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

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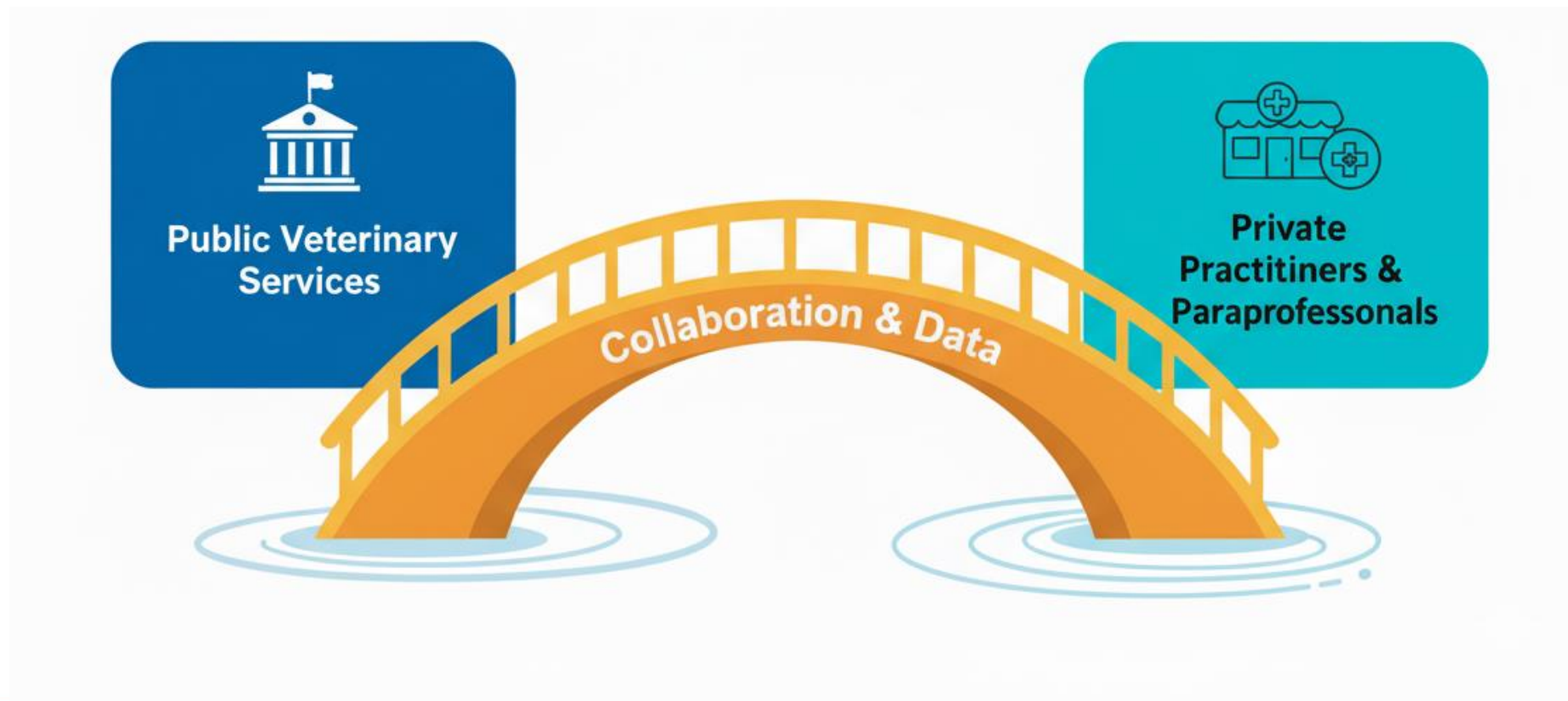
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# Title: Bridging the Public and Private Veterinary Workforce to Strengthen Rabies Elimination in Africa

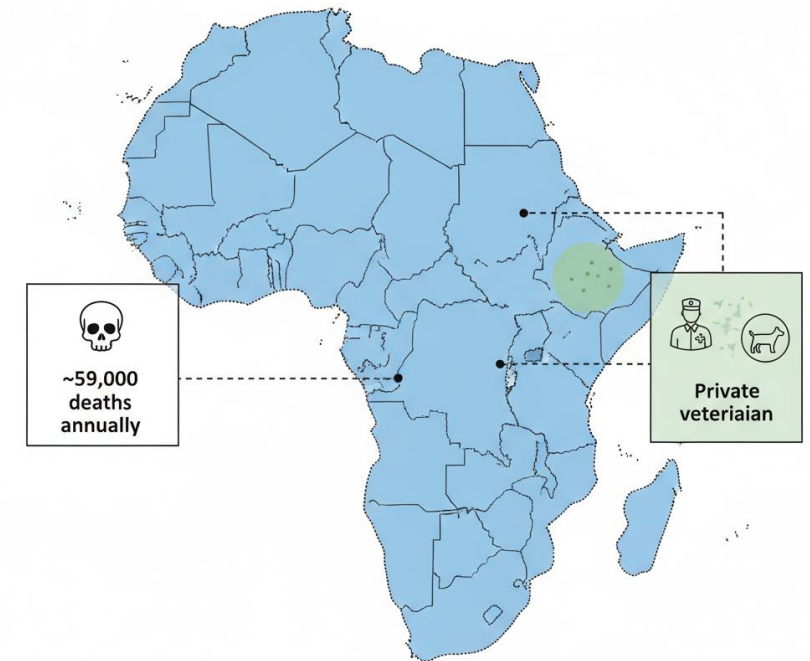






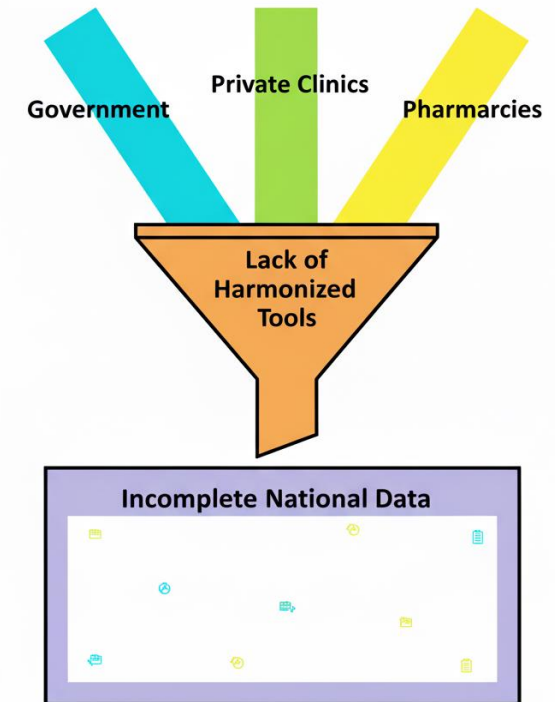
# The Challenge: Rabies Burden & Workforce Gaps in Africa

- **A Deadly Burden:** Rabies kills an estimated 59,000 people every year, with the majority of deaths occurring in Africa.
- **An Ambitious Goal:** The "Zero by 30" goal aims to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030, but this requires a massive collective effort
- **The Workforce Gap:** Public veterinary services alone cannot reach all communities to achieve the necessary vaccination coverage. Meanwhile, private vets and paraprofessionals play a critical but underutilized role in community health.



# The Core Problem: A Fragmented Data System

- Siloed Efforts:** Efforts between government and private practitioners are fragmented.
- Invisible Data:** Vaccinations performed in private clinics are not captured in national totals.  
Pharmacies (Agrovets) and paraprofessionals sell vaccines without a centralised reporting mechanism.
- The Consequence:** The lack of harmonized tools for data aggregation leads to a critical gap in rabies data, hindering effective planning and response



# A Collaborative Solution: The KVA–UoN CEMA Initiative

- **A Strategic Partnership:** The Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) and the University of Nairobi's Centre for Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis (CEMA) have launched a joint initiative.
- **Developing a Digital System:** The project is creating a unified digital platform for private clinics, pharmacies, and paraprofessionals to report their activities.
- **The Goal:** Users input data on medicines sold and vaccinations given to create a real-time, central repository for rabies and veterinary data. This will complement an already existing Government of Kenya data collection system



# Why It Matters: Benefits of a Unified System



## Better Strategy

Enables evidence-based decision-making for national vaccination campaigns and improves resource allocation



## Improved Surveillance

Helps track dog vaccination coverage and strengthens outbreak response



## Increased Visibility

Formally recognizes the private sector's contribution to public health



## A Scalable Model

Provides a template for strengthening One Health public-private-partnerships across Africa

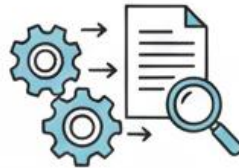




## Call to Action & The Path Forward

# Achieve “Zero by 30”: Our Action Plan

### Bridge the Data Gap



We must implement joint reporting systems to integrate public and private veterinary data

### Invest in Digital Tools



We need to support and deploy accessible digital platforms that make data collection seamless

### Strengthen Collaborations



We should foster and repliace powerful partnerships like the KVA-UoN CEMA initiative

**Together, we can achieve Zero by 30**  
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# *Thank you!*



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