

Welcome to the

**Regional Training Workshop on Strengthening Capacity for Rabies Control
in Southern African Development Community: Collective Action for dog-
mediated rabies elimination by 2030**

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Training Workshop Objectives



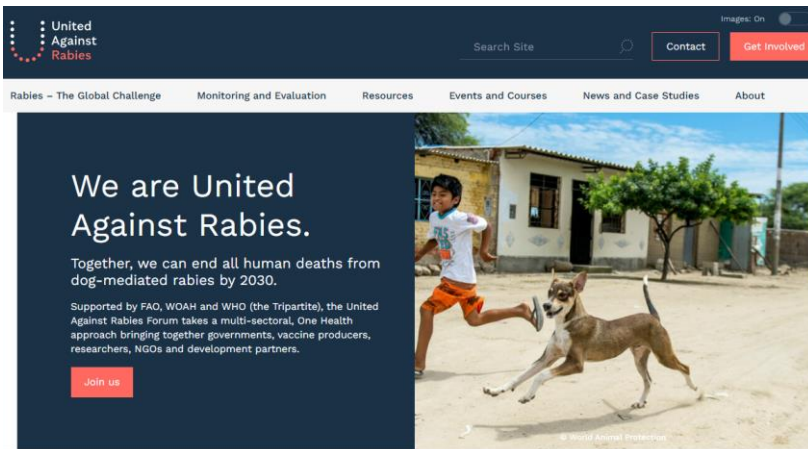
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Background

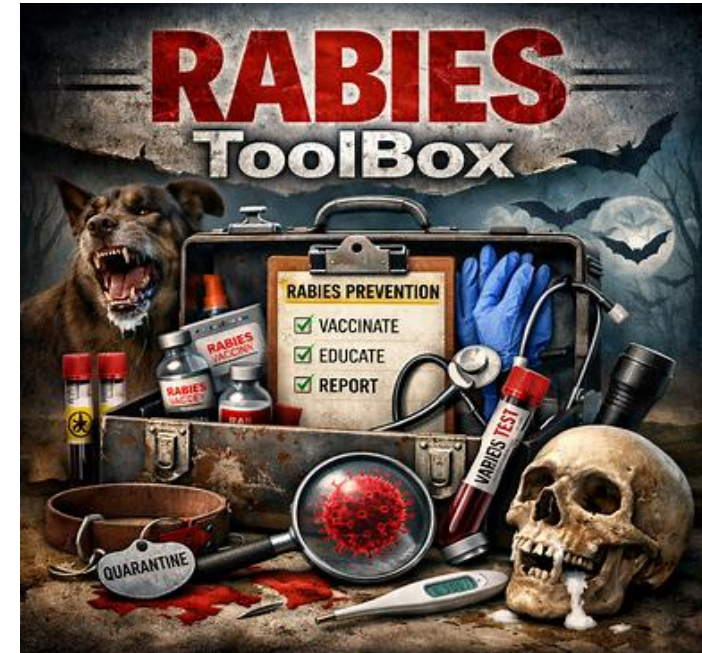
- Dog mediated rabies remains a major public health challenge across the SADC region –except Mauritius and Seychelles.
- MDV and scaling up the campaign



- United Against Rabies (UAR) forum has developed a comprehensive suite of evidence-based tools to support countries in accelerating rabies elimination – lack awareness among the stakeholders

Objectives

- To strengthen country and regional capacity in implementing and scaling up a high quality and comprehensive MDV programme to control dog-mediated rabies
- To build capacity for the use of Tools - mobile phone technology to track, monitor and evaluate MDV campaign
- To improve capacity to estimate dog population and apply effective dog population management strategies.



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- To improve knowledge and awareness on the use of Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) of dogs and their field application as a complement to parenteral vaccination
- To strengthen country capacity on animal rabies surveillance to support control of dog-mediated rabies and improve quality data quality, reporting, and data sharing using digital tools.
- To promote a sustainable network among Members and to encourage collaboration between the experts and countries working on rabies control in the region.



Expected learning outcomes

- Principles and concepts of MDV including the use of MDV tools and guidelines on planning, implementation and monitoring of MDV
- Dog population estimation methods
- Safe handling and catching of dogs considering animal welfare considerations
- Use of ORV to complement parenteral vaccination
- Hands-on training on brain tissue sampling using occipital foreman method and utilization of lateral flow devices (LFDs) for rapid rabies detection in the field
- Importance of rabies surveillance, data collection, data sharing and reporting
- Application of digital tools for rabies surveillance

Training Workshop Agenda

Day 1

- Global, Regional and Country updates
- Dog population estimation methods

Day 2

- MDV delivery approaches
- Application of digital tools and post vaccination monitoring (hands on exercise)
- Community engagement
- LEGO – exercise

Day 3 – Field visit

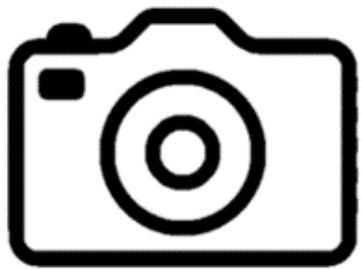
- Morning - tips on dog handling during vaccination
- Visit vaccination sites
- Afternoon – visit Blantyre Vet lab

Day 4

- ORV
- Surveillance – digital tools

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