

# REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON RABIES ELIMINATION

September 29, 2025

## Youth **#ZeroBy30** Against Rabies

Act Now: You, Me, Community



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### EVENT AGENDA

**#YouthAgainstRabies**  
[www.youthagainstrabies.org](http://www.youthagainstrabies.org)

 **Date: 29 September, 2025**

 **Time: 12:30 – 13:45 (IST)**

 **Platform: Virtual (Zoom)**



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<https://rr-asia.woah.org/WRD2025>

### Background

Rabies is a 100% preventable disease, yet it continues to claim nearly 59,000 lives annually, disproportionately affecting children and youth in South and South-East Asia. Around World Rabies Day, this Regional Dialogue will bring together youth, experts, and communities to explore how collective action can accelerate the “Zero by 30” goal - ending human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

This event is part of the Youth Against Rabies Campaign, led by Nymat in collaboration with WHO and WOAH, empowering young people to recognize rabies, take preventive action, and mobilize their communities for a rabies-free future.

### Objectives

**By the end of this dialogue, participants will:**

- Understand what rabies is, how to recognize it, and why early action matters.
- Learn practical steps for dog-bite prevention, first aid, and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Explore how youth can play a key role in dog vaccination drives and awareness campaigns.
- Hear powerful real-life stories from young rabies advocates and champions.
- Engage through live polls, interactive and Q&A to share ideas for a rabies-free future.

## Agenda:

Time	Session	Speaker/Moderator	Details & Engagement
12:30 – 12:35	Welcome & Opening Remarks	World Health Organization	<i>Brief introduction to the event, context-setting on “You, Me, Community” and why youth engagement matters.</i>
<b>Discussion: Moderated by WHO/Nymat</b>			
12:35 – 12:50	Rabies 101: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Basics</li> <li>• Dog Vaccination &amp; Community Action</li> </ul>	Dr. Mihir Mazagaonkar, Mission Rabies, India	<i>What is rabies, how to recognize it in animals, and why early action saves lives. Live poll: “What do you know about rabies?”</i>  <i>How vaccination campaigns work, why they are crucial, and how youth can support “Zero by 30.”</i>
12:50 – 13:00	Dog Behaviour & Bite Prevention	Daniel Stewart	<i>Practical tips on staying safe, preventing dog bites, and protecting communities. Short video demo or visuals for engagement.</i>
13:00 – 13:10	First Aid & PEP - What To Do After a Bite	Dr. Lonika Lodha	<i>Step-by-step guidance on wound washing, seeking care, and completing PEP. Youth-friendly, action-oriented approach.</i>
13:10 – 13:20	Youth Voice	Dr. Rikka Vanya De Guzman	<i>Real-life experience from a young rabies advocate. Open reflection on how rabies affects lives and what can be done differently.</i>
13:20 – 13:30	Kahoot! Interactive Quiz	Nymat	<i>Fast-paced quiz to reinforce learning; participants compete for top spots and small recognition (e-certificates, shoutouts).</i>
13:30 – 13:40	Interactive Q&A	Moderator: Nymat	<i>Pre-collected questions from registrations + live chat. Youth encouraged to share ideas for rabies-free communities.</i>
13:40 – 13:45	Closing Remarks & Call to Action	World Organization for Animal Health	<i>Summary of key takeaways, commitments, and a motivational closing to inspire youth action.</i>

