



Rabies

Situation and Control

Philippines

ASEAN Rabies Consultation Meeting
Development of ARES Implementation Plan

Rabies situation *(Year 2023-present)*

Cases	2023	2024	2025
Animal rabies	1,536	1,656	17 <i>(ADDRL data only as of Feb 23, 2025)</i>
Human rabies	399	425	31 <i>(as of MW6)</i>

- Animal bite cases **continue to increase**. Partial 2024 data is **32% higher** than the 2023 data (2,855,003 vs 2,161,569)
 - High exposure: National Capital Region, CALABARZON, Central Luzon
- In 2024, dogs accounted for 96% of all reported animal rabies cases, with 63% of these cases involving owned animals.

Key interventions and achievements (Year 2023-present)

- Renovation of the BAI animal rabies laboratory
- Development of IEC in collaboration with Breakthrough Action: Basta Wais, Iwas Rabies campaign.
- Procurement of animal rabies vaccine at the national level (104k vials)
- Conducted training with JAPOHR to strengthen rabies diagnostics.

- Expansion of Animal Bite Treatment Centers nationwide (900+)
- Ensured adequate Post-exposure Prophylaxis access and coverage
 - 2024: **98%** vaccine coverage and **76%** immunoglobulin coverage
 - 2023: **97%** vaccine coverage and **77%** immunoglobulin coverage
- Strengthened public awareness campaigns

Main challenges and recommended solution

Challenges	Recommended solutions
Proper understanding and awareness of rabies by pet owners	Intensify rabies education and communication campaign by regular innovation of IEC materials available to the public
Limited personnel and funding resources available	Lobbying to increase budgetary support from the lawmakers
Limited local government capacity for sample collection and inadequate diagnostic facilities.	Increase support for training on sample collection and establish more local laboratories.

Ways Forward

Key activities planned in 2025 - 2026

- Development of the NRPCP Strategic Plan
- Development of the NRPCP Manual of Procedures
- To include rabies prevention and control program in seal of good local governance to strengthen local government participation
- To include rabies prevention in the basic education curriculum



THANK YOU

