

Foreword

Above all else, bird flu, better named avian influenza, is an animal health problem. The current episode originated in Southeast Asia at least as far back as 1997. Its rapid spread to Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa in 2005 and 2006 caused legitimate concern throughout the entire world.

Once again, the most socially, economically, and educationally disadvantaged populations are most exposed to this epidemic, as much to its costs (mortality and the culling of poultry) as to the health risks involved. To better share knowledge with a broad spectrum of socio-economic classes and age groups, researchers in the Animal Production and Veterinary Medicine Department of CIRAD worked with colleagues in the North and South to create this educational handbook, imagined, constructed, and validated through their scientific knowledge.



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