



# United Against Rabies

## Priorities and Key Outputs of 2023



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UAR Stakeholder Meeting

6-8 November



## Recommendations from 2022

Online review session followed by in-person meeting of Steering Group and Working Groups in December 2022

Recommendations on:

- ❖ Activities
- ❖ Governance, Steering Group and M&E
- ❖ Communication
  
- ❖ **Do you have recommendations for 2024?**

### 2023 United Against Rabies Forum: Feedback survey



## 2023 Priority Objectives

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- A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide consisting of seven red dots arranged in a curved, descending pattern.
- Engage rabies-endemic countries and support development and implementation of National Strategic Plans
  - Engage local authorities and communities to prioritise rabies elimination at the local level
  - Engage with academic and industry partners to support country and regional implementation of rabies strategies
  - Promote improved surveillance, data sharing and data reporting
  - Support advocacy and resource mobilisation, including promoting access to human post exposure prophylaxis



# Recommendations: Activities

A generic template for developing a national strategic plan to eliminate rabies

January 2023



Minimum Data Elements for Monitoring and Evaluation of National and International Rabies Control Programs.

Version 4, September 2023



Landscaping of Resource Partners for Rabies in [Country] – Template

Version 1, September 2022



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- ❖ Improve awareness and uptake of available UAR Forum resources
  - Ongoing promotion in webinars, newsletters, regional and country meetings/workshops
- ❖ Better define activities, and ensure these are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound
  - Redefined objectives and timelines of ongoing activities, and developed Activity Proposal form for new activities
- ❖ Ensure activities are led by smaller productive groups of participants, while maintaining transparency and inclusiveness of the Forum
  - Activity Proposal form available at [www.unitedagainstrabies.org](http://www.unitedagainstrabies.org)





# United Against Rabies Forum Toolbox



- ⌘ Ongoing evaluation of tools already listed in the Toolbox
- ⌘ Promotion of Toolbox at various workshops and meetings
- ⌘ Developed a process for the evaluation of tools
- ⌘ Are there missing tools and resources?
- ⌘ Email [globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org](mailto:globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org)

# Partnership map

## Country overview

See how a country is progressing towards rabies elimination

## UAR members by country

See where UAR Forum members are working around the world

## UAR Member activities

See which UAR Forum members are working in a country of interest and what they are doing.



- ✦ Initial version embedded in website in next couple of weeks (improved navigation of this planned in 2024)
- ✦ Ongoing data collection, but planned to update 1-2 times a year
- ✦ Voluntary – UAR Forum members are encouraged, but not required to submit data
- ✦ Do you want your activities listed?
- ✦ Email [globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org](mailto:globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org)

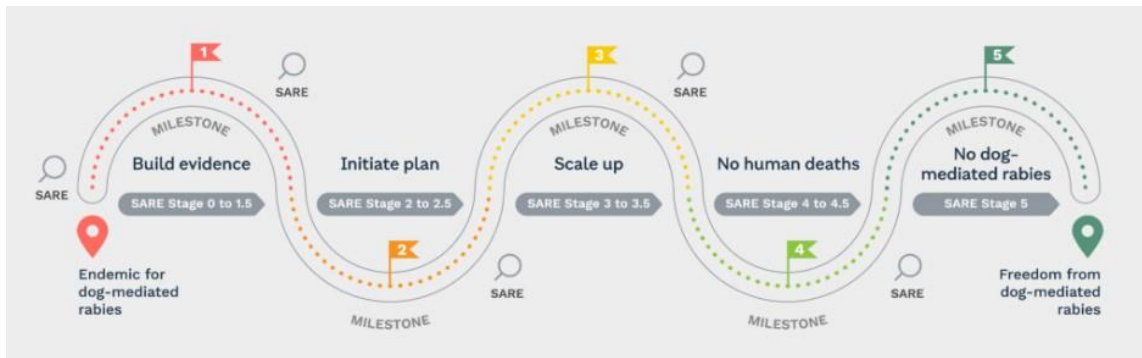
Activity Category short	Activity Category levels
07 - Surveillance	Local
09 - National Planning	N/A
07 - Surveillance	Sub-national
04 - Education	National
05 - Rabies awareness	National
06 - Training	National
07 - Surveillance	National
08 - Diagnostic	N/A



# United Against Rabies Roadmap



- ❖ Linked to SARE, WOAHA endorsement, and WHO validation of zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies
- ❖ Included in the UAR M&E framework
- ❖ Continued mapping of tools/resources to link to the roadmap (including review of resources in Canine Rabies Blueprint)
- ❖ Promoted in various regional/country meetings and workshops
- ❖ Improved navigation of this on the website planned for 2024





## Human-animal bond



- ❖ Providing evidence of benefits of dog identification in addition to mass dog vaccination
- ❖ UAR recommended revision of objectives and timeline of deliverables:
  - Dog collar specifications
  - Theory of change
  - Drafting protocol guidelines for pilot projects
- ❖ Anticipated to have outputs to share by end of 2023





# Oral Rabies Vaccination guidance

## Oral vaccination of dogs against rabies

Recommendations for field application and integration into dog rabies control programmes



- Guidance on practical implementation of ORV as tool to help control rabies
- Completed and available online!
- Webinar held in May 2023
- Breakout session tomorrow





## Cross-cutting approaches



- ❖ Evaluating where integrated approaches to rabies control could improve outcomes
- ❖ Scoping review finalised and publication anticipated in early 2024
- ❖ Limited evidence – do you have examples of cross-cutting or integrated approaches?
- ❖ Potential case studies and interviews in 2024 to complement review
- ❖ Email [globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org](mailto:globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org)

# Dog vaccination



- ❖ Surveys completed looking at the main barriers to scaling up dog vaccination
- ❖ Document in development outlining solutions to identified barriers
- ❖ Launch of document in upcoming webinar on **5 December 2023**
- ❖ Ongoing review every 6 months to update as new solutions identified





# Public Information Toolkit

Public Information Toolkit  
for Rabies Prevention  
Version 2, October 2023



- ❖ Toolkit providing sample communication materials that can be tailored to specific rabies situations in communities
- ❖ Can support development of social media posts, press releases, other public information
- ❖ Designed for human and animal health authorities to inform and educate public, and urge appropriate health seeking behaviour and responsible pet ownership
- ❖ Available online





# Country Partnership Programme



- ⌘ Addressing priority objective of engaging rabies-endemic countries and supporting development and implementation of National Strategic Plans
- ⌘ More on this in Session 2 focusing on National Strategic Plans
- ⌘ Hoping to start pilot activities in 2024



# Advocacy and Communication



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Rabies experts urge Gavi to implement PEP investment

By: United Against Rabies

## Success of Call to Action for GAVI - thank you!

### Newsletters

### Social media channels

### Regular webinars

- February 2023: Rabies surveillance: What gets measured gets done
- May 2023: Oral Rabies Vaccination
- October 2023: Voices for Change: the power of communication for rabies control
- **5 December 2023: Eliminating dog-mediated rabies: addressing barriers to scaling up dog vaccination campaigns**
- Do you have suggestions for 2024 topics?

### 'Rabies Today' Podcast

### Rabies Photo Competition – launched today!

All available at [www.unitedagainstrabies.org](http://www.unitedagainstrabies.org)





# Recommendations: Steering Group

- ❖ Develop a process and transition plan for the Steering Group
  - Steering Group Chair
  - Tripartite Focal Points
  - Focal Point for each priority objective for 2024 – contact [globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org](mailto:globalrabiescoordinator@woah.org)
  
- ❖ Develop a M&E framework of ‘Zero by 30’ to help define Forum success, and measure progress
  - Presented in more detail on Thursday 8 November
  
- ❖ Collate rabies points of contacts for each country – ongoing
  
- ❖ Develop a database of experts – will be included as a section on website when updated in 2024
  
- ❖ Facilitate improved connection between UAR Forum members – partnership map, and update of website in 2024 to include a listing of ongoing activities

# What now?

- ⌘ Sign up for the UAR Forum newsletter and connect to our social media channels – [www.unitedagainstrabies.org](http://www.unitedagainstrabies.org)
- ⌘ Have we missed any key tools, resources or courses that we need to include?
- ⌘ Do you want to connect to specific countries or other stakeholders to support rabies control activities?
- ⌘ Do our priority objectives need to change for 2024?
- ⌘ What activities should we include (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, time-bound) → **breakout sessions tomorrow**
- ⌘ Provide us your feedback in-person, online or complete the feedback survey





# 2023 United Against Rabies Forum: Feedback survey



# Thank you!

Contact:

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