

The National Strategic Plan to Eliminate Rabies in Cambodia

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- October 2022
 - WOAHA initiated the process of revising Cambodia's National Strategy for Rabies Control and Elimination.
- December 2022
 - Review workshop
 - Attended by major government and private rabies stakeholders
- January 2023
 - The first draft was submitted to stakeholders
- August 2023
 - Feedback was collated, an action plan was written and the draft was submitted to WOAHA

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“ REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR RABIES CONTROL AND ELIMINATION
IN CAMBODIA 2015 – 2020 ”

Phnom Penh, 21-22 December 2022, Sokha Phnom Penh

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Overall Goal

Through the implementation of this National Strategic Plan and inter-ministerial collaboration and in partnership with local and international stakeholders, Cambodia is committed to:

Eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030 in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the global commitment to eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies, worldwide, by 2030.



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Objectives



To generate and maintain political will, support and provision of resources for the elimination of dog-mediated human rabies



To improve national risk communication and community engagement to work towards dog-mediated human rabies control and prevention



To increase access to healthcare medicines and PEP for humans



To prevent rabies within the domestic reservoir species in a humane and sustainable manner



To strengthen the multi-sectoral rabies surveillance and response system through a One-Health Approach

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Objective 1 - To generate and maintain political will, support and provision of resources for the elimination of dog-mediated human rabies

Key Actions

- Creation of a National Rabies Committee
 - Overarching monitoring of the NSP deliverables
- Creation of a Rabies Technical Working Group
 - Made of national and international rabies experts advising and creating rabies guideline documents
- Creation of Provincial Rabies Taskforces



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Objective 2 - To improve national risk communication and community engagement to work towards dog-mediated human rabies control and prevention

Key Actions

- Produce a rabies communication strategy
- Include rabies in the national curriculum and nursing training
- Run health centre and village animal health worker rabies awareness training



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Objective 3 - To increase access to healthcare medicines and PEP for humans

Key Actions

- Creation of guidelines and SOPs for risk-based PEP and RIG provision
- Increase accessibility to PEP through establishment of Regional and Provincial Rabies Prevention Centres
- Lobby for the inclusion of rabies PEP into the national immunisation programme
- Creation of a national reporting system for PEP provision and bite incidence
- PrEP for at-risk groups

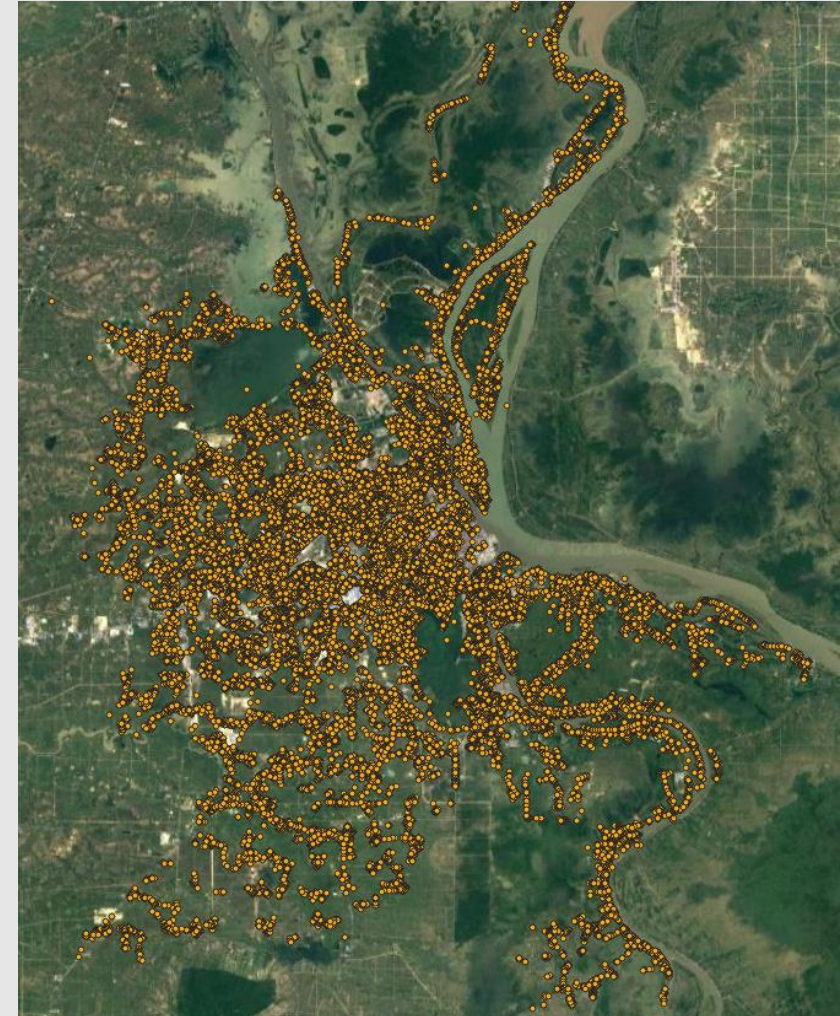


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Objective 4 - To Prevent Rabies Within the Domestic Reservoir Species in a Humane and Sustainable Manner

Key Actions

- Establish a national canine and feline population estimate
- Secure stocks of parenteral canine rabies vaccine
- Conduct pilot mass canine rabies vaccination campaigns
- Expand to provincial mass canine rabies vaccination campaigns
- Utilise smart-phone technology for mass canine rabies vaccination campaigns
- Implement Oral Rabies Vaccination



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Objective 5 - To strengthen the multi-sectoral rabies surveillance and response system through a One-Health Approach

Key Actions

- Expand the use of Integrated Bite Case Management
- Use of a national hotline for rabies enquiries and bite reporting
- Establish a robust human health response to rabies incidences
- Establish a robust animal health response to rabies incidences
- Increase laboratory capacity for rabies diagnostics
- Establish cross-border surveillance and control



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Next Steps

The document is currently with WOAHP for review and it will be re-submitted to national stakeholders

It will then be endorsed and the action plan will begin to be implemented

