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# National Strategic Plans and International Milestones

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# Global context

- **Zero by 30: the Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030, 2018**
  - Country-centric – countries will lead efforts
  - Countries will need to mobilise domestic and international resources to sustainably finance and implement control activities.
- **United Against Rabies Forum, 2022/2023**
  - 2023 priority: engage rabies-endemic countries and support the development and implementation of National Strategic Plans
- **25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Regional Commission for Africa, 2023**
  - Countries agreed to update or develop a national strategic plan or official rabies control programme for dog-mediated rabies elimination based on One Health approach, utilizing the UAR Forum roadmap and available tools, while including a sustainable operational plan with adequate financial resources.

# Develop a National Strategic Plan

A generic template for developing a national strategic plan to eliminate rabies  
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- Provides a framework with clear activities, roles and responsibilities
- Brings together key stakeholders to contribute to rabies control in the country
- Testifies government commitment to progressing towards **Zero by 30**
- Helps articulate clear activities where support is needed
- **Should be agreed by all competent authorities, and recommend making this publicly available**
- Template available at [www.unitedagainstrabies.org](http://www.unitedagainstrabies.org)

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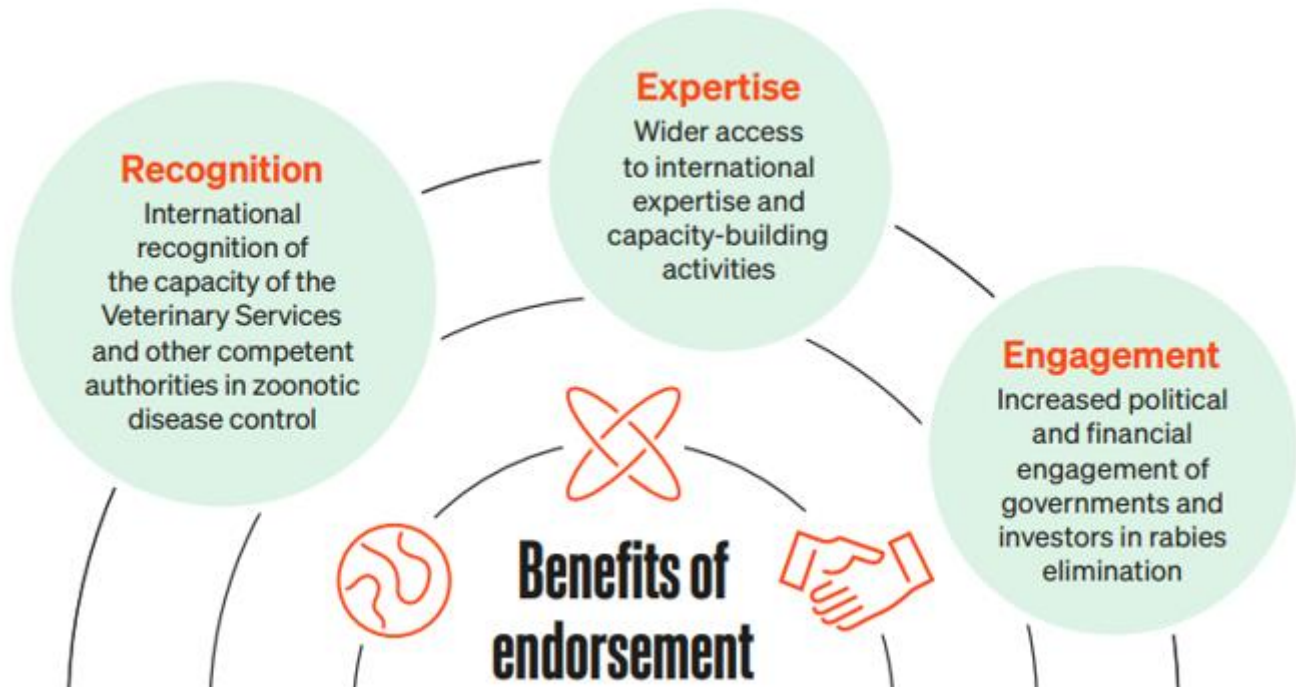
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- Template only – this is not prescriptive
- Aligns with *Zero by 30*, international standards, examples plans of other countries, and WOAAH guidelines for endorsement
- Example tables, annexes for action plans and budget
- WOAAH and United Against Rabies Forum stakeholders can support but country needs to drive the process



# WOAH endorsement of official control programmes



- Signifies:
  - Strong partnership with, and support of, national public health authorities
  - Contribution to *Zero by 30*
  - Commitment to One Health approach

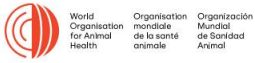
**Maximise your country's efforts against rabies**

Apply for endorsement of your official control programme for dog-mediated rabies



# How to apply for endorsement?

- **Submit documents that evidence:**
  - Good understanding of human and dog demographics and epidemiology
  - Capacity of Veterinary Services, along with effective collaboration with other competent authorities
  - Measures to control dog-mediated rabies including surveillance and diagnosis
  - Dog-mediated rabies control strategy with a clear work plan, timelines and budget for the following five years



## DOCUMENT D'ORIENTATION SUR LA DEMANDE DE VALIDATION D'UN PROGRAMME OFFICIEL DE CONTRÔLE DE LA RAGE VÉHICULÉE PAR LES CHIENS

Ce guide est destiné à aider les membres à rassembler des informations conformément à l'article 8.15.11. du Code sanitaire pour les animaux terrestres. Il comprend des exemples de figures et de modèles de tableaux qui se trouvent dans les annexes suivantes avec des références croisées à des sections spécifiques du questionnaire de demande de validation du programme officiel de contrôle de la rage véhiculée par les chiens.

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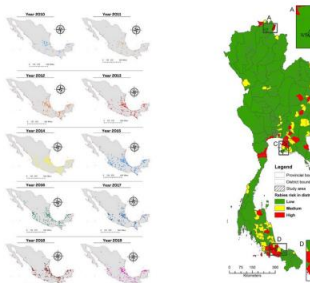
Veuillez noter que le contenu des articles scientifiques référencés n'est pas lié au guide et n'en fait pas partie.

### Annexe A : Épidémiologie (Section 3. a. of the questionnaire)

Exemples de tableaux des cas humains et animaux (par espèce) avec indication de la date de détection, voir le [plan stratégique national](#) de United Against Rabies et le [modèle de](#)

	Nombre de cas de rage			
	Période de temps (années pas)			
	-4 ans	-3 ans	-2 ans	-1 an
Humain				
Chien				
Bébé				
Chat				
Chauve-souris				
Faune sauvage autre				

Exemples de cartes par pays contenant la répartition des cas de rage ([Ortega-Sánchez](#) un risque élevé ([Premashihira 2021](#))).



## GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF AN OFFICIAL CONTROL PROGRAMME FOR DOG MEDIATED RABIES

This guide is designed to assist Members compile information according to Article 8.15.11. of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*. It includes examples of figures and table templates that can be found in the following appendices with cross-references to specific sections of the questionnaire for application for an endorsement of official control programme for dog-mediated rabies.

Providing high-quality figures like those in the examples is not mandatory but should be provided when available.

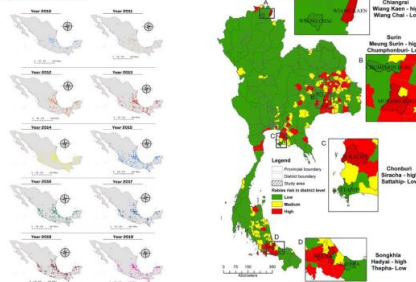
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### Appendix A: Epidemiology (Section 3. a. of the questionnaire)

Example of Table of cases for humans and animals (by species) showing date of detection. For more examples visit United Against Rabies' [National Strategic Plan template](#) and [WHO data collection template](#).

	Number of rabies cases				
	Time period (last years)				
	-4 years	-3 years	-2 years	-1 year	Current year
Human					
Dog					
Livestock					
Cat					
Bat					
Other wildlife					

Examples of country-specific maps containing the distribution of rabies cases ([Ortega-Sánchez 2022](#)) and high-risk areas ([Premashihira 2021](#)).



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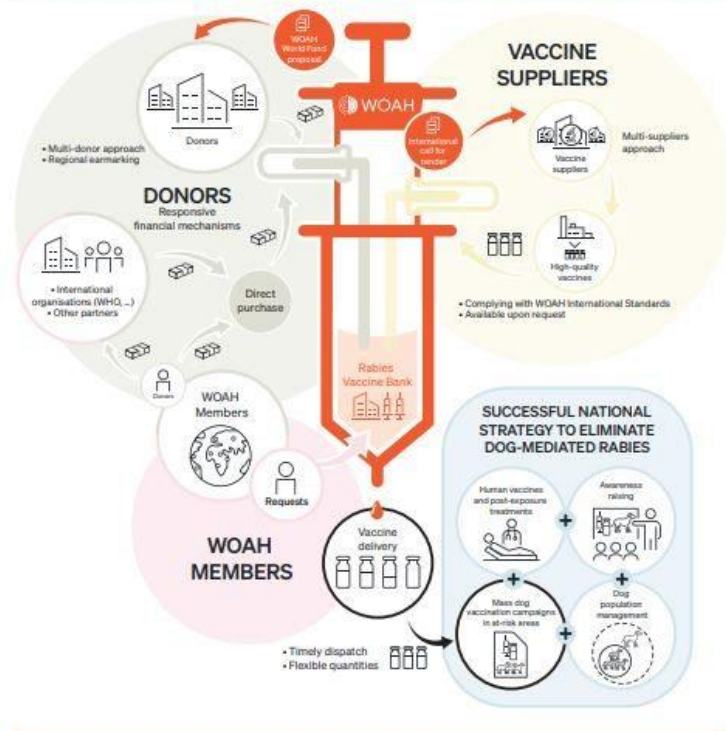


# Scale up

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### Toolbox

From vaccination to education, we present a comprehensive online toolbox of guides, apps and other resources to help you plan, prioritise and implement your rabies control programmes.

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Landscaping of Resource Partners for Rabies in [Country] – Template  
Version 1, September 2022

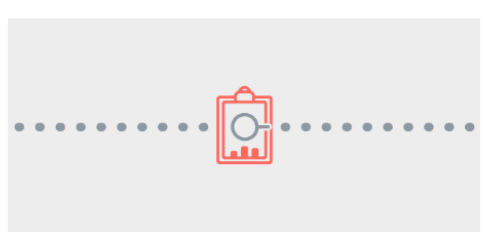


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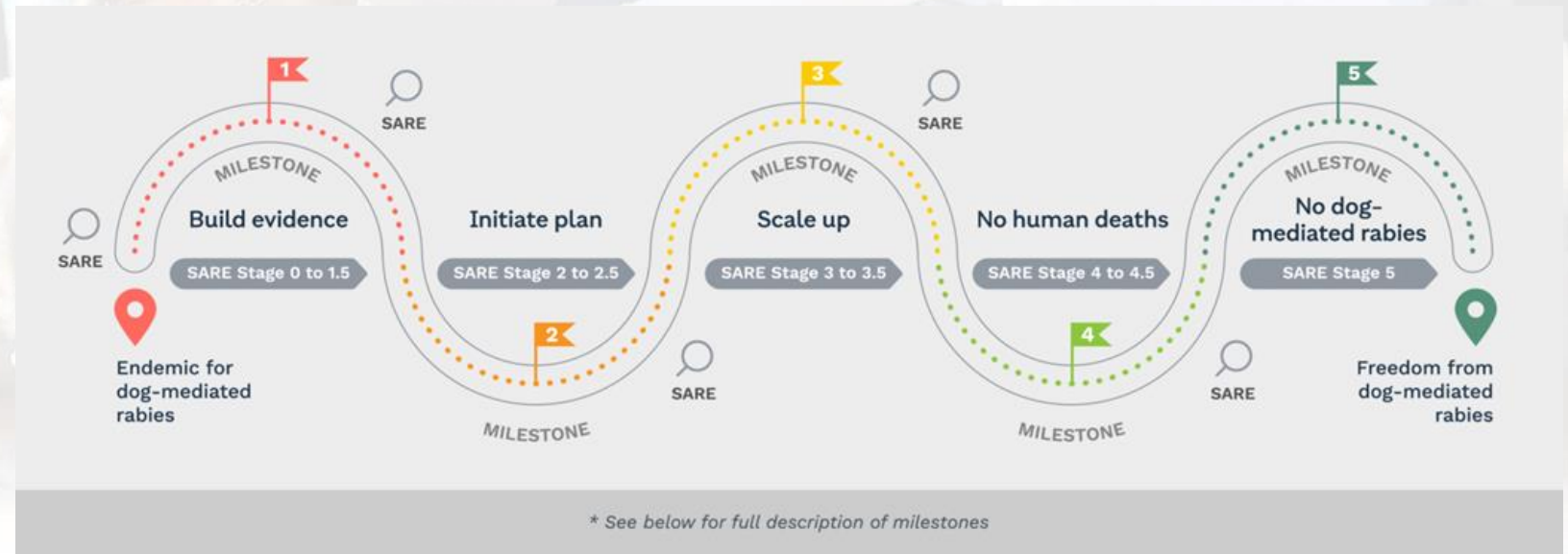
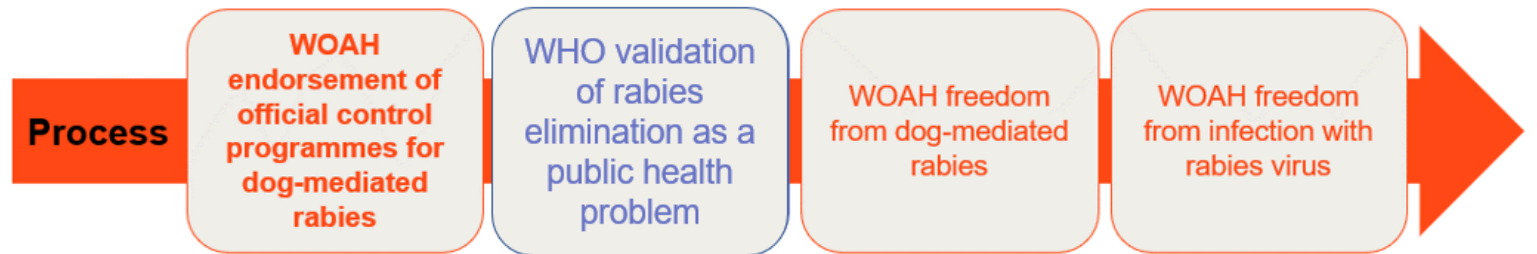
# Evaluating progress



## SARE Assessment

SARE is a key element of the Rabies Roadmap and is recommended as starting point to help countries assess their current rabies status and measure progress in relation to current rabies control efforts. *See full description below.*

SARE Assessments should be taken regularly throughout the roadmap journey to assess progress and refine the workplan.



# Highlighting the successes and progress

- Does your country still have dog-mediated rabies, but a robust One Health control plan is in place?
  - Veterinary services should contact WOAHA regarding endorsement of official control programme for dog-mediated rabies.
- Has your country had **zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies for at least 24 months?**
  - Health authorities should contact WHO regarding validation procedures (WHO TRS 2018)
- Is your country free of dog-mediated rabies?
  - Veterinary authorities should contact WOAHA regarding self-declaration of freedom from dog-mediated rabies.



# Sharing challenges and requesting support

- Does your country require support on:
  - Development or implementation of a national strategic plan?
  - Diagnostic or surveillance capacity?
  - Scaling up rabies control efforts?
- Are there key challenges or lessons identified that your country has overcome that could be used to support other countries?

# Next steps today

- **Country presentations:** What are the critical next steps for finalizing and progressing these?
- **Pin Board:** What are the existing and potential opportunities for mobilizing sustainable financing for rabies national strategic plans
- **Case study and discussions:** Development, implementation and endorsement of national strategic plans
- **World café interactive poster session**
- **Plenary session:** How can this sub-regional network help support the countries in developing, financing and implementing these plans?



# Thank you!

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