

# Country Updates

Members' updates on follow-up actions from 3rd SA-RABNET and other recent actions/progress on rabies diagnosis and surveillance

## 4<sup>th</sup> South Asia Rabies Laboratory Network (SA-RABNET) Meeting

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# Diagnostic activities since March 2025

Please list major diagnostic works undertaken since March 2025

Month (s)	Species	No of brain sampled, tested	Type of tests	No of positives	Remarks
April – October 2025	E.g. Dogs, cats, cattle, wild animals etc.	xxxx	LFA – lateral flow assay DFA – direct fluorescent antibody assays PCR etc.		
May-22 –2025	Dog	1	Rapid test	Positive	
Aug-25-2025	Dog	1	Rapid test	Positive	
Oct-17-2025	Cow	1	PCR	Negative	
Total		3 samples			

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1. Did your country introduce any new brain sampling techniques in animals since March 2025 (if Yes, please provide details)?

NO

2. Did your country introduce any new rabies diagnostic techniques since March 2025 (if Yes, please provide details)?

NO

3. Did your country set up rabies diagnostic facilities in the field such as in districts/sub-districts since March 2025 (if Yes, please provide details)?

NO

4. Did your country refer any animal brain samples outside your country for rabies diagnosis since March 2025 (if Yes, please provide details)?

NO

If your answer is 'yes' to the following Questions, please share details

- Did you do any testing of brain samples from dogs that died of diseases other than rabies or died due to accidents? NO
- Did you train other Veterinarians on brain sample collection? YES
- Central veterinary diagnostic laboratory trained zones and provincial staff about how to take rabies samples
- Did the Veterinarians/laboratories in the field submitted rabies suspected brain samples to national laboratory for confirmation? YES
- We have sanitary mended system for all provinces.
- Did you test any wild animals for rabies? NO
- Did you share information about positive animal rabies results with human health sector in your country? YES
- We have sharing system with public health ministry .
- Did you do any post-vaccination monitoring using ELISA and/or other tests? NO

- Do you have any specific support needed from the WOAHA Reference Laboratory in India for rabies diagnosis and surveillance?

We need up to date PCR kit rabies test for central laboratory as well rapid test for provincial laboratory. also as I requested before we need DFT saffin ,and fujji for rabies test n flurence.

- Do you have any ongoing or upcoming projects to support rabies diagnosis and surveillance? If yes, please explain a bit.

for surveillace AH department of MAIL . For controlling and prevention of rabies disease , 10000 dose rabies vaccine prepared for vaccination of dogs keeping in the house.









