

Assessing impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on animal sourced food retailers and consumers in South East Asia

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Objectives: to evaluate ASF accessibility, consumption and changes in food safety practices and behavior of ASF retailers and consumers during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Progress

- Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Kampot), Vietnam (Hung Yen, Hoa Binh and Hanoi): Finished field work, data is processing and analyses
- Laos (Luong Prabang and Vientiane), Thailand (Chiang Mai): Field work is on-going, expected to finish Dec 2020.

ASF retailers in Vietnam:

- Significant decrease in all ASF sale volume, reduced income (60%) during the lock down period, and sales are not fully recovered till present (-25%); and more serious in rural vs. peri/urban.
- Adopt good FS practices (C&D, mask) during partial lock down, and at present.