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**CCSDPT Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Mitigation
in Refugee and Displaced Populations Workshop**

Dear Colleagues,

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Mitigation in Refugee and Displaced Populations Workshop.

The workshop will take place at the **Suan Bua Hotel in Chiang Mai** on **December 19-20, 2006** (see attached preliminary agenda).

The main objectives of the meeting is to equip CCSDPT agencies with tools, forms and protocols necessary for the development of standard operation procedures that will include treatment protocols, infection control measures, surveillance in human and animals and reporting to MOPH and provide guidance on pandemic preparedness planning. The workshop will be conducted in English. All costs associated with the workshop including transportation, meals and accommodations will be covered by IRC and WHO.

Workshop participants will include representatives of CCSDPT health agencies (AMI, ARC, IRC and MI) up to 3 participants per agency [Health Coordinators, Health Managers, Health Officers and/or HIS/Epidemiology Point Persons], non-health CCSDPT agencies [1 participant AI focal point per agency], SMRU [2 – 3 participants], IOM [1-2 participants], UNHCR field offices [1 participant from each field office] and CCSDPT HIS Program [2 participants].

Please fill in the attached confirmation form and return by FAX to 02-679-8603 (Attn.: Liviu Vedrasco) or by email to Liviu.Vedrasco@theIRC.org no later than December 4.

We hope you will be able to participate in this workshop and look forward to our continued collaboration on AI prevention and control on the Thai-Burma border.

Sincerely,

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