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# DEVELOPMENT HISTORY OF THIS DOCUMENT

2008: The components of this document were first compiled with the intent to distribute them to WHO representatives in countries affected by outbreaks in animals of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

2015: With the re-introduction of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses into animals in regions of the world that had not experienced outbreaks in several years, further efforts were made to update the practical information package.

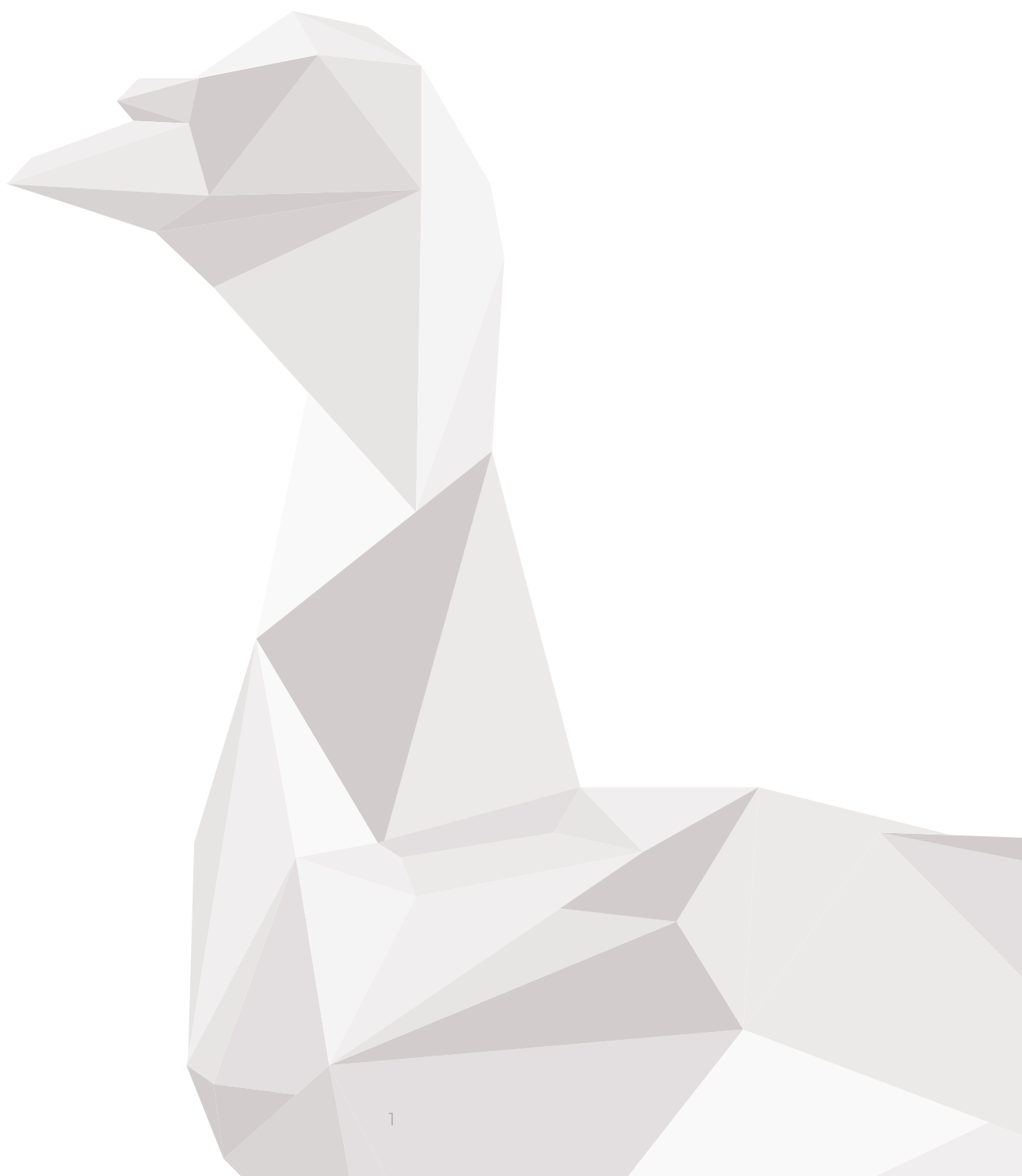
- April-May: The information sheets in the document were updated with input from various technical departments. Web links were updated as necessary and any newly available links were added. Input was also sought from colleagues at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- June: A draft of this document was sent to colleagues in the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) for their review to identify any gaps and assess its utility.
- October: Information sheets were updated with input from technical colleagues in AFRO.
- November: A first version was submitted for editing and layout improvements.

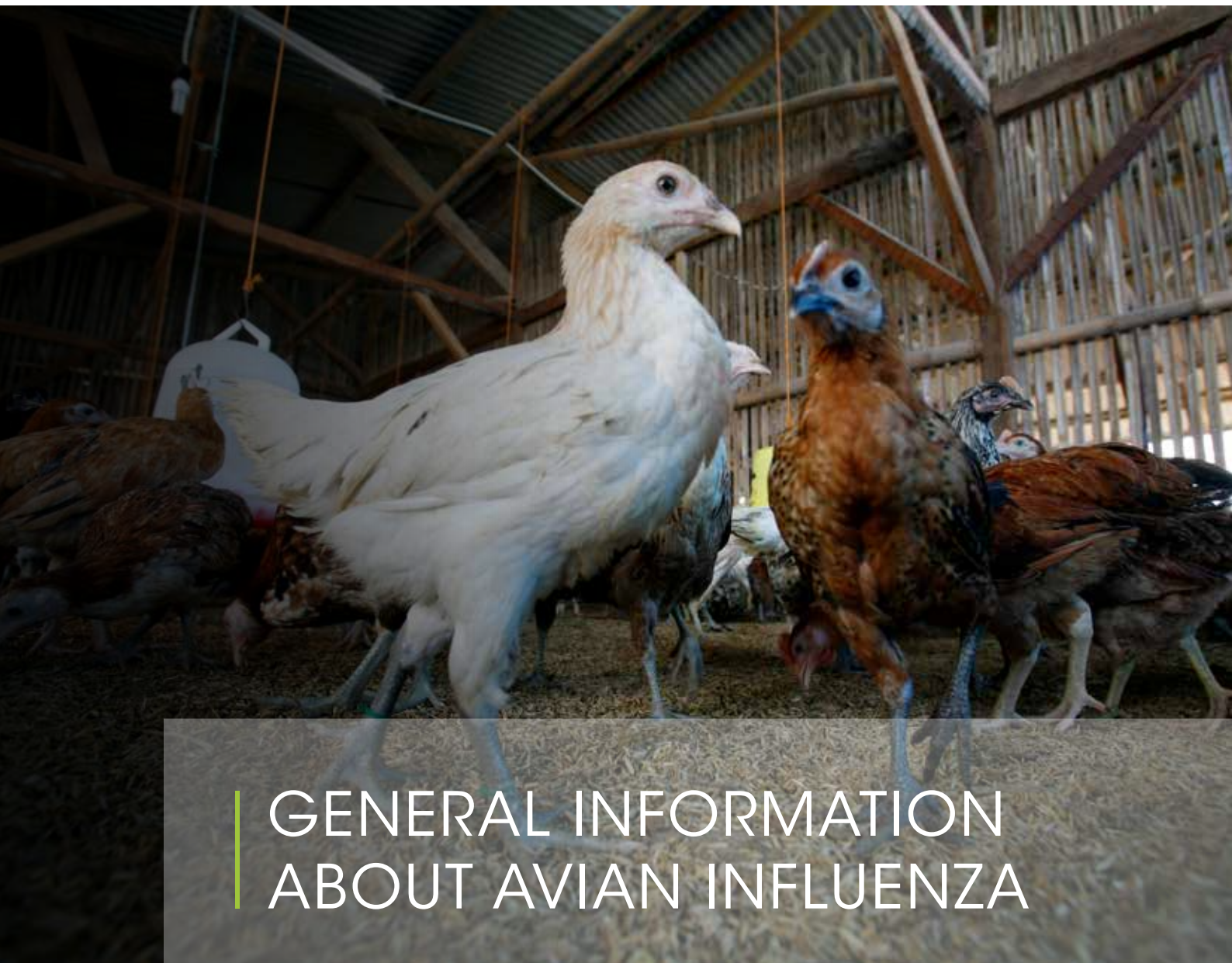
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# INTRODUCTION

This document was developed for the country offices of the World Health Organization and national institutions, as an overview of the key information needed for advising their Member States in response to questions raised on human health due to influenza animal outbreaks or detections. It assembles the available information from WHO, FAO, other UN agencies, as well as that from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), on recommendations and guidelines on avian influenza that might be relevant to a country experiencing outbreaks of influenza in poultry or facing suspicion of human infections with avian influenza viruses.





# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT AVIAN INFLUENZA

## KEY ISSUES:

- Avian influenza is a disease of domestic and wild birds with severe consequences for the

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