

## Key initiatives in recent years

Key areas	
National Strategic Plans on rabies	<b>India</b> – State level Action Plan for Rabies Elimination in many States <b>Cambodia, Bhutan, Lao PDR, Sri Lanka</b> , – multisectoral plans <b>Pakistan</b> – developing NSP
Enhanced rabies surveillance capacity	Laboratory diagnostic training for South Asia and South East Asia (2023, 2024)
Mass dog vaccination (MDV)	WOAH training on MDV for the Asia Pacific Region (2024)
Dog population management (DPM)	<b>Bhutan</b> – achieved 100% sterilisation and vaccination in free-roaming dogs with micro-chipping of pets
Oral rabies vaccination initiatives	<b>Indonesia, Thailand</b> completed pilot studies <b>Thailand</b> using ORV as part of official vaccination program <b>Cambodia</b> - pilot studies completed in 2024  <b>Indonesia</b> – <i>Rabitec</i> ® oral rabies vaccine now registered and officially approved for use

# WOAH Supported piloting of Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) in Cambodia, February 2024



The oral rabies vaccine baits (egg-based) ready for use



A free-roaming dog chewing the egg bait containing rabies vaccine inside.



*A sachet/blister that is completely punctured at several points thus indicating successful vaccination.*

We supported the General Directorate for Animal Health and Production in piloting the use of 1000 doses of third generation live modified rabies vaccines (SPBN GASGAS strain) produced as *Rabitec®* from Ceva. We vaccinated the owned free-roaming dogs in Takeo Province of Cambodia. Safety and efficacy results are promising.



# Asia-Pacific Rabies Meeting

16-18 July 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

42 government representatives from 14 rabies-endemic countries from human and animal health sectors

## *Recommendation for countries*

- Identify rabies focal points in both sectors.
- Innovate advocacy efforts and sustain political commitment and resources.
- Ensure costed and endorsed national strategic plans.
- Strengthen rabies surveillance at all levels.
- Ensure functional intersectoral collaboration.
- Ensure the use of quality human and animal vaccines.
- Strengthen cross-border coordination and collaboration.
- Explore the use of oral rabies vaccines.

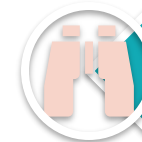


# Regional Training Workshop on Rabies Diagnosis for South-East Asia

21-25 October 2024, Bengaluru, India



Enhance laboratory capacity



Improve surveillance



Establish a foundation for IBCM



Foster networking and coordination across laboratories



Facilitate collaboration between sectors

WHO CC National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences (NIMHANS)

WOAH RL KVAFSU-CVA Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary college KVAFSU, Bengaluru

15 participants from human and animal health sectors from 8 South and South-East Asian countries



# Capacity building activities

## 2<sup>nd</sup> WOAHA Regional Training on Mass Dog Vaccination

November 2024, Chiangmai, Thailand

### Key topics

- Mass Dog Vaccination concepts, methods, tools (WVS App, Hand catching)
- Dog Population Management (dog population surveys)
- Dog rabies surveillance (sampling and lateral flow assays)





# Workshop on ASEAN Rabies Elimination Strategy (ARES)

## Implementation Plan, 24-26 February 2025, Pattaya Thailand

- Revised ARES in line with the Global strategy of 2030.
- ARES implementation plan being developed
- M&E of the ARES being developed
- Discussion on ASEAN Rabies Coordination Group



# WAY FORWARD: How WOAHA can support to end rabies



## WOAH is available for supporting Members

Member can use the :

- WOAHA vaccine bank
- Support in assessment of One Health coordination
- Self-declaration of freedom of rabies free areas
- WOAHA endorsement of national strategic plan
- Expertise available from the WOAHA reference laboratories in India, Republic of Korea, China P.R., Chinese Taipei.
- Discuss with the WOAHA Regional and Sub Regional offices for how we can support you.

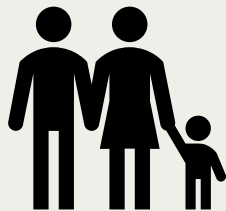
# WAY FORWARD: How YOU can support to end rabies



Focus on  
“Addressing  
disease at  
animal  
source”



Prevent  
disease in  
humans



## Elimination of dog mediated rabies elimination is possible

1. Develop national strategy plan for dog mediated rabies elimination based on One health
2. Designate focal points from relevant agencies
3. Make rabies a notifiable disease in both sector
4. Sustained coordination between stakeholders
5. Dedicated resources (funds, human)
6. Use good quality vaccines
7. Strategic & coordinated mass dog vaccination (MDV)
8. Dog population management to complement the MDV
9. Enhance field-level rabies surveillance
10. Cross border surveillance and control