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Finalisation Workshop for the Revision of the Strategic Plan on Rabies Prevention and Control in Lao PDR, 2025-2030

27th – 29th August 2025, Amari hotel , Vang Vieng District

As part of the WOAH Consultancy to develop/review National Rabies Strategy for Lao PDR, an in-person, two-day consultation meeting involving all stakeholders is suggested. This finalisation workshop will bring together technical rabies experts from animal and public health sectors to discuss in detail, the outline for a revised Strategic Plan on Rabies Prevention and Control in Lao PDR. This workshop will involve an update on the current rabies situation in Lao PDR, the finalisation of key objectives for rabies prevention and control to be included in the NSP, the development of implementation strategies and a look ahead to a feasible timeline for these implementable, One Health-led rabies control strategies.

Dates: 9am – 5pm, 27th – 29th August 2025 (3 days)

Expected participants:

Representatives from:

- Department of Livestock and Fisheries, MOAF
- Communicable Disease Control Department, MoH
- Veterinary Faculty of Agriculture, National University of Laos
- National Center for Laboratory and Epidemiology
- Drug Management, Food and Drug Division
- National Animal Health Laboratory, MOAF
- Veterinarian Service Division, DLF, MOAF
- Health Management System, MoH
- Tropical Medicine Institute, MoH
- Health Management System, MoH
- Primary School Division, MoES
- Disease Prevention, MoD
- Disease Prevention, MoHA
- Statistic and Information for Health, MoH
- Partners: WHO, FAO, IPL, WVS, LOMWRU Mahosot Hospital

Workshop Objectives

- Incorporate feedback from the TWG and stakeholders into the final draft of the NSP
- Review feedback from international consultants on the overarching objectives, planned activities
- Finalise the planned activities and establish their timeline and success indicators

Workshop Materials and Tools

- The first draft of the NSP including comments on the action plan will be provided prior to the workshop via email. Please review this by the 24th of August and send back any comments for review before it takes place.
- During this workshop there will be an opportunity to provide additional written feedback as well as engage in the discussions with the TWG



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- All representatives will be asked to create an account on Miro if they'd like to provide direct feedback on the proposed strategic interventions under the NSP objectives during the workshop. <https://shorturl.at/a4pez>
- If you wish to do so, you are able to log into the Miro board before the workshop and provide feedback on the strategic interventions in advance (or if you are unable to attend the workshop)

Meeting Agenda

Day 1 – Refining the Action Plan

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitation Responsibility
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	WOAH
9.00 – 9.15	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WOAH Representative - DLF Representative - DCDC Representative 	WOAH/DLF/ DCDC
9.15 – 9.30	Workshop aims and structure, Rationale for the NSP revision	Dr Amy Lewis
9.30 – 10.00	Review of the background of rabies in Lao PDR	Dr Ben Waites
10.00 - 10.30	Introduction to the morning's activities Table discussions on the NSP goals and overarching strategic objectives and interventions	Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break	
10.45 – 11.15	Group discussion on the NSP goals and overarching strategic objectives and interventions	WHO Representative Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
11.15 - 12.15	Review of revised action plan from the WHO workshop Strategic objective 1 (Group discussion)	WOAH Representative Dr Amy Lewis
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch	
13.15 – 15.00	Review of revised action plan from the WHO workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic objective 2-3 (Breakout discussion) Followed by group feedback	Dr Keiichiro Tazawa AH – FAO Representative HH – WHO Representative
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break	
15.15 – 16.45	Review of revised action plan from the WHO workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic objective 4 (Group discussion) 	WHO Representative Dr Ben Waites
16.45 – 17.00	Summary remarks and plan for next day	WOAH



Day 2 – Determining Success Indicators and Timeline

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitation Responsibility
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	WOAH
9.00 – 9.10	Summary of previous day's discussions and introduction to today's discussions	Dr Amy Lewis
9.10 – 9.30	M&E to meet international requirements for elimination of dog-mediated human rabies deaths for WHO validation and WOAH endorsement of the programme	WOAH
09.30 - 10.15	Objective 1 - success indicators and timeline discussion	FAO Representative Dr Amy Lewis
10.15 – 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 – 12.00	Breakout sessions for success indicators and timeline discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Health (objective 2) - Animal Health (objective 3) 	AH – FAO representative, Dr Amy Lewis HH – WHO representative, Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.30	Objective 4 - success indicators and timeline discussion	WHO representative Dr Ben Waites
14.30 - 14.45	Coffee break	
14.45 - 15.30	Group Discussion on overall M&E framework	IPL Representative Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
15.30 – 16.00	Summary remarks and plan for the next day	WOAH

Day 3 – Budget Structuring and NSP Review

Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	WOAH
9.00 – 9.30	Summary of previous day's discussions Outline how we plan to structure the budget discussions	Dr Amy Lewis
09.30 - 10.15	Budget discussion Strategic Objective 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do we need to provide funding for to achieve the strategic objectives and success indicators? 	WOAH rep Dr Amy Lewis
10.15 – 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 – 12.00	Breakout sessions for budget discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Health (objective 2) - Animal Health (objective 3) 	AH – FAO rep, Dr Amy Lewis HH – WHO rep, Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 13.45	Breakout sessions for budget discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Health (objective 4) 	AH – FAO rep, Dr Amy Lewis



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	- Animal Health (objective 4)	HH –WHO rep, Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
13.45 – 14.30	Budget summary discussions – Where will this money be sourced from?	WHO and FAO representatives Dr Amy Lewis
14.30 - 14.45	Coffee break	
14.45 - 15.30	Group Discussion on overall NSP Finalisation on any outstanding details	Dr Keiichiro Tazawa
15.30 – 16.00	Summary remarks and outlining the next steps	WOAH

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