



Country updates:

SITUATION OF RABIES IN VIETNAM

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ASEAN Rabies Consultation Meeting
Development of ARES Implementation Plan

Rabies situation (Year 2023-present)

RABIES CASE	2023		2024		Jan 2025	
	No. of Province	No. of case	No. of Province	No. of case	No. of Province	No. of case
HUMAN	30	80	33	82	5	8
ANIMAL	31	347	36	366	15	23

Highlights of rabies burden

- Costs for Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
- Costs for animal population management and vaccination

Key interventions and achievements (Year 2023-present)

Policies & legislation

- ✓ Veterinary Law (updated in 2015); Law of Infectious Diseases Control
- ✓ Circular 16 (2013) established the **legal foundation for inter-sectoral** between the human health and animal health sectors on zoonotic diseases
- ✓ Decrees of Primer Minister on **strengthening urgent measures** to control and prevent Rabies in both human and animal
- ✓ **National Program** for Rabies Control 2022-2030
- ✓ National **One Health** Strategic Plan for Zoonoses (OHSP) 2021-2025
- ✓ **One Health Partnership for Zoonoses** (OHP) established under Government
- ✓ Country assessments to **identify priorities** for national action, specific sectoral plans/programs for rabies
- ✓ FAO, US-CDC, WOAHA ... **joint for rabies control** in Viet Nam

Key interventions and achievements (Year 2023-present)

Achievements

- ✓ High risk provinces allocate local **budget for rabies prevention, free of charge of rabies vaccine** for the poor and ethnic minorities.
- ✓ Surveillance: **Real time surveillance system** in both animal and human health.
- ✓ IBCM and EBS: The province apply IBCM are increasing.
- ✓ Laboratory capacity: Both sides has **rabies detection capacity**
- ✓ **Rabies free zones**: 24 community zones and 1 district zone in 5 provinces is recognized for rabies free.
- ✓ **Dog management nationwide**: the number of households raising dogs and dog population in most localities within the country are managed (already implemented in).
- ✓ Capacity building: Develop **One health rabies training courses** for all levels
- ✓ **Research**: Dog Ecology study, assessment of rabies burden and vaccine utilization in Vietnam...
- ✓ Public awareness: **World Rabies Day** annualy, communication on national and local television, Voice of Vietnam, booklets, leaflet, communication in school → number of human received **PEP increasing** every year.
- ✓ Conduct **rabies education program** in School for children.

Main challenges and recommended solution

- Rabies is neglected infectious diseases
- Inadequate allocation budget and resources
- Low rabies awareness and limited involvement of local authorities and public
- Difficulty in managing & vaccinating dogs, especially in the mountain areas
- Low rabies vaccine accessibility - Limited rabies laboratory and surveillance capacity
- Inadequate collaboration between human and animal sectors at the local level

Way Forward

- **Priority actions**

- Implementation of the National Program on the Control and Elimination of Rabies 2022–2030
- Increase resources for the management of dog population, the vaccination of dogs, and provision of post-exposure prophylaxis for people bitten by dogs
- Invest in ensuring the availability, accessibility, and affordability (3A) of rabies vaccine for humans and animals.
- Prioritize and actively address canine population and vaccination

- **Key activities planned in 2025 – 2026**

- Continue to implement public awareness and rabies education in school
- Improve dog management nationwide
- Increase vaccination coverage in mountainous and rural areas

THANK YOU

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