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Letter from the Project Managers

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Dear Pacific Island Participants,

Thank you for your willingness to learn more about Avian Influenza and the threat it brings to our communities. The Pacific EMPRINTS program is designed to provide a brief introduction to the principles of emergency management and preparedness with practical applications that can help you recognize and respond to an Avian Influenza outbreak should it occur. Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N1) have led to the deaths of millions of domestic fowl, particularly chickens and ducks in Asia and other parts of the world. The deaths were caused by either the Avian Influenza virus or through culling, as a preventative measure to halt and/or reduce the rate of spread of the virus to surrounding fowl. Experts believe that in the coming years, the HPAI H5N1 may spread to the Pacific Island region. This five (5) -day course is designed to assist you and your communities to better prepare for the potential outbreak of this dangerous disease.

In this course, we have made every effort to provide the most up-to-date information on HPAI H5N1, and in instances where the national and international organizations have developed different guidelines, all information will be presented so that the safest practices can be implemented, if desired. As the HPAI H5N1 virus mutates, the guidelines may change as well. Therefore, the citations in the Resource Section should be referred to from time to time for future updates and the most current information.

We commend you for your commitment to this program and your community.

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