UN warns of West African bird flu crisis

The United Nations has declared a regional avian flu crisis in West Africa, warning that the entire region is at risk. Over the past five weeks, the virus has spread to 22 countries in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

Of 175 people who have caught bird flu globally, at least 96 have died



Abuja Kaduna

Gulf of Guinea

Kaduna

400km

Feb 8: Africa's first H5N1 case confirmed in *Kaduna* state in northern Nigeria. Over 40,000 birds dead. Initial compensation of \$2 per chicken – less than half market value – rejected as inadequate

Mar 6: \$180,000 given to 47 poultry farmers who lost their birds to the virus

Mar 8: Disease present in 12 of 36 states, including oil-producing *Delta* region. Poultry sales have plummeted by 85% since bird flu first detected