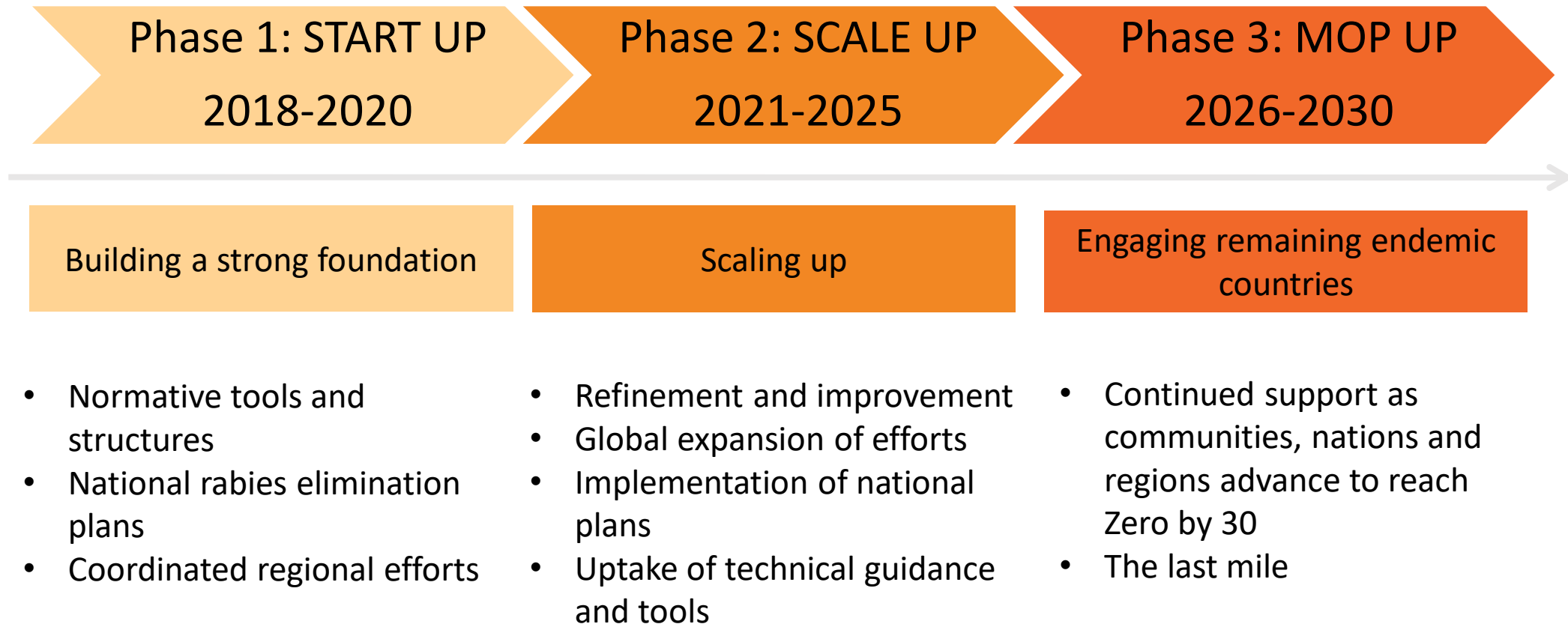

Zero by 30 - The road ahead

13th Meeting of the Partners for Rabies Prevention

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A Phased Approach To Achieve The Goal Of Zero By 30



Establishing the UAR Forum

The United Against Rabies Forum

The United Against Rabies Forum is an inclusive network of public and private sector organisations, experts, development partners and civil society, committed to working together to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies.



The Forum was launched in 2020 by FAO, WOA and WHO (the Tripartite) with the aim of accelerating and implementing a One Health approach as agreed in [Zero by 30: the global strategic plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030](#).

The United Against Rabies Forum Steering Group, chaired by Lord Trees of the United Kingdom, sets the strategic direction of the United Against Rabies Forum.

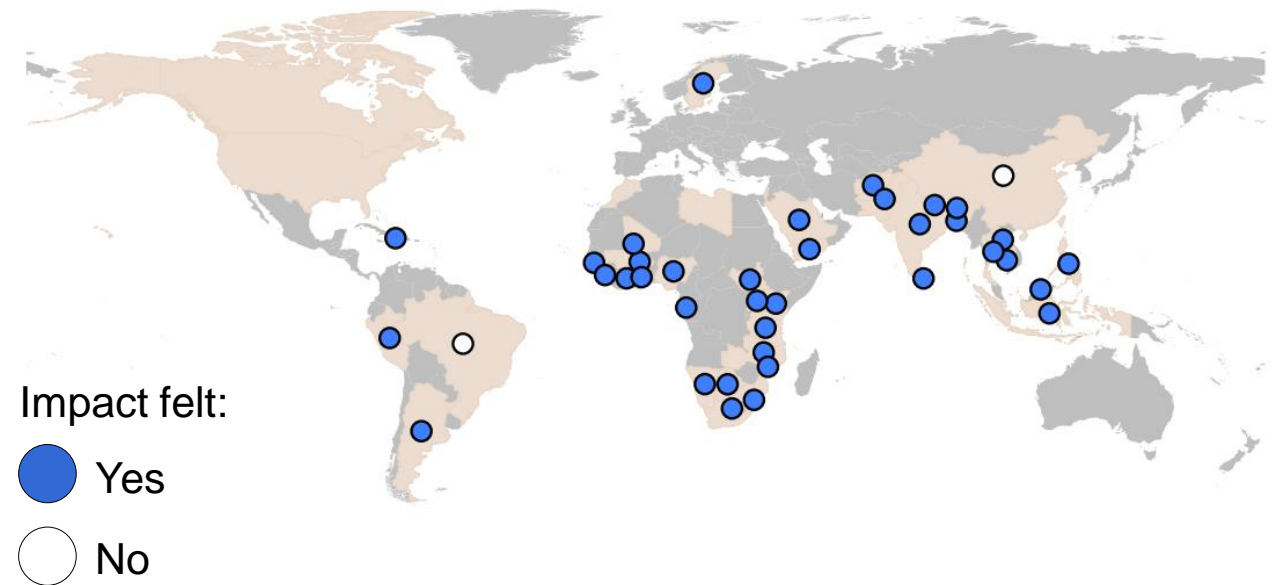
Given COVID-19, where are we now?

“Momentum that was gaining has been lost”

All three pillars of rabies elimination were badly affected

- Disrupted provisioning of human and dog biologicals, reduced volumes and distribution challenges
- Closures of dedicated bite treatment centers
- Difficulties travelling for vaccination or to conduct investigation and surveillance activities
- Fear of COVID-19 decreased health seeking of bite victims at health clinics
- Gavi's Vaccine Investment Strategy remains on hold
- Financial resources allocated to rabies were reduced
- Education activities were most affected due to long-term school closures
- Surveillance, notoriously weak, was further de-powered

Dog vaccination campaigns disrupted



Given COVID-19, where are we now?


In the long term, there can be positive repercussions of COVID-19 on rabies and One Health

- Improved telemedicine and online services
- No traffic so easier to catch dogs
- Drive through vaccination in urban areas
- Local community health workers to vaccinate dogs
- Capacity built in rabies supporting
- Contact tracing
- Expertise from rabies used for modeling and forecasting COVID-19
- Laboratory diagnosis reprogrammed
- Stronger regional coordination
- Increased awareness about the importance of One Health



Raising Awareness For Rabies And One Health

- Launch of new companion document to the WHO Roadmap for NTDs:
[One Health: Approach for action against neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030](#)
- Open WHO Online course: [Rabies and One Health](#)
- Insertion of Rabies into the [FAO-OIE-UNEP-WHO Action Plan for One Health](#)



Rabies & One Health: From basics to cross-sectoral action to stop human rabies deaths

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Course is available

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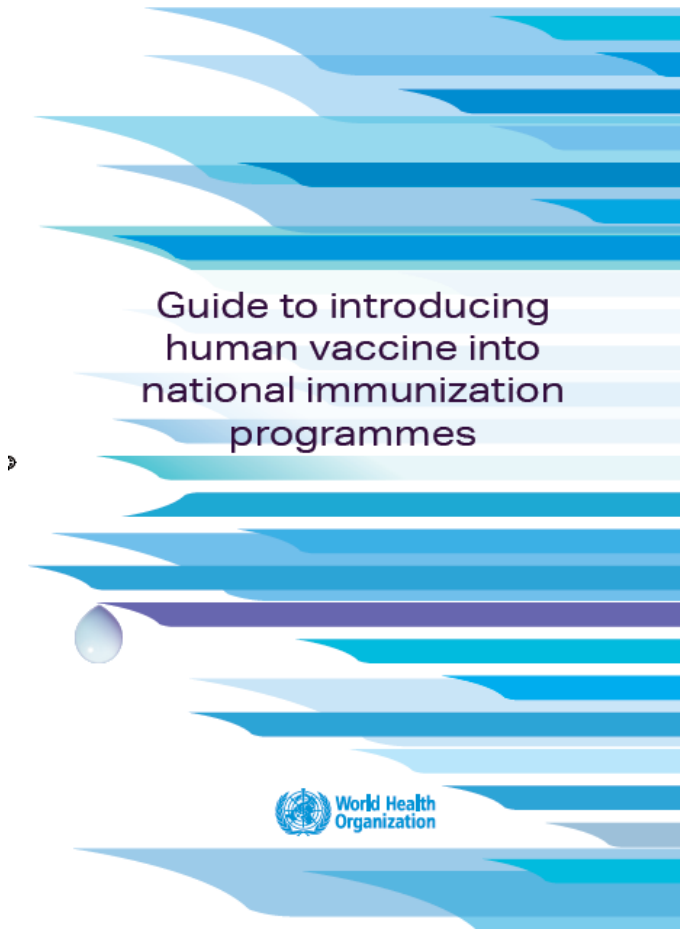
Despite being fully preventable, dog-mediated human rabies kills tens of thousands of people every year, especially in rural and impoverished areas in Africa and Asia. This course provides participants with knowledge about the biology and epidemiology of this Neglected Zoonotic Disease, the current 'Zero by 30' rabies elimination strategy, and how to prevent rabies in people and dogs by taking a One Health approach. The learning package consists of seven modules, which include downloadable video-lectures by global experts and professionals confronted with rabies in the field.

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Self-paced
Language: English
Rabies

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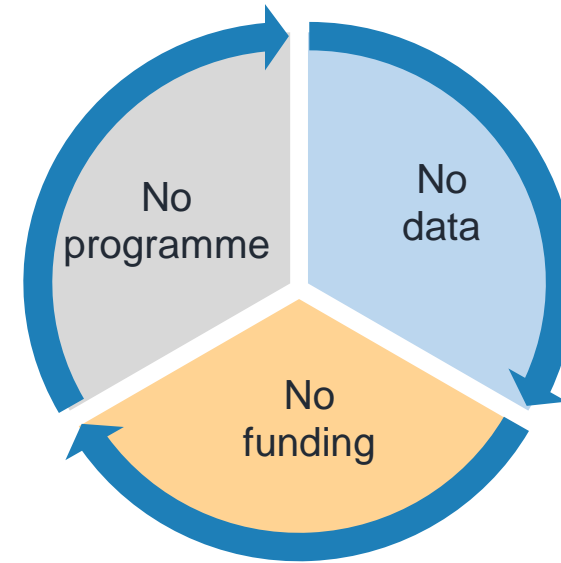
Introducing Human Rabies Vaccine Into National Programmes



- Rabies was added to GAVI's Vaccine Investment Strategy for 2021-2025
- Support countries to **inform policy discussions and operational planning** to introduce or expand rabies PEP into a national immunization programme
- **Highlight considerations specific to rabies PEP** affecting integration into existing systems, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation
- Sharing **examples of rabies PEP delivery** in different countries
- If there is an option, should we include OIE endorsement of rabies programmes as criteria?

Reinforcement Of Surveillance Systems

- Health system strengthening
- Support countries to collect Minimum Rabies Indicators
- Strengthen not only collection but also analysis of data, dissemination including global reporting




Global reporting to WHO

- Data collected and shared by **National Focal Point**
 - User-specific, online tool
 - Includes a dashboard to view integrated global data countries
- Streamline and facilitate reporting on **health facility level**
 - WHO Toolkit for Routine Health Information Systems (RHIS) Data¹
 - Rabies module in development


Upload data directly via the online portal

Human rabies data entry



Enter data on the human rabies data entry


Animal rabies data entry



Enter data on the animal rabies data entry

Human cases by gender:

Or using an excel template via the 'Bulk Load' app


Bulk Load

Number of human rabies cases reported

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[WHO integrated data platform for rabies](#)

Thank you

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