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INTRODUCTION



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Who we are

Our mission:

Improve animal health globally, thereby ensuring a better future for all.

We support policy makers and governments to create a world in which humans and animals can bring mutual benefits to each other, to transform lives, support economies and ensure a safer and healthier future for all.

We focus on:



TRANSPARENCY

Management of animal health information



STANDARDS

Development of international standards and the monitoring of their implementation



CAPACITIES

Capacity building for animal health professionals

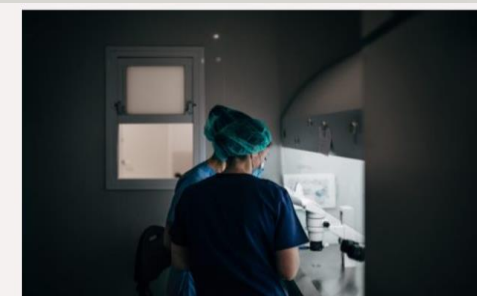
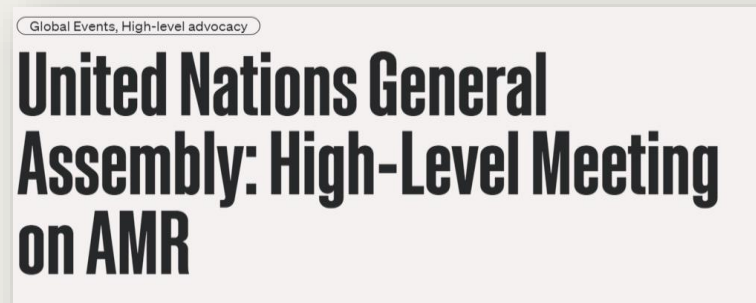
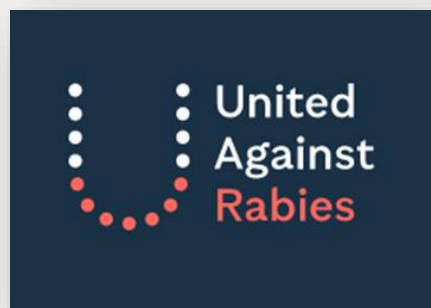
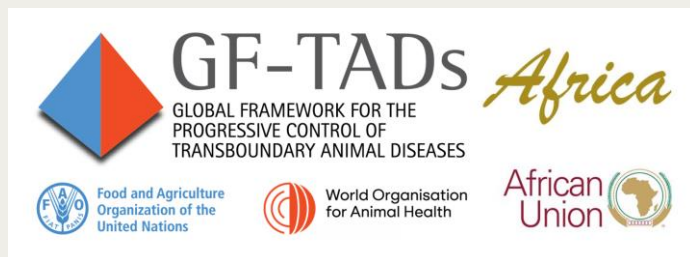
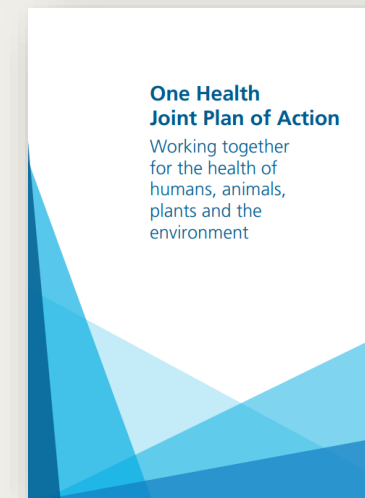
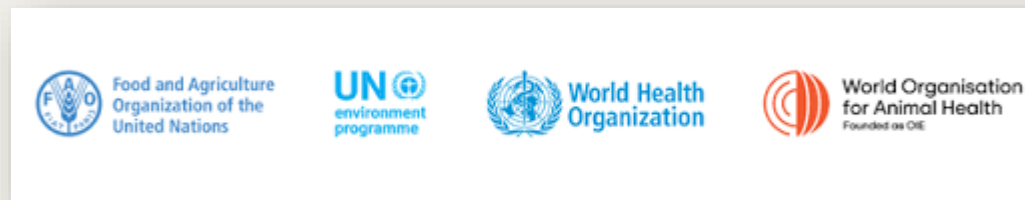


GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Development of global strategies and in country support to roll-out

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Collaboration partnership



Global Initiatives activities

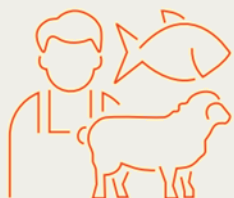


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GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Development and support in the implementation of global strategies



Disease Eradication

For reasons linked to animal and human health, controlling animal diseases is one of WOA's key objectives. Additional objectives are to preserve the subsistence of certain populations, to reduce poverty, and to support the economy and protect international trade.



One Health

The "One Health" approach summarises a concept that has been known for more than a century; that human, animal and plant health are interdependent and bound to the health of the ecosystems in which they exist. We envisage and implement it as a collaborative, whole of society, whole of government approach to understanding, anticipating and addressing risks to global health.



Aquatic animals

Aquatic animals play a key role in achieving a more prosperous and secure world, contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Animal Welfare

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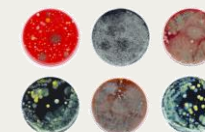


Biological threat reduction



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Antimicrobial resistance

Imagine a world where infections and diseases in humans, animals and plants are impossible to treat. This worst-case scenario could become a reality as bacteria, viruses and parasites develop resistance to the drugs we use to fight them. Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, has become one of the most pressing health issues of our time. Solutions exist and everyone has a role to play in the fight against this global threat.



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| ▪ <i>Donor:</i> | German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) |
| ▪ <i>Donor priorities:</i> | Hunger and malnutrition; Food security |
| ▪ <i>Regional focus:</i> | Eastern Africa – Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda & Zambia |
| ▪ <i>Timeframe:</i> | 5 years: 2020 – 2024* |

• The project has three components

- Component one: Control and Eradication of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR)- through workforce development (EUR 2.5m)

• Key outputs.

- PVS Curricula Analysis Missions in Kenya and Rwanda
- PVS mission in Zambia
- National Veterinary Para-professionals stakeholder engagements in the four countries.
- Delivery of PPR ELISA kits and vaccines in support of PPR eradication

• Pending and Ongoing activities

- PVS missions in Rwanda, Ethiopia (3/2025), Kenya (2025) & Zambia
- Delivery of Cold chain and vaccination equipment

• Challenges

- Aligning countries needs with project timelines particularly the PVS missions

• Project Closing date was Dec 2024. This was extended to June 2025.



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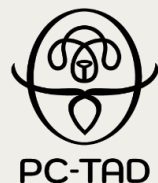
- Component two - Eradication of dog-mediated Rabies using a One Health Approach
- Component three - Foresee and Adapt – Preparing Veterinary Services for challenges of Climate Change

List of activities under component 2:

- Governance of the United Against Rabies (UAR) Forum and secretariat support
- UAR Forum communication
- 2023 WOAHA Rabies Reference Laboratory Network (RABLAB) Meeting
- Second Meeting of Directors of Rabies Control Programmes in East Africa 2023
- Support to rabies elimination in Eritrea
- Laboratory Twinning: Ethiopia-South Africa
- Laboratory Twinning: Tunisia-France

List of activities under component 3:

- Foresight process leading up to the 100th anniversary of WOAHA
- Foresight-fuelled workshops with WOAHA networks and partners
- Defining Ecoregions and Prototyping an Earth Observation-based Vector Born Diseases Surveillance System for North Africa (PROVNA)



Phase 1

START: 26/04/2022 (proposal 17/02/2022)

END: 31/10/2023 – 18 months

No cost extension: 30/06/2024

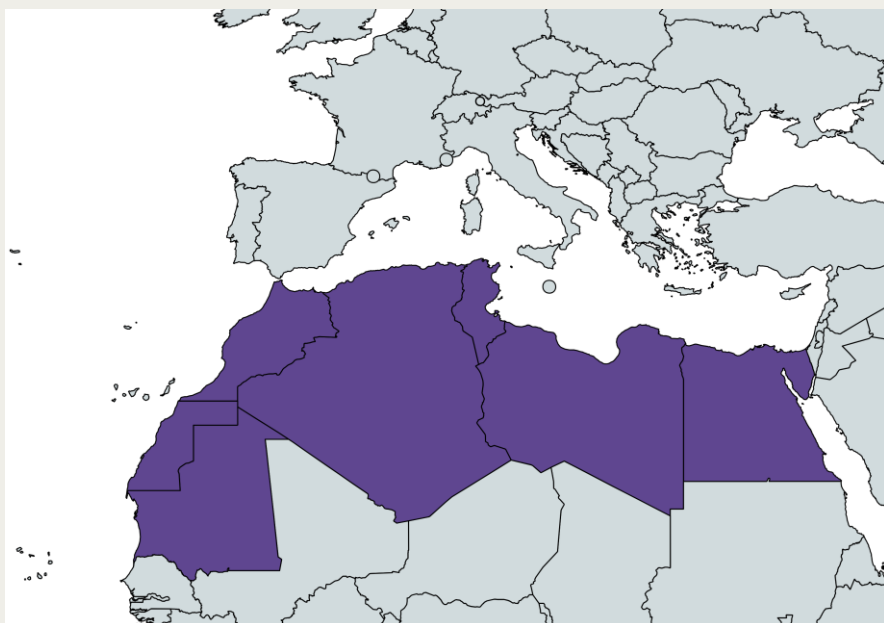
Total budget: ≈ 160.000 €

General objective:

Supporting the local competent authorities in North Africa for the identification of specific areas on which to carry out entomological/serological surveillance for vector-borne diseases.

2 Specific objectives:

- To define the “**ecoregions**” of the North African territory, characterized by distinct environmental and climatic factors
- To build a **customised prototype application** to identify areas at risk for **RVF** in North Africa region.



Phase 2

START: September 2024

END: January 2026

Total budget: ≈ 400.000 USD

Specific objectives:

- To **strengthen the capacity** of National Veterinary Authorities in North Africa for monitoring mosquito-borne diseases.
- To **develop standardised protocols** for the **diagnosis** and **surveillance** at national level of mosquito-borne diseases in North African countries.
- To **promote the use of a risk-based approach** in the surveillance of mosquito-borne diseases in North Africa.
- To **provide** the National Veterinary Authorities of North African countries with **decision-support tools** capable of integrating **satellite data** characterising the various eco-regions with data collected through **in-field surveillance** activities.



- **Donor:** Contributes to the Global and Pan-African Strategies for the eradication of PPR.
- **Partners:** AU-IBAR and AU-PANVAC, FAO
- **Budget:** EUR 8 million
- **Status:** Project partners` signatures completed in Nov 2024*.

Sahel Regional Project Supporting Pastoralism (PRAPS)

Improve the resilience of pastoralists and agropastoralists in certain targeted areas of the Sahel region (2022-2027)



6 Members concerned: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad



Project: WOAH Support to the implementation of SPS Annex 7 of the African Continental Free-Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) Protocol on Trade in Goods - “The SPS Project”

- Funded by the EU Delegation to the African Union
- 30 months duration [Jan. 2024 – Jun. 2026]

OBJECTIVE: The governance of the SPS systems in Africa is improved and aligned with international standards.

IMPACT; Safe trade in agricultural commodities for inclusive economic growth and consumer protection.

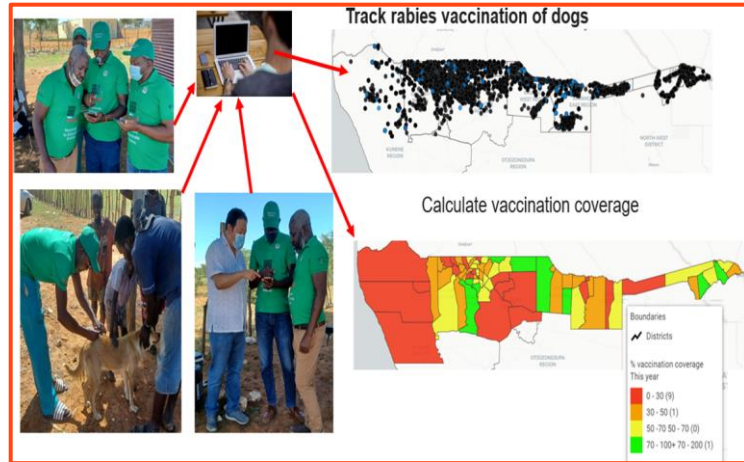


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PVS Missions, VLSP, Technical advice to Members, support Delegates in contributions and participation in Standard setting, WAHIS, support AU and COMESA Secretariats on SPS capacity gaps, Communication & awareness.



Rabies Elimination Project in Namibia & Cameroon (2016 – 2026)



Various Rabies interventions in EA

- Uganda (Feb 2024)** → Supported development of integrated Rabies surveillance plan, to contribute to implementation of the Rabies National Strategic plan
- Somalia (Ongoing)** → Support for development of a National Strategic plan for Rabies in Somalia (PC-TAD Consultancy). Draft strategy ready in Nov 2024
- Kenya (Sept 2024)** → World Rabies Day joint conference and field activities including Mass Dog Vaccination, Spay & neutering dogs & cats (PC TAD)
- Eritrea (Sept 2024)** → Dog population census methodologies and collection of provisional data on population of unowned dogs (PC TAD Consultancy)
- Eastern Africa – 11 Countries (Ongoing)** → Commenced a situation analysis and needs assessment for on the status of Rabies elimination in Eastern Africa Member countries (PC TAD Consultancy)

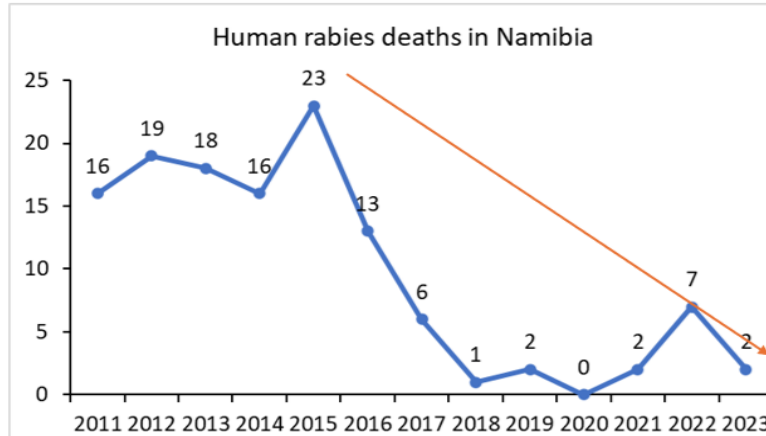
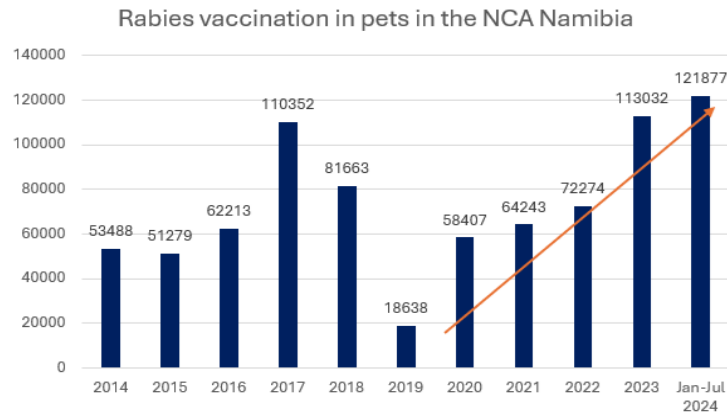
One Health advocacy in Tanzania



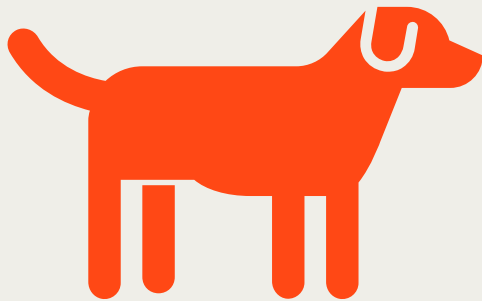
Group photo: RVF training workshop, Kenya. June 2024

Outcome/impact of vaccination campaign

• Rabies vaccination has improved, and human rabies deaths reduced



Donation of Rabies Vaccines



+ collaboration with other entities:



- **Title:** “Tools to implement a harmonized canine rabies control program in the Northern African region”
- **Budget:** 500'000 euros
- **Duration:** 3 years
- SGA agreement with IZS Padova, newly appointed as WOAHA reference lab. for the disease
- **Targeted countries:** Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.
- The project is not focusing on labs only, but it aims to tackle the issue with a **holistic approach**.
- The proposal is structured in **3 working packages** (discussions are still ongoing):
 - **WP1 - National strategic plan** to eliminate rabies (draft/review/update) - support for countries in drawing up dossiers for getting their plan officially endorsed by WOAHA
 - Task 1.1 Self-evaluation
 - Task 1.2 Stakeholders meetings and ad-hoc field missions
 - Task 1.3 National Strategic Plan (aim: official endorsement by WOAHA)
 - **WP2 - Enhanced Surveillance and Investigation**
 - Task 2.1 Enhanced surveillance (including case definition, lab SOPs, field surveillance etc.) - Laboratory diagnostics capacity building (depending on the needs and requirements of each country)
 - Task 2.2 Enhanced epidemiological investigation - Epidemiology/GIS on-field surveillance plan and use of free GIS tools (e.g. GARC tools)
 - Task 2.3 Strain Characterization, Phylogeny, and Phylogeography
 - **WP3 - Management, communication and dissemination**
 - Task 3.1 Establishment of a project coordination group and meetings organization
 - Task 3.2 Dissemination
 - Task 3.3 Monitoring and reporting

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Antimicrobial Resistance Project (Multiparty Trust Fund – MPTF)



World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) Campaign for Africa - Global theme: "Educate. Advocate. Act now"

Cameroon hosts World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week in Africa

The AMR youth football tournament held this week (18-22 November 2024) in Yaoundé, Cameroon, has brought attention to the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Africa. The event was part of the World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW), with Cameroon serving as the official host for Africa's regional celebrations. The regional WAAW activities are held annually by the Quadripartite partners in collaboration with the African Union agencies Africa CDC and AU IBAR, and supported by the designate host country.



The Fleming Fund



Antimicrobial Resistance Multi Partner Trust Fund

Combatting the rising global threat of AMR through a One Health Approach

Support to Members through AMR-MPTF funding, Fleming Funds;

The Substandard and Falsified Veterinary Product Project and Joint awareness QPT activities.



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Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Apiculture

13 - 15 August 2024 Mbabane, eSwatini





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EBO-SURSY: Ebola, RVF, Marburg, Crimea Congo, Lassa Fever) and SARS-COV-2. Closed July 2024 after 7 years. After seven years of improving the surveillance capacities of countries West and Central Africa for zoonotic diseases



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Focal Points training Aug 2024 & March 2025. => Long distance travel.

News

WOAH launches ZOOSURSY, a new disease surveillance project funded by the European Union



Improving knowledge and management capacities to strengthen surveillance systems of priority emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases at the animal-human-environment interface

ZOOSURSY: Funded by EU, under a partnership between the Team Europe Initiative and the African Union. Focused on **developing sustainable health security in Africa using a One Health approach**, to tackle key global health challenges, notably **pandemic prevention, preparedness and response**.

Expanding to **East and Southern Africa**, while also increasing its thematic work to include legislative advocacy.

FIRABioT Project

FIRABioT

Fortifying institutional resilience against biological threats



Funded by Global Affairs Canada

WOAH's guidelines to counteract misinformation and disinformation threat to animal health emergencies



Implemented in nine countries which responded positively to a call for Expression of Interest including Algeria, Congo (Republic), Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe

strategic activities implemented to address gaps in some or all of the four pillars include:

1. Emergency Management
2. Disease Intelligence
3. Sustainable Laboratories
4. Veterinary Legislation

Capacity Building activities



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Capacity-building



Training of Delegates
on WOA H International
Standards

Training of Recently
Appointed Delegates

Animal Welfare
Focal Points

Communication
Focal Points

Aquatic Animals
Focal Points

Animal Diseases Notification
Focal Points

Formation des Points Focaux Produits Vétérinaires - pour l'Afrique francophone.

21 - 23 janvier 2025, Tunis, Tunisie.



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Regional training Seminar for WOAHA French Speaking National Focal

Points for Animal Welfare.

LOME – TOGO 25 – 27 February 2025



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Regional WAHIS training for English Speaking Countries

Johannesburg – South Africa : Week 8-12 September 2025



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Regional WAHIS training for French Speaking Countries

Abidjan – Côte d'Ivoire : Week 22 – 26 September 2025



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Other Specific activities

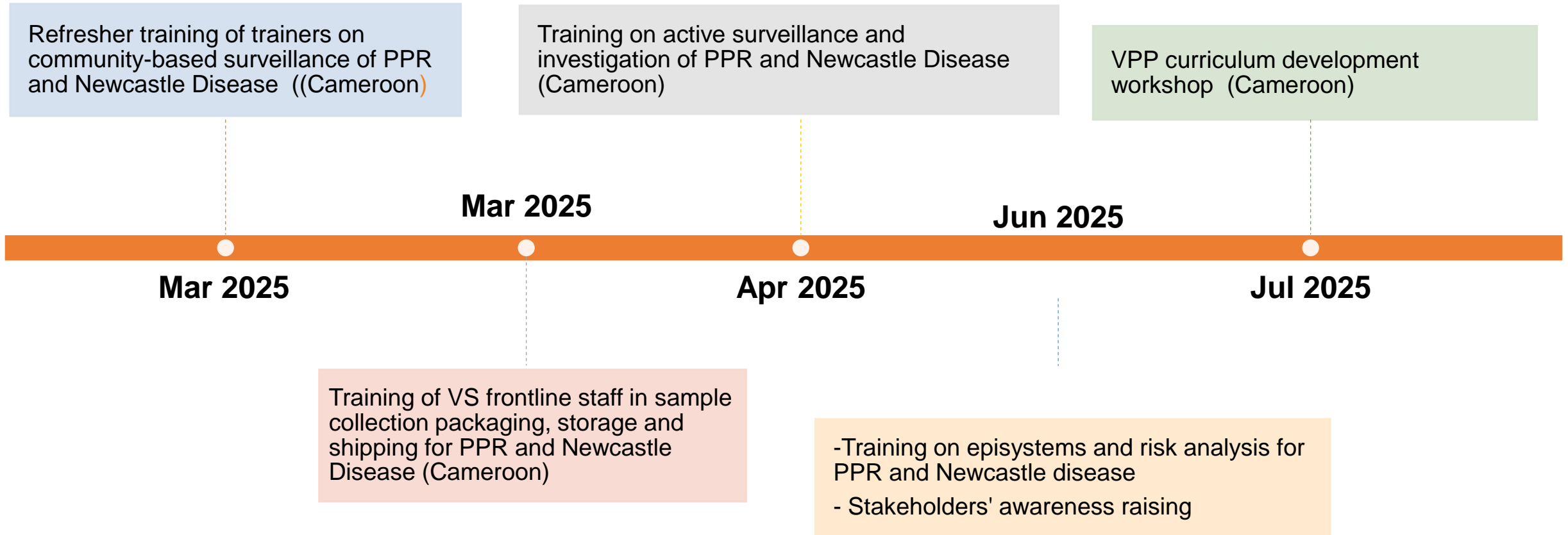


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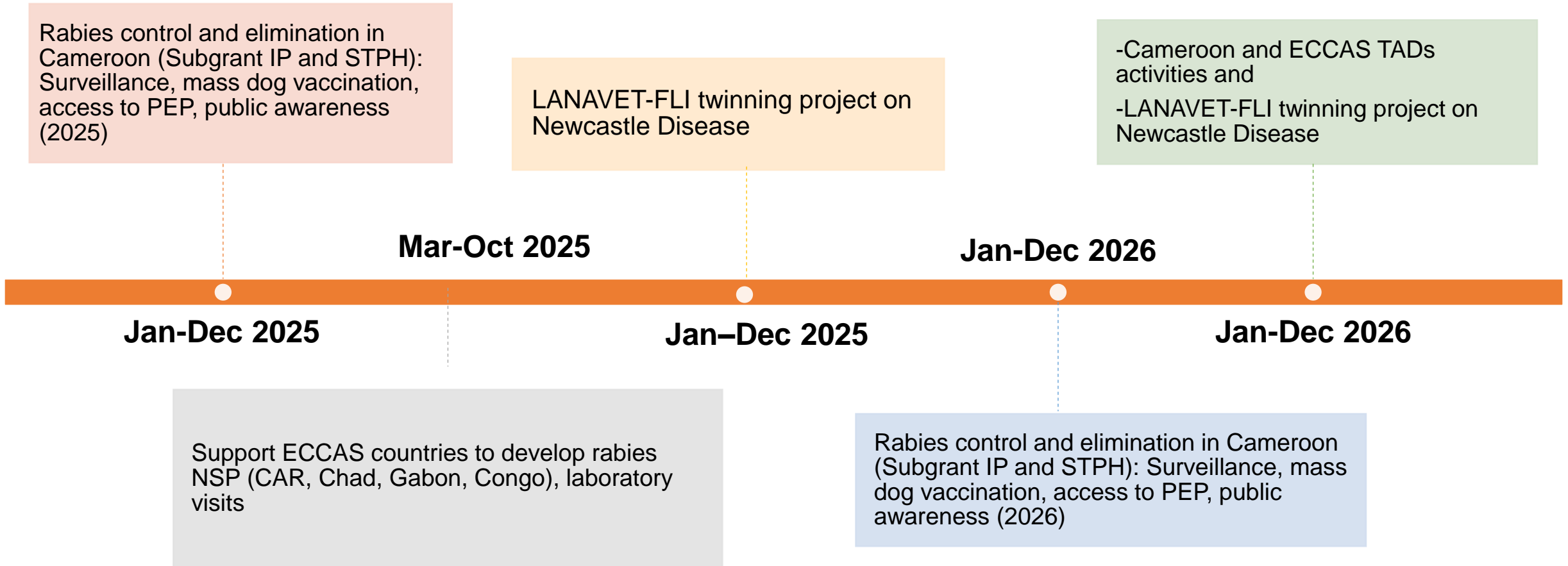
One Health approach to Rabies and Transboundary Animal Diseases (OHRT)

- ✓ **Objective:** Strengthening VS capacity to control Rabies and TADs including zoonoses.
- ✓ **Scope:** Cameroon and Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- ✓ **Duration:** 5 years : 2022-2026
- ✓ **Funded:** German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- ✓ **Budget:** 10,000,000 euros.

Timeline (OHRT project Cameroon and ECCAS)



Timeline (OHRT project Cameroon and ECCAS)



- **Global objective**

Improve access to quality Veterinary Services for farmers.

- **Project core activities**

- Component 1 (C1): Establishing an institutional framework to enable the harmonious and coherent development of various animal health professions through a robust legal framework and an effective control system.
- Component 2 (C2): Strengthening the skills of private veterinary professionals (PPVs) through both initial and ongoing training programs.
- Component 3 (C3): Developing a socio-economic environment that facilitates the professional integration and sustainable inclusion of PPVs into the network of animal health professionals.

- **Partners**





PRAPS - 2

“Targeted technical assistance” sub-component of the “improvement of health and control of veterinary drugs” component of the Regional Pastoral Support Project in the Sahel phase 2 (PRAPS-2):

- Project Objective : Improve the resilience of pastoralists and agropastoralists in certain targeted areas of the Sahel region
- 6 countries concerned: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad;
- 1 regional coordination : Interstate committee to combat drought in the Sahel (CILSS);
- 5 Components (Animal Health, landscape management, improvement of the value chain, social inclusion of women and young people, National coordination.
- 2 Sub-components in Animal Health: WOAHC and RAHC
- Duration: Six years (2022-2027);
- World Bank financing: 467 million USD;
- Financing of the “Targeted technical assistance” sub-component : 3 578 400 USD

Activities of the Targeted Technical Assistance Sub-component of PRAPS-2

Sample 1: Technical support for prophylaxis campaigns against priority diseases of PRAPS-2 :

- 1.1. Sharing workshop on the implementation of NSP
- 1.2. Specific support mission
- 1.3. CIRAD scientific support

Sample 2: Support for strengthening the countries' epidemiological surveillance system

- 2.1. Workshop for sharing the progress of the KoBoToolbox databases
- 2.2. Training session on the management of epidemiological surveillance networks
- 2.3. Training session for administrators of the integrated veterinary data management platform

Sample 3: Support for strengthening veterinary drug control systems

- 3.1. Country support missions for monitoring/updating of CMMV PNS

4.1. Sept-Octob 2025
4.2. During year 2025

5.1. Mai-June and nov-December 2025
5.2. and 5.3 : during the Year 2025

Activity 1 : May 2025
Activity 2 and 3 : During 2025

Sample 4: Support for the development, implementation and monitoring of national training plan

- 4.1. : Support missions to countries
- 4.2 : Mid-term review of the SV PNFs

2.1. March 2025
2.2. August 2025
2.3. October 2025

March-June 2025

Sample 5 :
Management/administration/supervision

- 5.1. Participation in the World Bank supervision mission
- 5.2. Contribution to international meetings
- 5.3. Support mission at the request of the counties

Health Security Programme (HeSP) in Western and Central Africa :

- ✓ **Goal:** Ensure Health Security and Resilience in Western and Central Africa by Strengthening the regional collaboration and the health systems capacities to prevent, detect and respond to sanitary emergencies in West and Central Africa.
- ✓ **Scope:** Cabo Verde, Liberia, Guinea and to be extended to other West and Central Africa
- ✓ **Duration:** 5 years (2024 - 2028).
- ✓ **Funded:** World Bank
- ✓ **Budget:** 10 million USD



The Mediterranean Basin

... is a unique ecosystem

... is a strategic political and economic corridor

3 regions: Africa, Europe and the Middle East

... no longer represents an effective barrier against the introduction of diseases

- **Priority Diseases/Topics**

- Vector-Borne Diseases
- Rabies
- AMR
- FMD, PPR, CBPP
- Animal Movement

- **Quadripartite – One Health**

- Quadripartite coordination for the MENA Region

- **Networking**

- Mediterranean Animal Health Network (REMESA)

- **FP trainings**

- Veterinary Products
- Aquatic Animals
- Communication

- **Vector-Borne Diseases**

- “Establishment of a risk-based surveillance system for Mosquito-Borne Diseases in North Africa” - PROVNA 2 project

- **Rabies**

- “Tools to implement a harmonized canine rabies control program in the Northern African region” project

- **AMR**

- AMR-MPTF Tunisia
- WAAW 2025 and 2026
- Second AMR in aquaculture workshop for French-speaking Africa

- **FMD, PPR & CBPP**

- Virtual meeting for PPR North Africa Strategy follow up
- Regional coordination meeting on FMD for North Africa
- Training on CBPP abattoir surveillance and the use of tele-diagnosis in the NA sub-region

- **FP trainings**

- Regional focal points training : Vet. products (cycle 8) – FR (French speaking Africa).
- Regional focal points training : Communication (cycle 3) – FR (French speaking Africa).
- Regional focal points training : Aquatic Animals (cycle 5) – FR (French speaking Africa).

- **Quadripartite coordination for the MENA Region**

- 1 National training Workshop on the OH JPA implementation
- Second Quadripartite OH Regional Conference
- Monthly (online) and Annual (in person) OH Quadripartite Coordination Group meeting

- **Mediterranean Animal Health Network (REMESA)**

- 30th and 31st (2025), 32nd and 33rd (2026) JPC REMESA meeting
- Scientific and Technical Office (STOR of REMESA activities)



Created with a Resolution of the 18th JPC/REMESA June 2019



STOR works under the coordination of the WOA/FAO REMESA secretariat

STOR submit to the secretariat for approval :

- provisional budget & workplan /reports (activities and management)
- technical initiatives (concept note...), management initiatives (HR)

To conduct different **technical initiatives** aiming at developing and reinforcing the role of REMESA;

To facilitate the **cooperation** between research centers, laboratories and universities of the REMESA member countries;

To reinforce and coordinate the **scientific programmes and measures** aiming at preventing and fighting with efficacy priority animal transboundary diseases (TADs) and zoonoses (One Health) **by transferring knowledge and capacities.**

To ensure the **management of the STOR website** for all activities related to REMESA

Activities

- Webinars (2-6/year)
- Online intensive Workshops (1-2/year)
- Training Workshops (2-3/year)
- Scholarship/grants (4/year)
- International Conference (1/year)

*To date, **STOR's activities are funded by WOA/FAO**, with the Region of Sicily providing the operating budget. In this regard, on 21 May 2024 an **SGA agreement** between WOA/FAO and STOR was signed.*

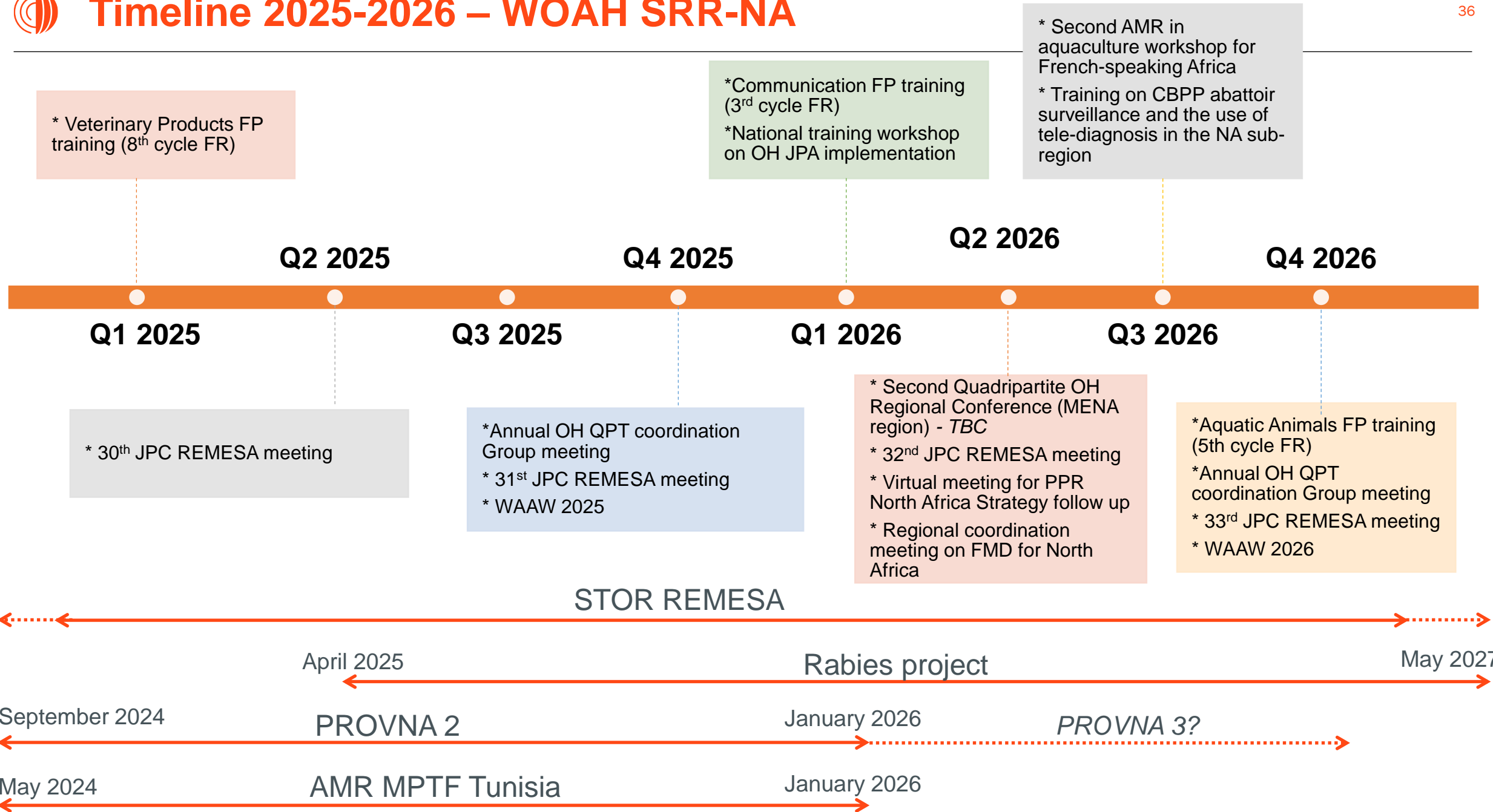
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2 Research projects:

- Vector-borne diseases
proposal finalised - ongoing discussions for funding and amendment
- Animal movement
proposal still to be finalised



Timeline 2025-2026 – WOAAH SRR-NA

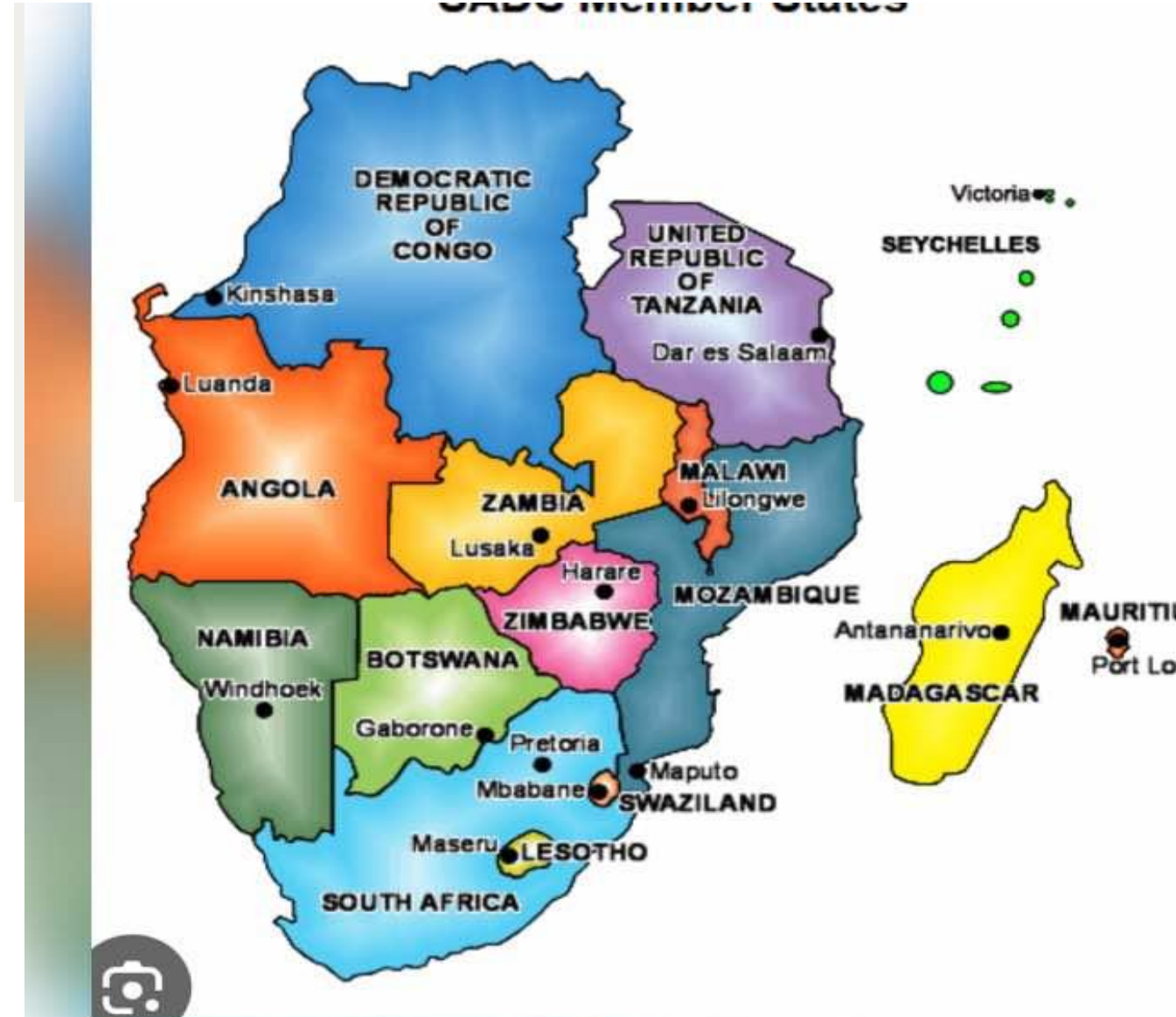




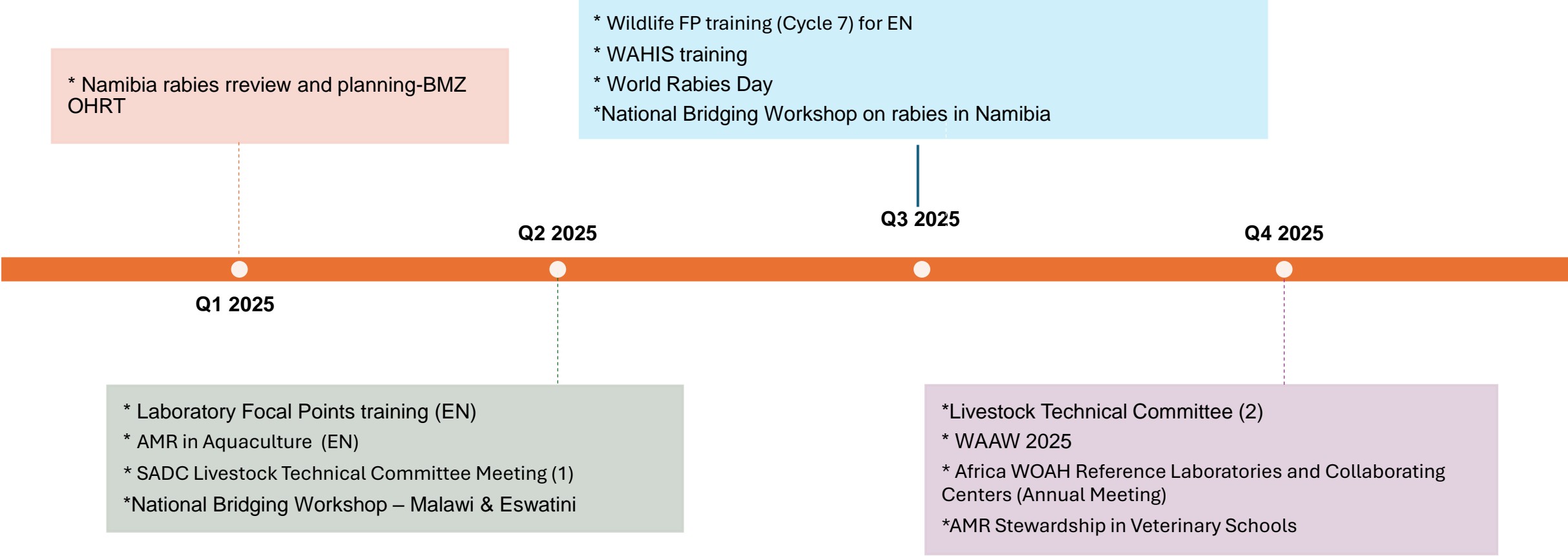
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Priority Topics

- Safe Trade of Animal and Products
- Transboundary Animal Diseases (FMD, CBPP, HPAI, ASF, Rabies)
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- One Health
- Flagship Projects
 - Rabies Elimination (Namibia)
 - Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
 - SPS AfCFTA Project



Workplan – WOAAH SRR-SA



Rabies Project

TADs Project

AMR Project (FF & MPTF)

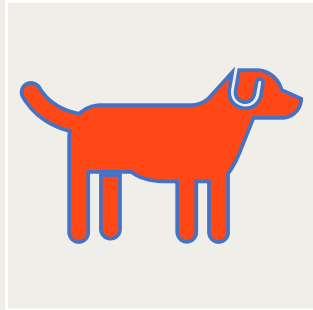
SPS AfCFTA Project



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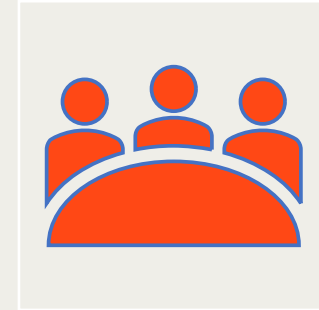
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Provide leadership in global animal health governance. Improve animal health care and welfare worldwide and support global goals



Partnerships are important to leverage on each other's strengths and to consolidate resources for the benefit of Members



Collaborations and Coordination between partners in supporting Members to achieve their goals, including Africa`s needs



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