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Philippine National Rabies Prevention and Control Program: An Overview

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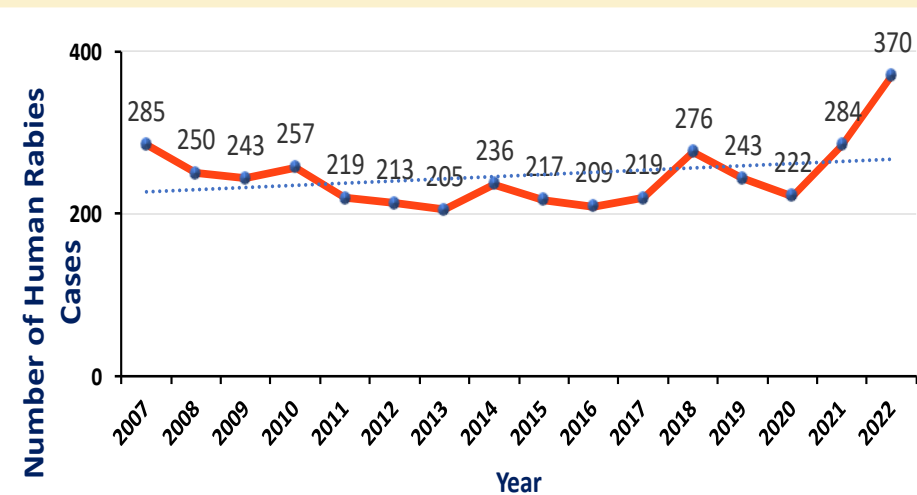


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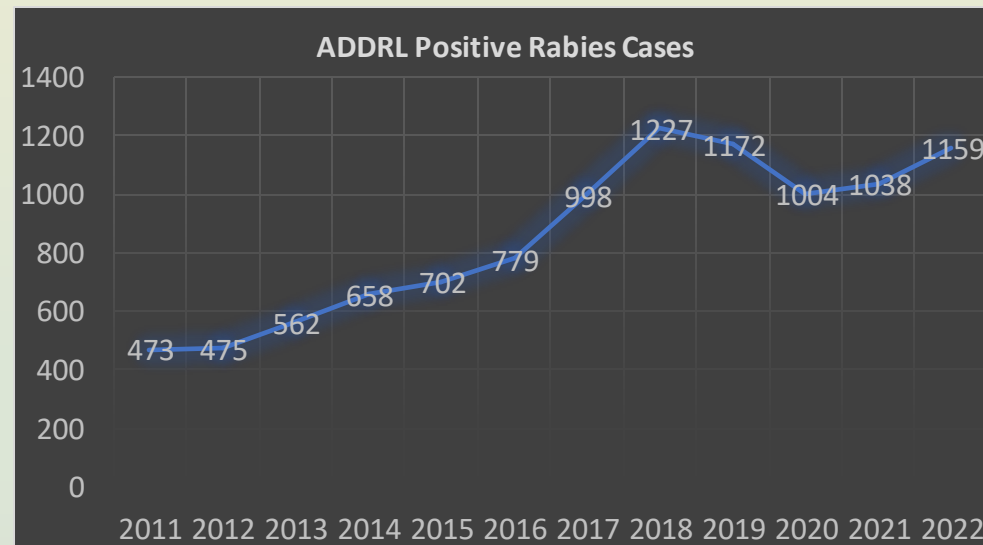
Rabies Facts

- Rabies: **neglected zoonotic disease**; fatal but vaccine-preventable.
- It is responsible for deaths of 250 Filipinos yearly; children are often bite victims and bites mostly coming from dogs (DOH, 2021)
- Control of rabies from the source (dogs) is more cost effective than controlling in humans.
- **One Health Approach** is essential in the implementation of rabies prevention and control.

Philippines' situation



Human rabies cases



Animal rabies cases

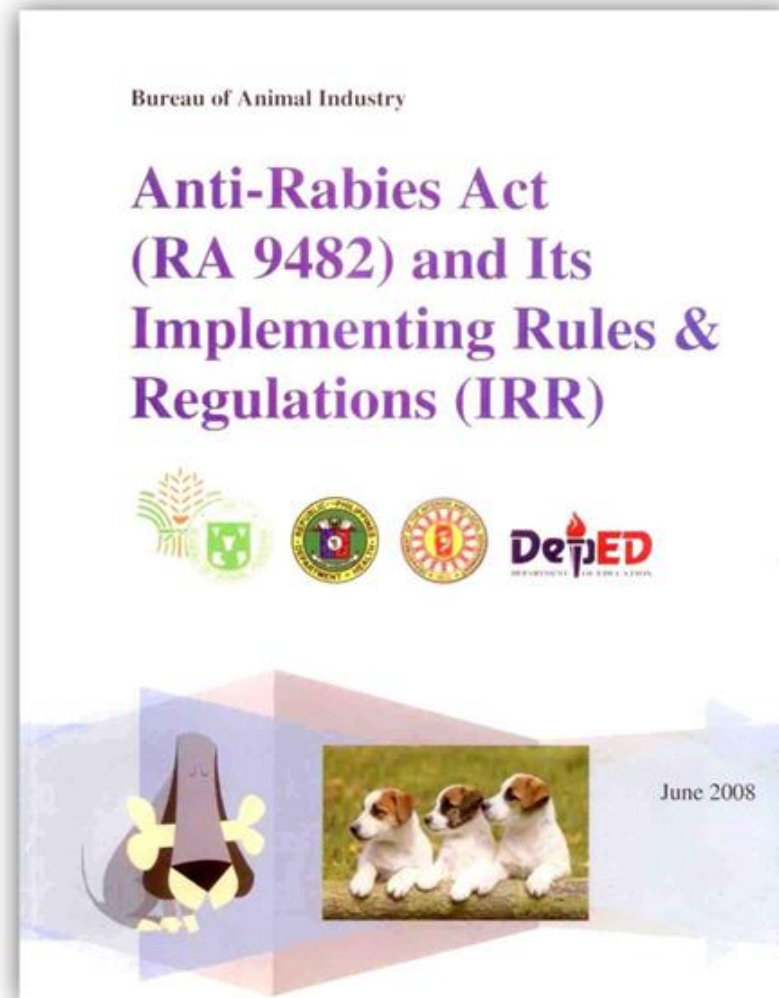


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Republic Act No. 9482

(Anti-Rabies Act of 2007)



“An Act Providing for the Control and Elimination of Human and Animal Rabies, Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof and Appropriating Funds Therefor”



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National Rabies Prevention and Control Program

Component Activities

- 1) Mass registration and vaccination of dogs
- 2) Establishment of central database system for registered and vaccinated dogs
- 3) Impounding, field control and disposition of unregistered, stray and unvaccinated dogs
- 4) Conduct of information and education campaign on the prevention and control of rabies



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National Rabies Prevention and Control Program

Component Activities...

- 5) Provision on pre-exposure treatment to high-risk personnel and post-exposure treatment to animal bite victims
- 6) Provision of free routine immunization or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) of school children aged five to fourteen in areas where there is high incidence of rabies
- 7) Encouragement of the practice of responsible pet ownership (RPO)

Section 4 of RA 9482



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Key Strategies for Rabies Elimination



SOCIO-CULTURAL

TECHNICAL

ORGANIZATIONAL /
ONE HEALTH

POLICY & LEGISLATIVE

RESOURCES



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SOCIO-CULTURAL COMPONENT



Rabies education in school curriculum



Quad media campaign



Trainings / community awareness



Rabies Awareness Month Celebration



Celebration of World Rabies Day



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84

**DECLARING MARCH AS THE RABIES AWARENESS MONTH,
RATIONALIZING THE CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE
PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF RABIES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, rabies is a dangerous disease of dog transmissible to humans through the bite of an infected animal;

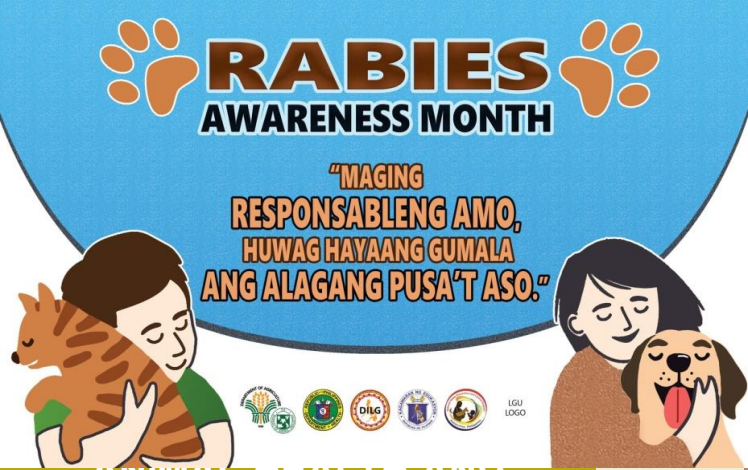
WHEREAS, approximately 560,000 bite cases are reported every year;

WHEREAS, rabies accounts for the loss of approximately 300-400 Filipino lives every year and causes much agony and suffering to victims and their families before death;

WHEREAS, the disease can be prevented through mass immunization of pet dogs and responsible pet ownership;

WHEREAS, leashing of dogs and control of stray dogs are important complementary strategies in the control and eradication of rabies;

**March as
Rabies
Awareness
Month**





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TECHNICAL COMPONENT



Mass Dog Vaccination



Neuter campaign (DPM)



Control of stray animals



Post-vaccination monitoring



Animal movement regulations



Provision of PrEP and PEP





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ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENT



Strengthening One Health
Collaboration - NRPCC



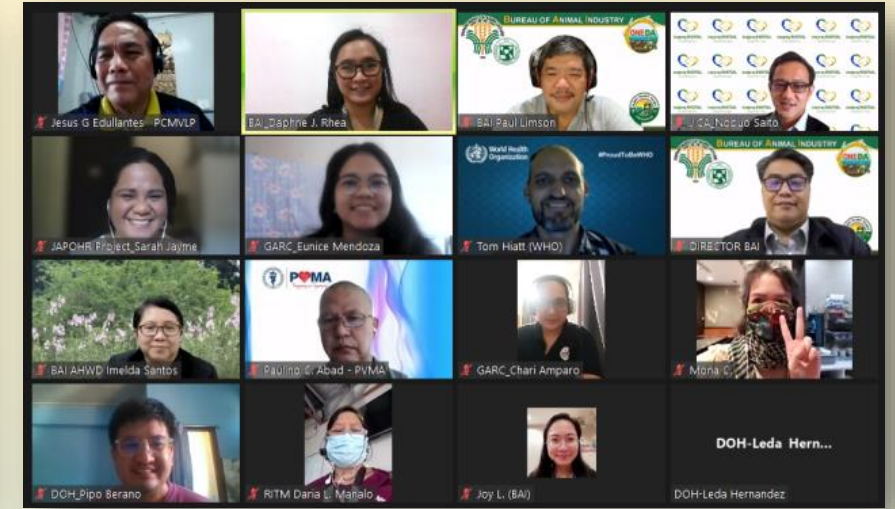
Strengthening chain of command
within each sector



Partnership and engagements
with the private sectors



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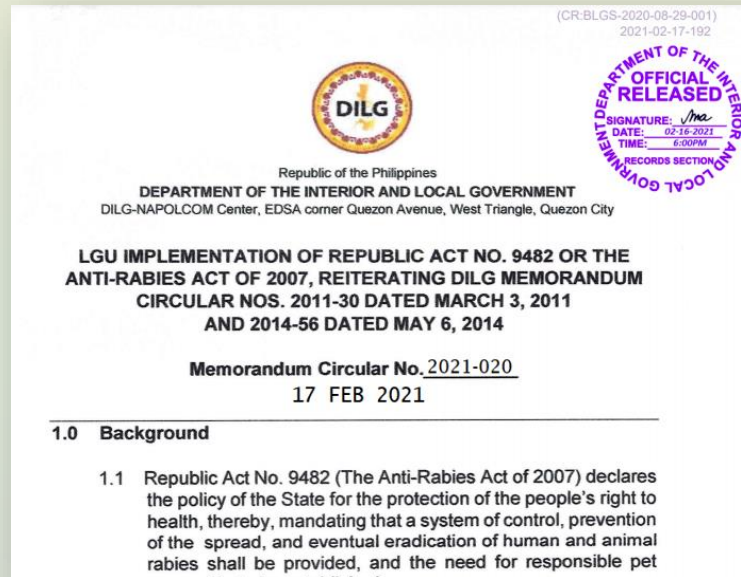
POLICY AND ADVOCACY



Policy formulation



Revision of existing issuances





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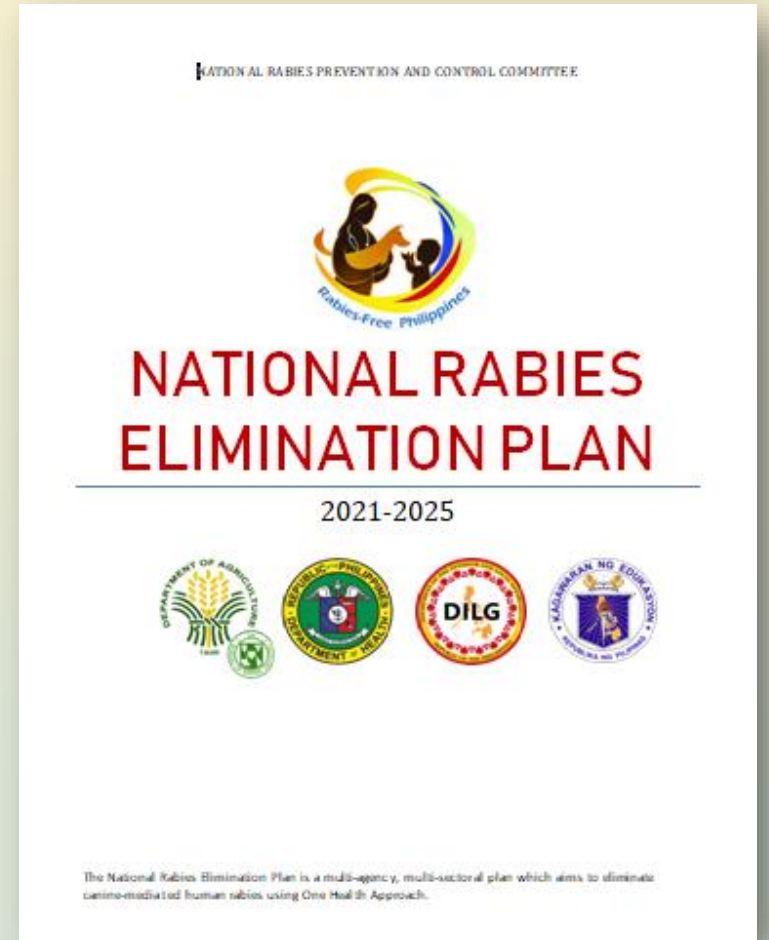
RESOURCES



Ensuring sustainability through projects and collaborations



Creation of National Rabies Elimination plan (multi-agency budget proposal)





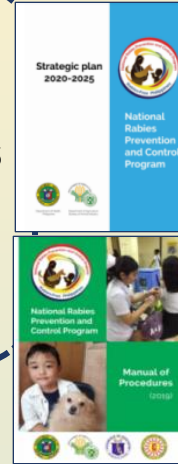
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Milestones of Rabies Program

Joint Revision and dissemination

**Medium Term Plan
Rabies Manual of Procedures
Joint Administration Order:
Guidelines on Declaring
Areas as Rabies Free zones**

2019-2020



OIE Endorsement

**Philippines Rabies Program
as an Official Programme**

2021



2017-2019

Integration

**Rabies Education in
in K12 curriculum**



2020

Multi-agency creation

**National Rabies
Elimination Plan**





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- Certificate for the Endorsement of the Official Control Programme for Dog-mediated rabies of the Philippines was awarded during the OIE General Session in 2021





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Maraming
salamat po!

Ang pagsugpo sa
Rabies ay sama-
sama, hindi
kanya-kanya.

