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 **INTRO**

A devastating livestock disease known as Peste des petits ruminants – or PPR for short- has been identified as the reason for a mass die-off of a rare Mongolian antelope.

Approximately 900 of these antelope have been found dead in Mongolia’s western Khovd province.

This number represents almost 10 percent of that sub-species’ population.

PPR has been known to affect mostly sheep and goats, however this latest outbreak is raising concerns among experts about the evolution of this lethal viral disease.

To elaborate more on this is Dr. Juan Lubroth, Chief Veterinary Officer with the UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome.

**QUESTIONS**

1. What is this new outbreak in Mongolia signaling to you about the evolution of PPR?
2. Which regions of the world are currently experiencing outbreaks?
3. Does this latest outbreak in Mongolia pose significant challenges to the current international PPR eradication strategy?
4. How will FAO address these challenges?

**EXTRO**Thank you Dr. Lubroth.