



International support to reach Zero by 30

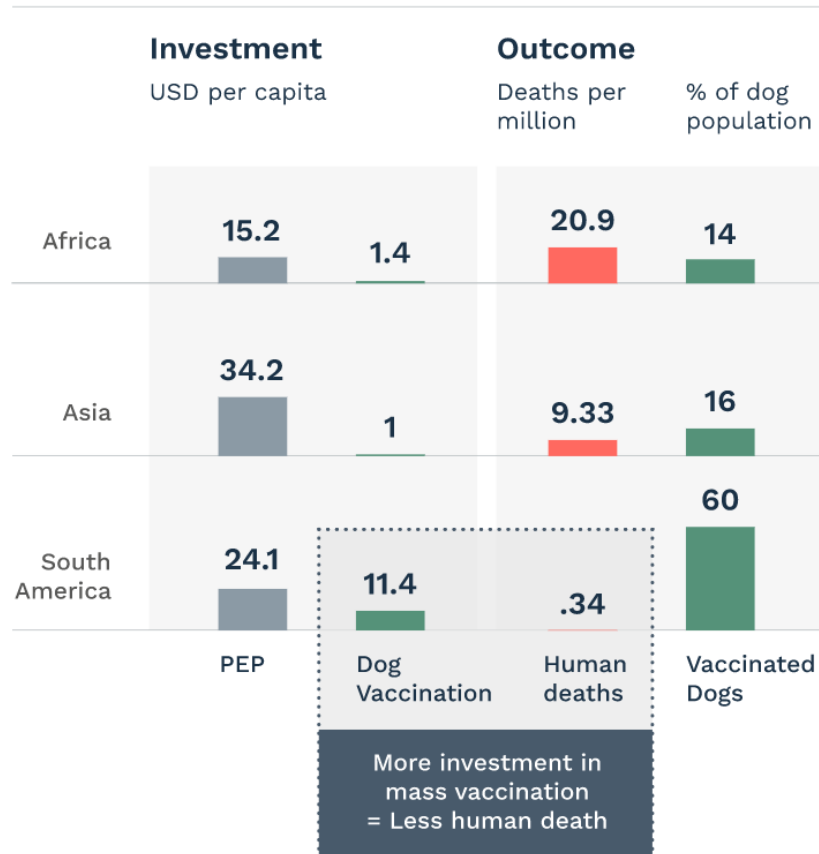


Fourth regional workshop on Dog Population
Management for West Eurasia countries
Tbilisi, Georgia, 26-28th September 2023



Rabies control: A model for One Health implementation

Current spending on rabies underinvests in dog vaccination



- Proven success with One Health approach
- Cost of dog vaccination more cost-effective than human PEP; dog vaccination → **saved human lives**
- Reduced livestock and working animal losses → **saved livelihoods, improved food security**
- Responsible dog ownership and human dog population management → **healthier cities, improved animal welfare**
- Reduced wildlife spill-overs → **healthier ecosystems**
- Contributes to the SDGs and ending neglect and inequality
- Strengthens links between human and veterinary health systems → building **systems** that can **address other endemic and emerging diseases**



Why isn't rabies more of a priority?

- ❖ 'Public health authorities issue alert as cases of rabies increase'
- ❖ '...first rabies death, overseas traveller dies..'
- ❖ 'Fear of mass rabies outbreak...'
- ❖ '... surging risk of dogs arriving with rabies...attempt to prevent reintroducing canine variant...'
- ❖ '...struggles to arrest rabies outbreak'

- ❖ **99% fatal, 100% preventable**
- ❖ **Estimated 59 000 deaths each year BUT →**

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How can we prioritise rabies?

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- ❖ Poor rabies data → poor political will and investment
- ❖ Reliable data is needed to inform decision making and make a case for investment
- ❖ **Need to improve rabies surveillance and reporting to support advocacy and awareness**



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We are United Against Rabies.

1 every 9 minutes
1 person dies from rabies every 9 minutes and almost half of them are children.

99%
Up to 99% of human rabies infections are caused by a bite from a rabid dog.

100% preventable
We have effective dog vaccines and vaccines to treat people who are bitten.

- Established by FAO, WHO and WOAHA in September 2020 to implement 'Zero by 30'
- An inclusive network of stakeholders from a range of sectors with a common vision to achieve **zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030**
- Engage with the rabies community through website, webinars, newsletters, social media, podcast
- Coordinate stakeholders to better **support countries** in implementation of rabies control
- www.unitedagainstrabies.org

Together, we can end all human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

Supported by FAO, WOAHA and WHO (the Tripartite), the United Against Rabies Forum takes a multi-sectoral, One Health approach bringing together governments, vaccine producers, researchers, NGOs and development partners.

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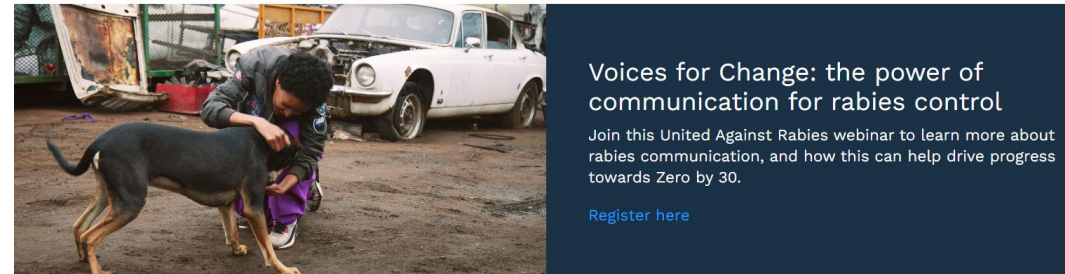
Advocacy and highlighting lessons and progress

- ❖ Case studies
- ❖ Social media
- ❖ Webinars
- ❖ 'Rabies Today' Podcast
- ❖ International advocacy in various networks



Case Study: Namibia
Fighting rabies with a multisectoral One Health approach.

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Voices for Change: the power of communication for rabies control

Join this United Against Rabies webinar to learn more about rabies communication, and how this can help drive progress towards Zero by 30.

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A generic template for developing a national strategic plan to eliminate dog-mediated rabies



Minimum Data Elements for Monitoring and Evaluation of National and International Rabies Control Programs

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Landscaping of Resource Partners for Rabies in [Country] – Template
 Version 1, September 2022

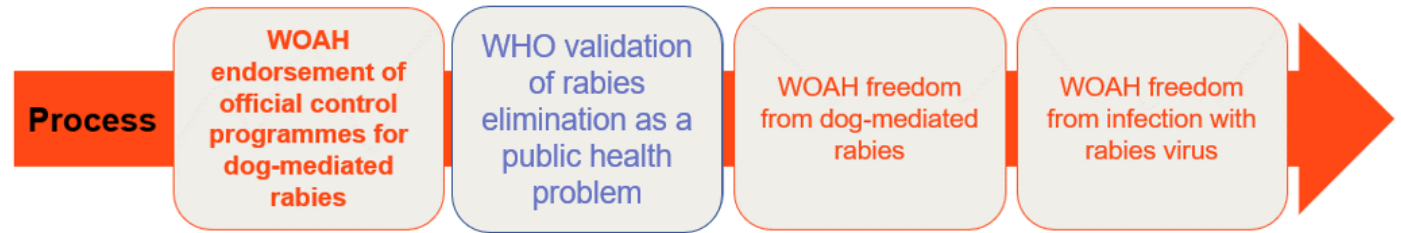


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Are we progressing towards Zero by 30?

- Objective 1: to effectively use vaccines, medicines, tools and technologies
- Objective 2: to generate, innovate and measure impact
- Objective 3: to sustain commitment and resources



SARE Assessment

SARE is a key element of the Rabies Roadmap and is recommended as starting point to help countries assess their current rabies status and measure progress in relation to current rabies control efforts. *See full description below.*

SARE Assessments should be taken regularly throughout the roadmap journey to assess progress and refine the workplan.



Data sharing is critical to demonstrating progress

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Who do I share data with?

- Competent authorities
- Can facilitate by having a national focal point for rabies

Why?

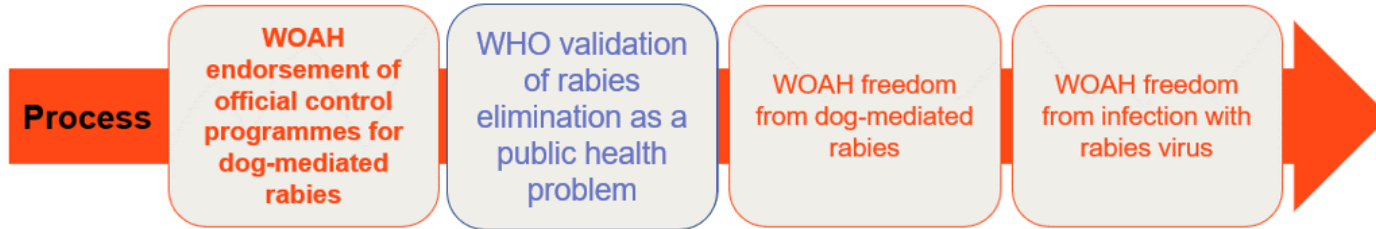
- Highlights true burden of rabies
- Measures progress and demonstrate success
- Empowers decision making and informs resource needs/allocation
- Mandate of WOA and WHO Member Countries

How?

- Field → National → International
- Health authorities → WHO Global Health Observatory
- Veterinary Services → WOA World Animal Health Information System
- **Note: There are some excellent tools available to help data collection and reporting – this data should still be reported internationally**

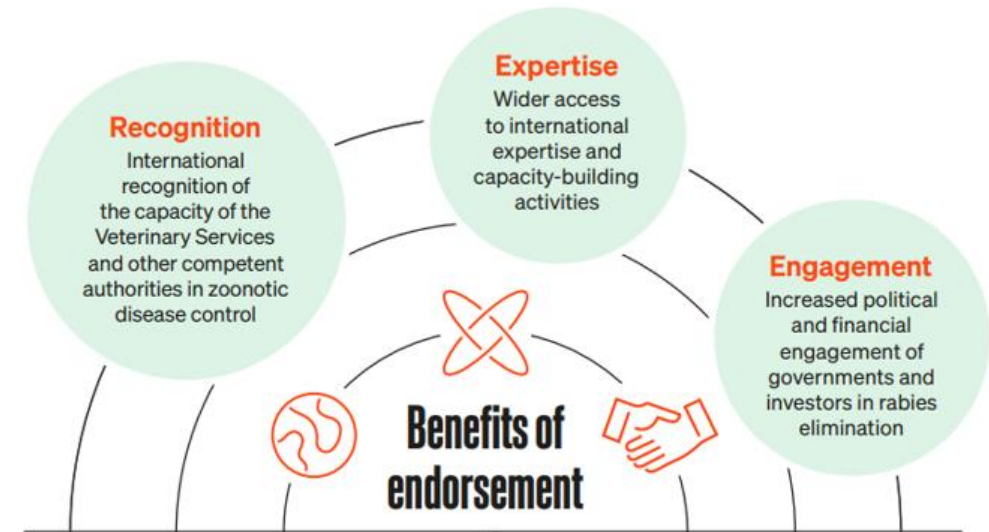


Highlighting the successes and progress



Mexico's success can be emulated by other countries

To date, Mexico is the first and only country to be validated by WHO for eliminating rabies as a public health problem.⁵



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Highlighting the successes and progress

- ❖ Does your country still have dog-mediated rabies, but a robust One Health control plan is in place?
 - Veterinary services should contact WOAAH regarding endorsement of official control programme for dog-mediated rabies.

- ❖ Has your country had **zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies for at least 24 months?**
 - Health authorities should contact WHO regarding validation procedures (WHO TRS 2018)

- ❖ Is your country free of dog-mediated rabies?
 - Veterinary authorities should contact WOAAH regarding self-declaration of freedom from dog-mediated rabies.



Sharing challenges and requesting support



- ❖ Does your country require support on:
 - Development or implementation of a national strategic plan?
 - Diagnostic or surveillance capacity?
 - Scaling up rabies control efforts?
- ❖ Are there key challenges or lessons identified that your country has overcome that could be used to support other countries?



Thank you!

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