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**HARNESSING THE ENGAGEMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES WITH
PRIVATE SECTOR FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION AGAINST
DOG-MEDIATED RABIES IN AFRICA**

Public-private engagement and partnership in practice: Success story Namibia.

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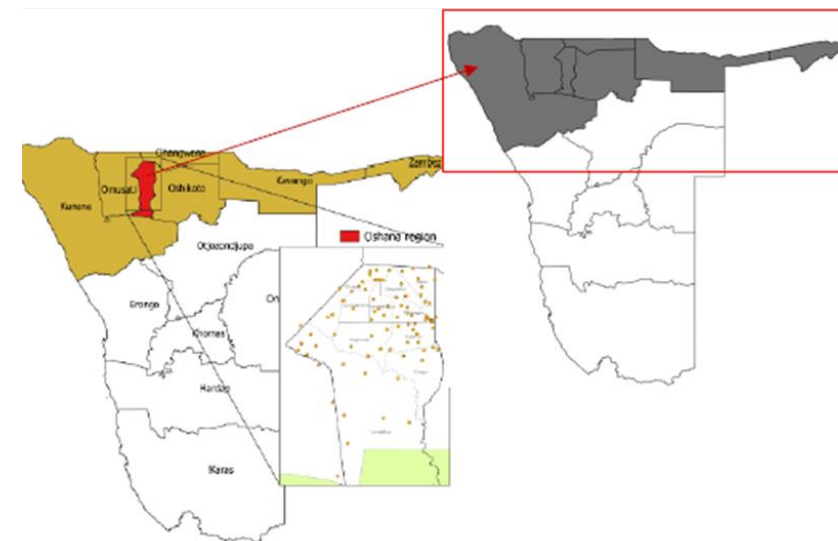
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Theme:

***Act Now: You, Me,
Community***



- Namibia launched National Rabies Control Strategy in 2015
- Pilot phase started in 2016 in Oshana region
- From 2017 onwards, rabies elimination activities was rolled out across 8 regions in the NCA
- Project support:
 - Govt of Germany and administered by WOA
 - Govt of Namibia
 - Technical support provided by WOA, FLI and other partners



Key activities of the project

- Capacity building
- Rabies awareness education
- Dog rabies vaccination
- Rabies surveillance

Public sector /DVS commitment to achieve dog mediated rabies elimination

GRN-Directorate of Veterinary Services provide:

- Annual budget to implementing Rabies vaccination campaigns:
 - procuring of vaccines and provide rabies vaccination for free
 - Recruitment of temporal workers- to form many teams
 - Payment of staff Per diem and Salaries for permanents employee
- The GRN contribute about 80% of cost to implement rabies elimination



Community leaders' engagement in the rabies elimination program



- To encourage community ownership and support for the rabies control program.
- To increase rabies vaccination coverage and rabies surveillance.
- Impact not yet assessed in both region, but





10 000 dogs and cats
have been vaccinated



- Coordinate rabies vaccination campaign between state and private veterinarian
- Supply vaccine and consumable items for the campaign
- Conduct rabies awareness in schools
- Total **11 650 dogs, 3 636 cats** in 2024



Private sector involvement on rabies elimination: Have A heart, SCPA



...resulting in nearly
24,000
dogs & cats being spayed
or neutered!



HAVE A HEART PRESENT

Omatjete & Otjohorongo

FREE RABIES & SPAY DAY



FOR TWO DAYS ONLY

LOCATION: OMATJETE & OTJOHORONGO

FREE CAT & DOG SPAY SERVICES – PLUS RABIES VACCINATIONS!

WE'RE OFFERING FREE SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES FOR CATS AND DOGS BELONGING TO LOW- OR NO-INCOME OWNERS.

- NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PETS – BRING THEM ALL!
- FREE RABIES VACCINATIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AS PART OF OUR CAMPAIGN TO KEEP BOTH PETS AND PEOPLE SAFE.
- DON'T FORGET - YOUR PET'S VACCINATION RECORDS (IF AVAILABLE)

09.09.25
FROM 8AM
TO 13PM

OMATJETE
AGRICULTURE
OFFICE
(DAPEES)

09.09.25
FROM 2PM
TO 5PM

OTJOHORONGO
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

10.09.25
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IN COLLABORATION WITH:

- DIRECTORATE OF VETERINARY SERVICES OMARURU/OMAJETE
- THE ARK RESCUE

LET US HELP YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS AND KEEP THEM HEALTHY. ❤️

- Rabies vaccination
- Dog population management

Private sector involvement on rabies elimination : Annual rabies review and planning



