

# PROGRESS OF RABIES ELIMINATION IN AFRICA

OIE activities in Africa



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# Northern Africa

(2019 – 2020)



The Minister of Health and Agriculture in Tunisia signed in September 2019 the joint engagement pledged in the Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030 (Zero by 30)

## OIE Vaccine Bank

Year 2019:

- ❑ Tunisia: 300,000 doses (SVSDC/European Union)
- ❑ Algeria: 500,000 doses (SVSDC/ European Union)

Year 2020

- ❑ Tunisia: 300,000 doses (Italy)

## At Regional level

- ❑ OIE rabies meeting for North Africa countries: To move countries forward towards effective rabies elimination strategies in North Africa – (July 2019).
- ❑ Survey on stray dog population control and rabies in North Africa (July- September 2020) – to make the state of play.
- ❑ Webinar on WRD organised by Italy through IZS Venezia in collaboration with the REMESA Secretariat (28 September 2020): to strengthen scientific collaboration.
- ❑ OIE Regional coordination meeting (10 November 2020: to discuss field projects.

## OIE Twinning projects:

- ❑ France (ANSES) – Tunisia (Pasteur Institute) – twinning on rabies
  - Laboratory component
  - Monitoring mass parental vaccination
  - Tools for regional laboratory network
  
- ❑ Italy (IZS Teramo) – Tunisia (National Veterinary School - Sidi Thabet) – twinning on animal welfare with a component related to stray dog population control

*Additional regional projects/initiatives are being elaborated.....*



# Western and Central Africa

(2019 – 2020)

Vaccine deliveries for MDV : 410,000 doses 2019/2020

- Support to the National Rabies Control Programme using SARE tool - Gabon
- Request for twinning project between APHA/UK and CVL Sierra Leone
- Support for World Rabies Day, Mali

Dec 2019: 100 000 doses



Feb 2020: 10 000 doses

Jan 2019: 50 000 doses  
Sep 2020: 50 000 doses

Nov 2020: 200 000 doses



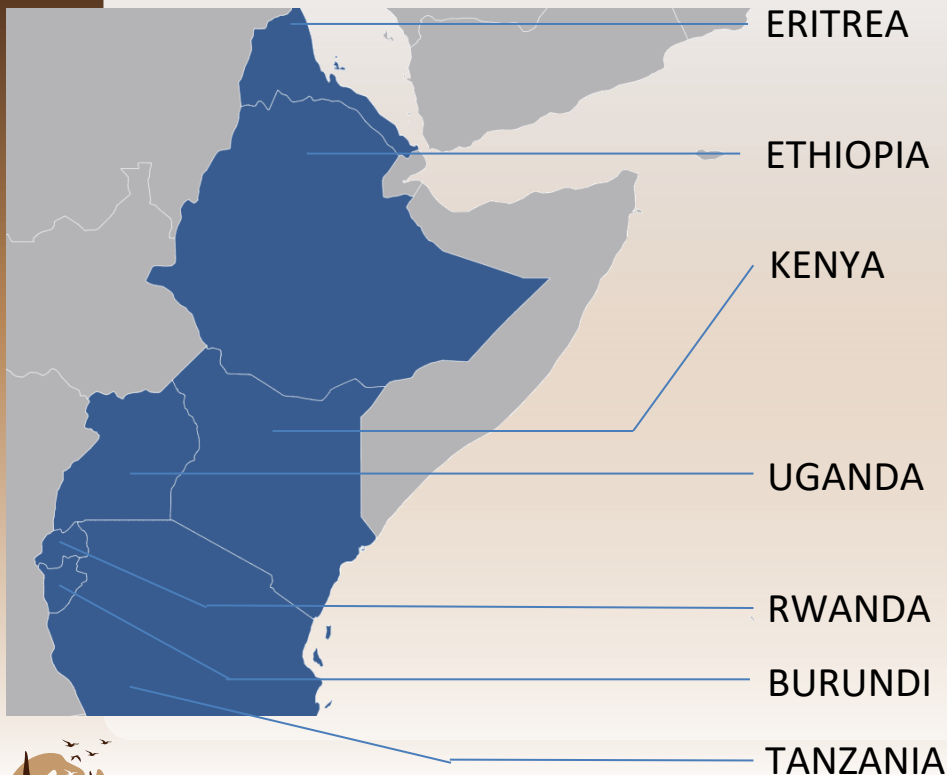
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# Eastern Africa

(2019 – 2020)



Vaccine bank deliveries -75,000 doses  
Support to the development of a NAP

Laboratory Twinning Agreement  
Onderstepoort OVR – Sebeta NAHDIC

Vaccine bank deliveries - 400,000 doses  
County-based pilot Projects (SVSDC)  
Development of a scale-up national  
Project (PC-TAD)

Support to the development of a NAP  
Support for World Rabies Day 2020

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Vaccine bank deliveries -10,000 doses  
Support for World Rabies Day 2019

# Southern Africa

## Vaccine deliveries for MDV - 600,000 doses (2019-2020)

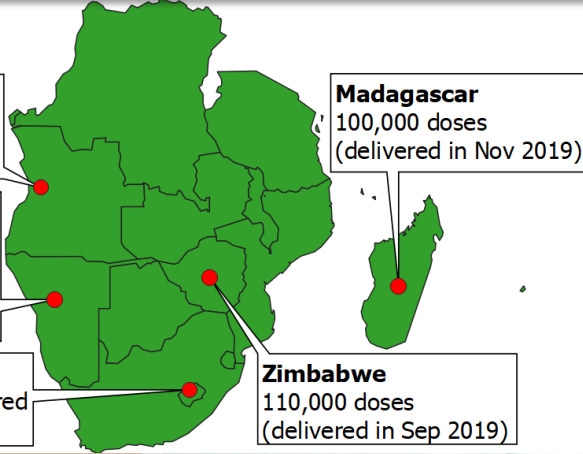
**Angola**  
140,000 doses  
(delivered in Dec 2019)

**Madagascar**  
100,000 doses  
(delivered in Nov 2019)

**Namibia**  
100,000 doses in July 2019 (EU support;  
100,000 doses delivered in Oct 2020, BMEL support)

**Lesotho**  
50,000 doses delivered  
in August 2019)

**Zimbabwe**  
110,000 doses  
(delivered in Sep 2019)



(2019 – 2020)

- Support to the development of a SADC rabies elimination programme
- Support to the development of a national rabies control programme
- Facilitate application submission for OIE endorsement of a rabies national control programme
- Support for World Rabies Day



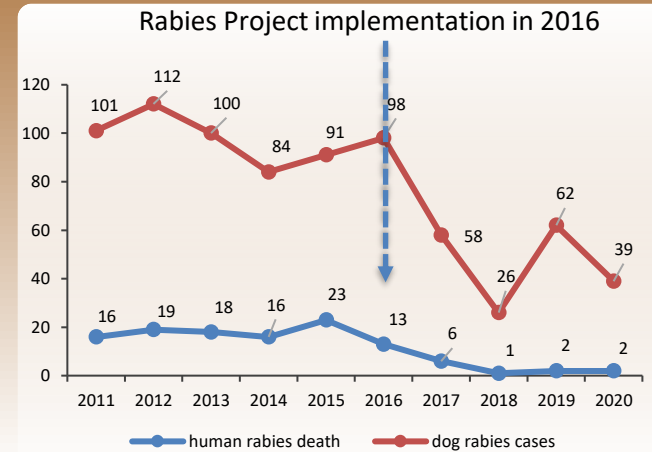
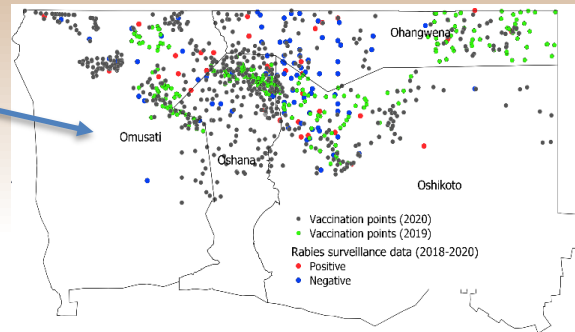
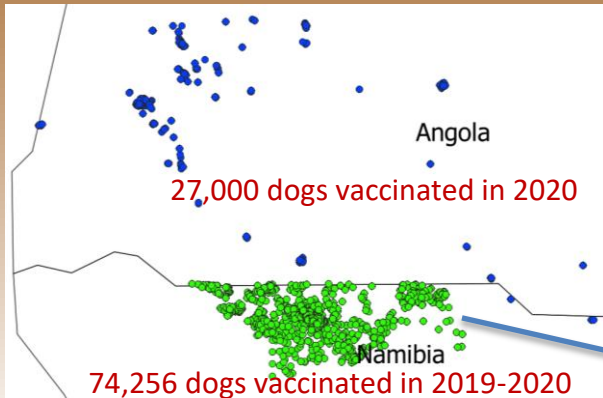
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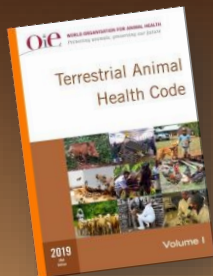
# Southern Africa

(2019 – 2020)

- Implementation of a Rabies Elimination Project in Namibia and Angola with a focus on – MDV, awareness education, surveillance, capacity building, inter sectoral & regional collaboration
- OIE Rabies twinning project – FLI and CVL Namibia
- Result - reduction of rabies incidences in both dogs and in humans in Namibia



# OIE Terrestrial Code Chapter 8.14 - Infection with Rabies Virus



OIE endorsed official control programme for dog-mediated rabies



Self-declaration of freedom

- International recognition of the **technical quality** of the national rabies programme
- Contribute and support countries to make a self-declaration as free from dog-mediated rabies

Information available at:

[http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmlfile=chapitre\\_rabies.htm](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmlfile=chapitre_rabies.htm)

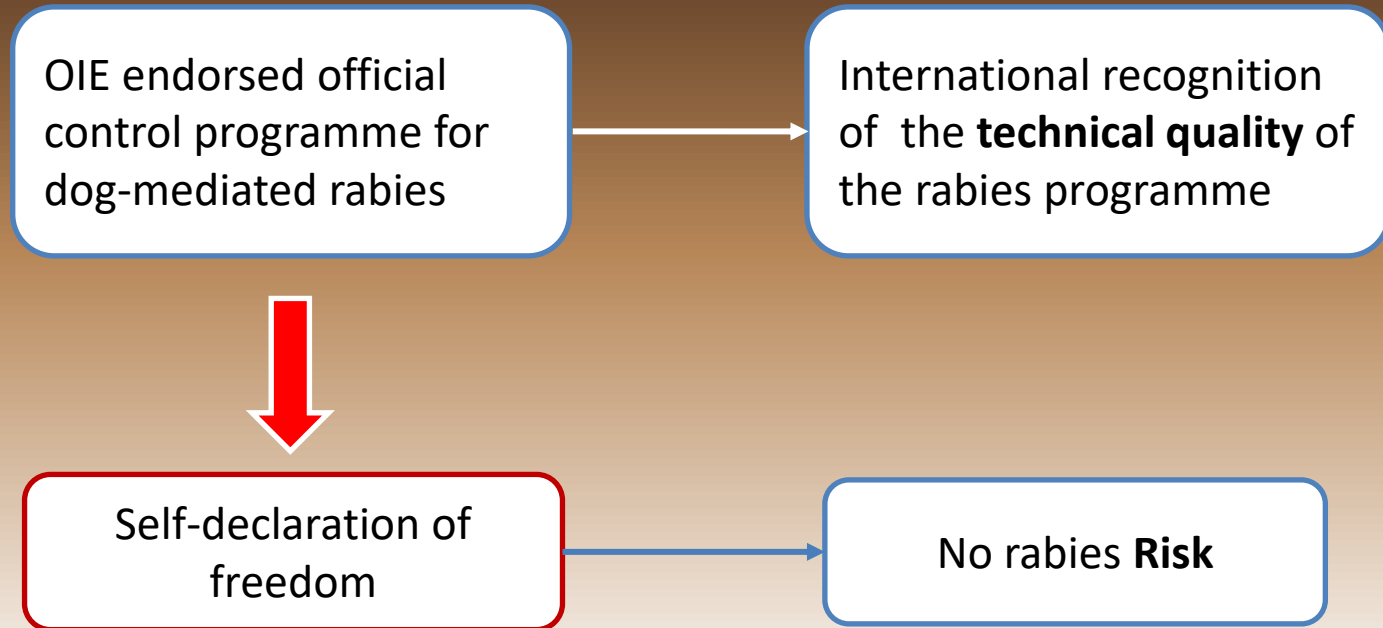
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Country or **zone** free from infection with rabies virus (as it is in the current adopted chapter)

**Country or zone free from dog-mediated rabies** in dog population (new article)



## In Short



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