning: Command and Control in the Greater Wellington region

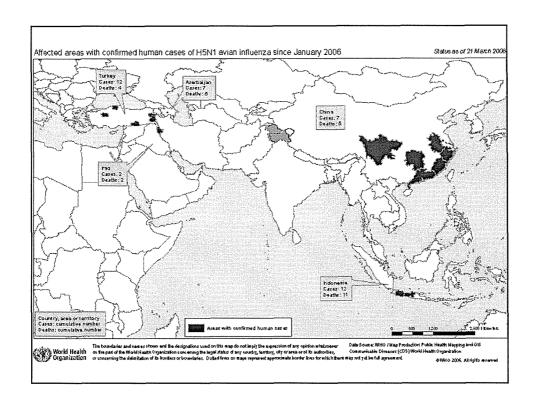
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Cumulative Number of Confirmed Human Cases of Avian Influenza A/(H5N1) Reported to WHO 24 March 2006

Total number of cases includes number of deaths. WHO reports only laboratory-confirmed cases

Total	3	3	46	32	95	41	42	29	186	105
Viet Nam	3	3	29	20	61	19	0	0	93	42
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	12	4
Thailand	0	0	17	12	5	2	0	0	22	14
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	17	11	12	11	29	22
China	0	0	0	0	8	5	8	6	16	11
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	1	5	5
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	7	5
	cases	deaths								
Country	2003		2004		2005		2006		Total	

Major issues during a pandemic

- High morbidity and mortality
- Health services overwhelmed
- Absenteeism from work very high (35%-50%)
- Community alarm
- Major social disruption

Ministry of Health National Pandemic Plan – strategic aims



- Engage with all relevant agencies

Keep it out

- Border management

Stamp it out

- Cluster control operations

Manage it

- Public health measures, antivirals

Recover from it

- Return to normal service delivery

Lead Agency Responsibilities

Bird-to-bird transmission

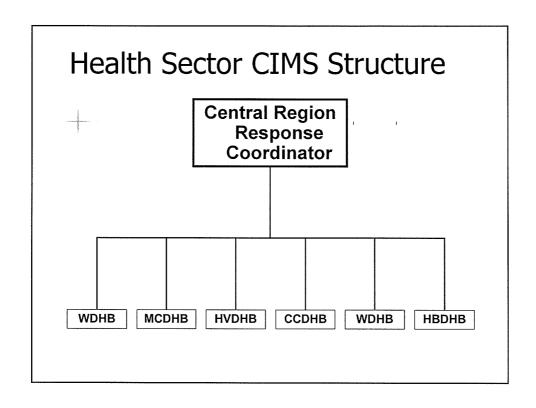
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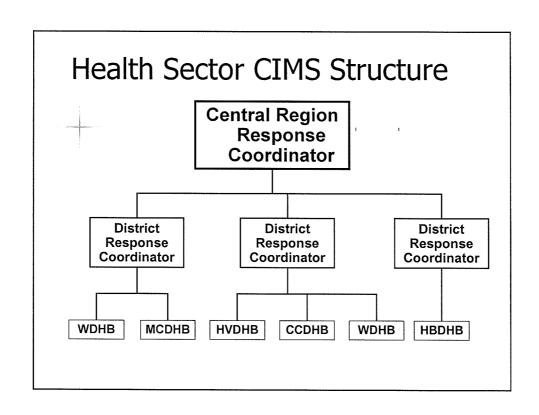
Bird-to-human, human-to-human transmission

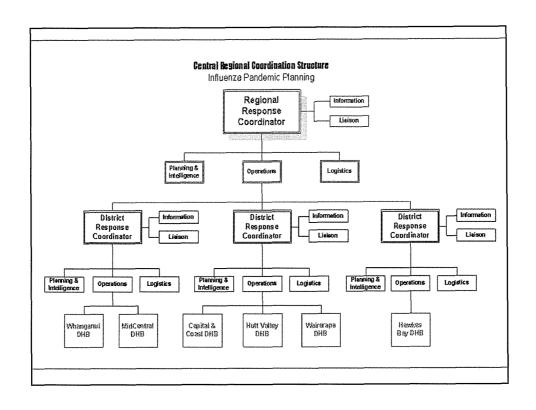
- Health Health Act 1956; the New Zealand Influenza Pandemic Action Plan, through:
 - >Ministry of Health
 - ➤ DHB / Regional DHB
 - ➤ Statutory Officers

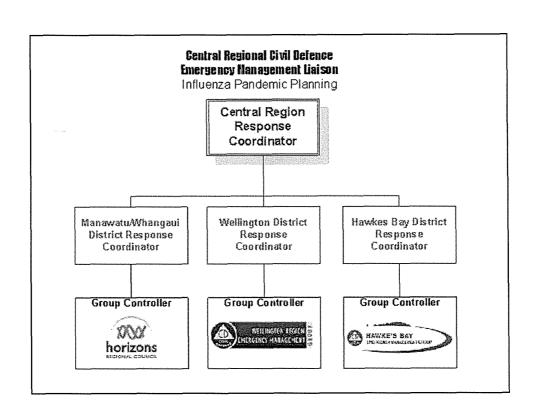
Who leads, Health or CDEM?

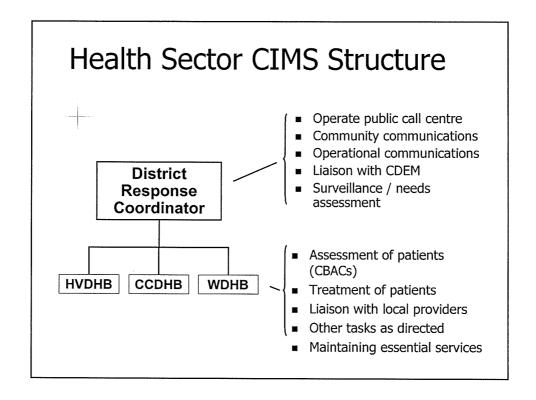
- Health retains accountability for the Pandemic Action Plan; has command/control of all Health resources
- CDEM supports the implementation of strategic directions of Health; has command/control of all 'normal' civil defence emergency management











Regional structure

- High level command and control
- Health CEG group
- Regional health workstreams including:
- Primary care
 - Infection control
 - Laboratory
 - Clinical pathways
 - Community engagement

Greater Wellington pandemic planning structure

- Wellington Region Health CEG led by a senior DHB manager, with input from all DHBs, public health, emergency services and CDEM (with clear communication to Central Region)
- Links to Wellington Region CEG group
- Reports to DHB CEOs

Issues to be clarified (Health/ Civil Defence):

- Responsibility for communication with local communities
- Responsibility for needs assessment / surveillance
- Optimal use of a stretched workforce in both sectors
- Knowledge of each other's plans

