



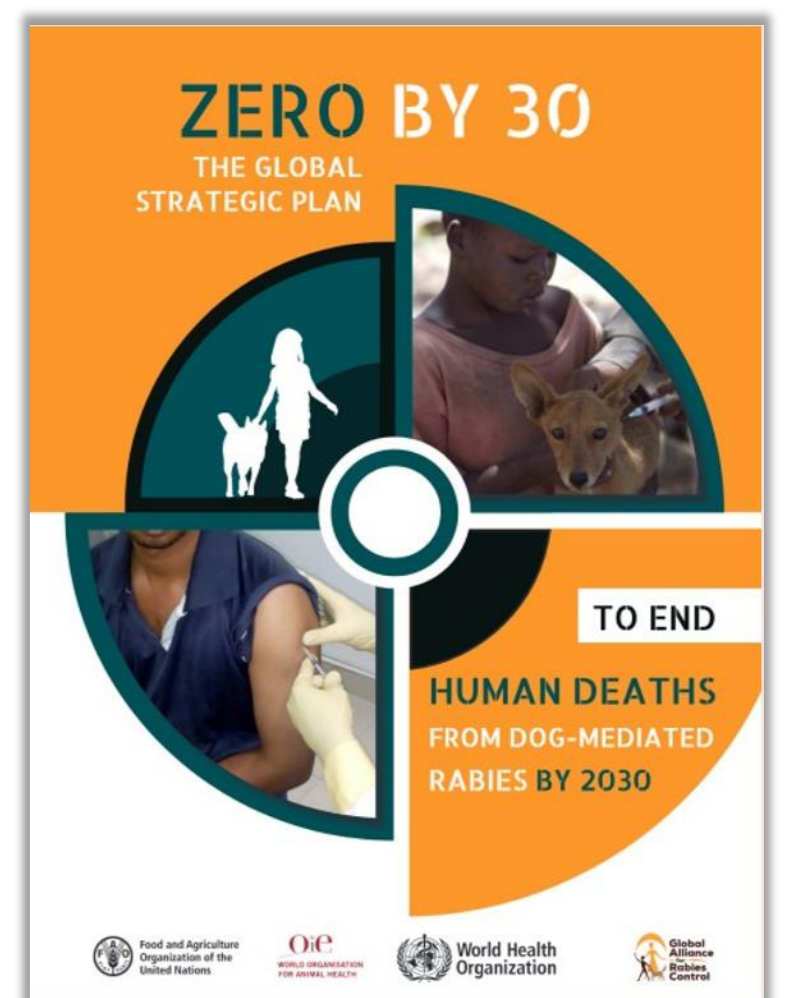
DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

CONTEXT

Dogs are present in every human society around the world and are valued for the range of roles they fulfil. However, they can present public health and safety, and animal health and animal welfare issues, especially when free to roam. The recently revised Chapter 7.7 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on dog population management (DPM) refers to the holistic approach that aims to improve the welfare of dogs, reduce problems they may present and create harmonious co-existence with people and their environment. The DPM also supports effective and sustainable rabies control programmes and the control of other zoonoses.

In December 2015, the Tripartite (WHO, FAO, WOA) and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) endorsed a global framework to eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

The Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe, since its launch in December 2013, identified dog population management as one of its priority topics.



ACTIVITIES

Achievements of the 3rd Action Plan for 2021 – 2023

2 regional roadmaps on Dog Population Management

Balkans



- 11** countries implicated
- 4** workshop meetings
- 3** self-assessment rounds


June 2023 next workshop and assessment self-assessment round

Main achievements/impacts:

- Strong countries commitment and progressive interest
- Regular self-assessment & monitoring of DPM progresses
- **5** countries with DPM National Action Plans
- Building capacity and expertise (i.e., RAWC network of DPM experts)
- Data used for the WOAH Observatory (2022 Annual Report)

Experience extended outside the Europe region: North Africa and Middle East

West Eurasia



- 8 + 4** countries implicated (4 new countries from 2019)
- 3** workshop meetings
- 1** self-assessment round

September 2023 next workshop and assessment self-assessment round

SAM Tool 2.0



A **web-based self-assessment and monitoring e-platform** to assist countries in making progress on the agreed vision of full implementation of the WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.7 on dog population management with a rabies component

- It keeps the **same scope of the SAM Tool 1.0** by using the same methodology
- WOAH Members will be **completely self-sufficient** in monitoring and assessing the progresses of their own individual roadmaps
- Suitable for **other regional or sub regional contexts**, due to its flexibility
- A useful to gather data for the **WOAH Observatory**

SAM Tool 2.0 will be used in support to the progression of the roadmaps



WHAT'S NEXT?

4th Action Plan for 2024 – 2026 DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



WE NEED YOUR HELP

WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF EACH OF THESE TOPICS FOR THE 4TH ACTION PLAN FOR 2024-2026 REGARDING DISASTER MANAGEMENT ? ANY REMARKS ? COMMENTS ?