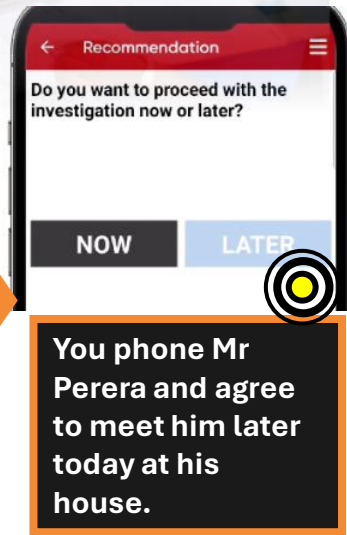
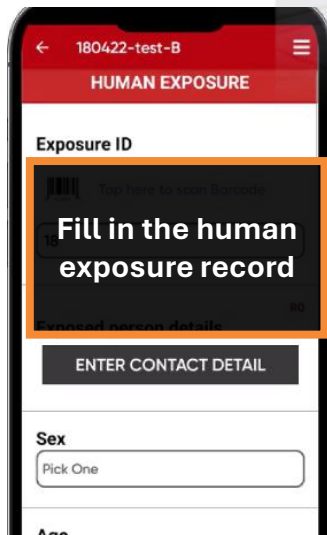
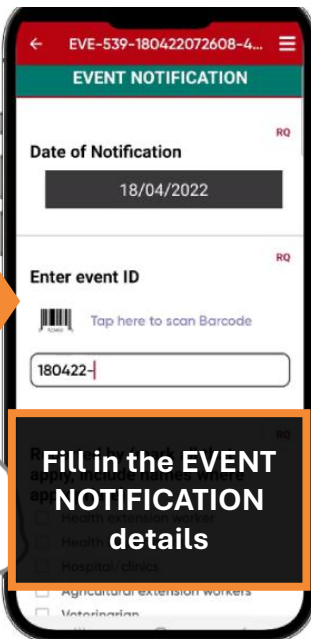


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You are a Rabies Surveillance Officer, responsible for rabies surveillance in Blantyre District. It's Wednesday morning and you are looking forward to a quiet bank holiday, but suddenly the Rabies Helpline phone rings...



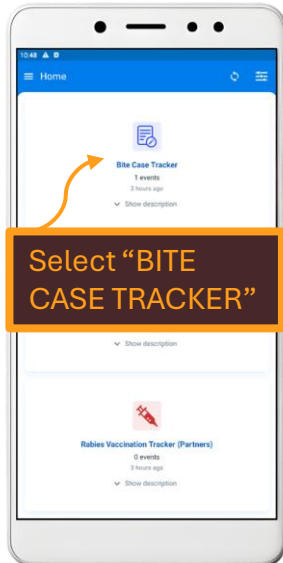
“Hello Rabies Helpline,
This is Nurse Chiko at the Blantyre District Hospital.
I have a patient, **Mr Thawera (995367282)**, who has been bitten by a dog that came into his yard and attacked him for **no reason**. Mr Thawera is **63 years old** and he was **bitten on the forearm**.
The dog was very **aggressive** and ran away afterwards. The dog is **owned** by someone nearby. I have washed his wound and given his first dose of PEP. He lives in Nyambadwe. Please investigate if the dog has rabies.”



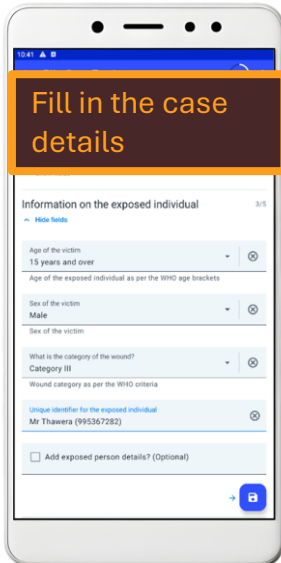
Fill in the **EVENT NOTIFICATION** details

Fill in the **human exposure** record

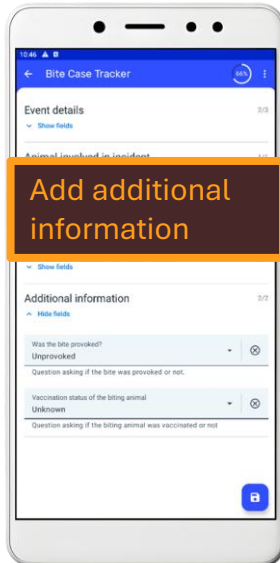
You phone Mr Perera and agree to meet him later today at his house.



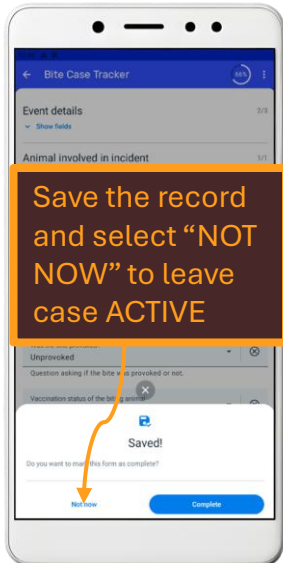
Select **“BITE CASE TRACKER”**



Fill in the **case details**



Add **additional information**



Save the record and select **“NOT NOW”** to leave case **ACTIVE**

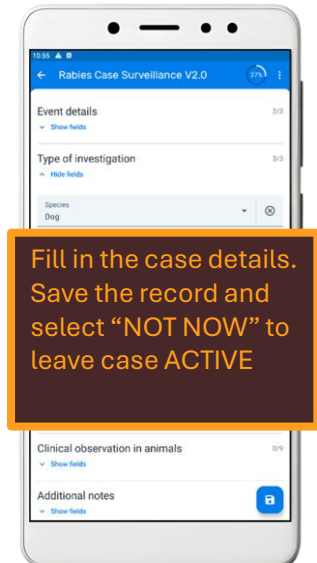
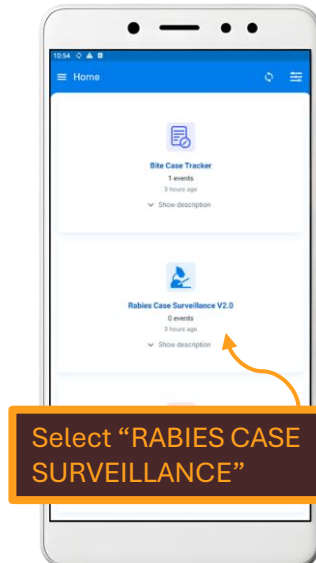
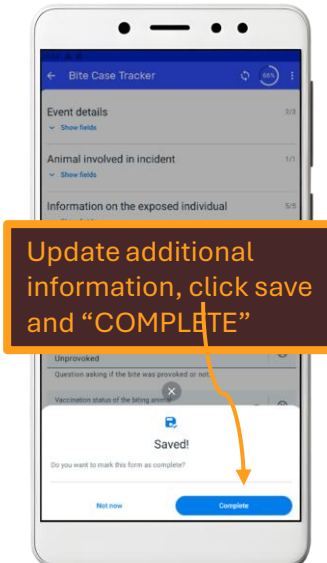
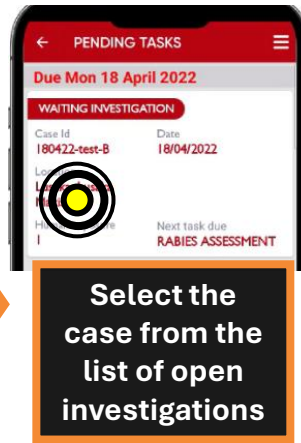
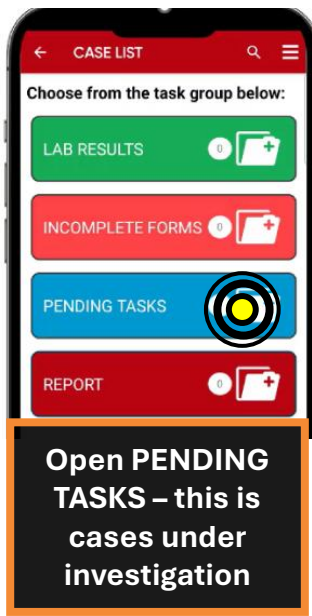
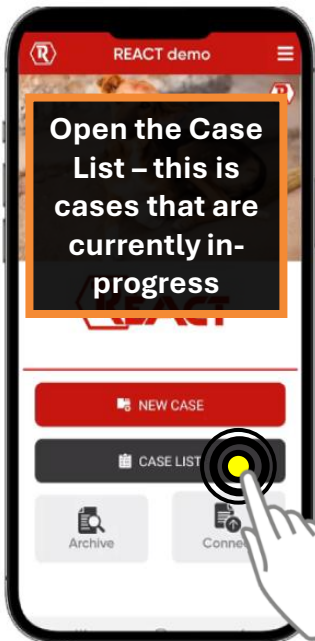
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Mr Thawera is waiting when you reach his house.



“Thank you for coming! When I came back from the hospital, I saw the dog **staggering like drunken** in my garden. It is my neighbour’s dog, **John Chimura (868848203)**. He told me the dog is **not vaccinated** and has been **acting strangely** for two days.

You search the garden and find that the dog has collapsed and **died** in the bush. The dog is an **adult, male, and entire**. You put on PPE and bag the dog to take to the clinic for testing (labelling the carcass as **2026-04-22-KA1**). You remove PPE and go to find the dog’s owner.

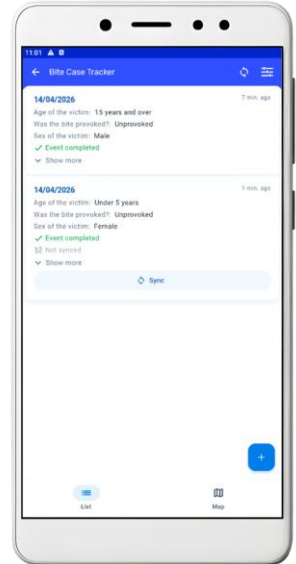
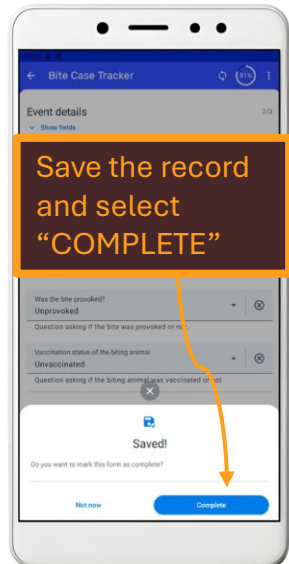
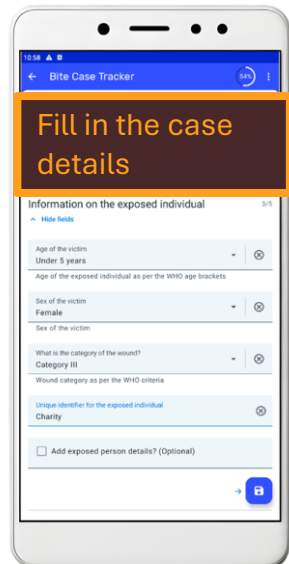
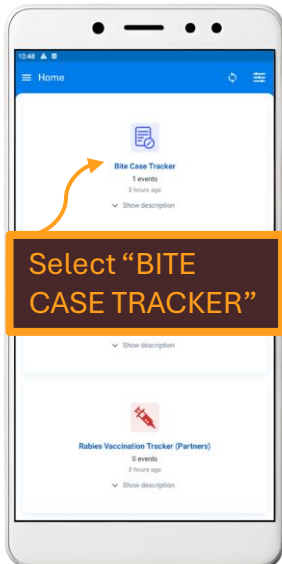
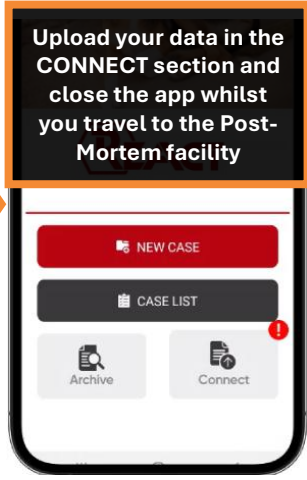
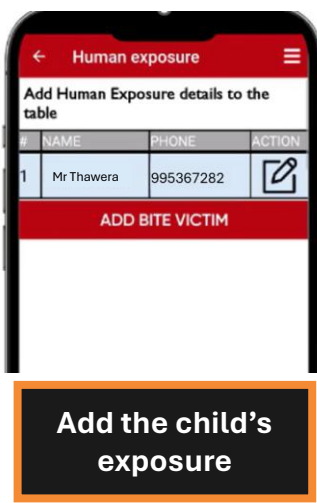
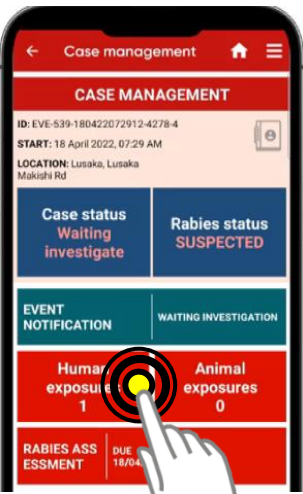


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You go next door and find Mr Chimura sitting with his daughter. You explain that his dog has sadly died and that it has bitten his neighbour.

“Oh no!! He has been behaving strangely for a few days and tried to bite my daughter, yesterday. We yelled at him and he disappeared. It is very strange – he is normally friendly. He did **catch her on the cheek**, but it only **bled a little bit**, so we put a plaster on it and she is ok. Her name is **Charity** and she is 4 years old.

You explain that you suspect the dog has rabies. You instruct them to immediately wash the child’s wound with soap and water, followed by disinfectant and not to apply another dressing. You then tell them that they must take her to the clinic for PEP today as soon as possible.



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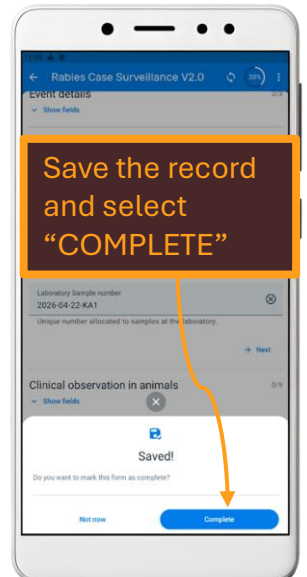
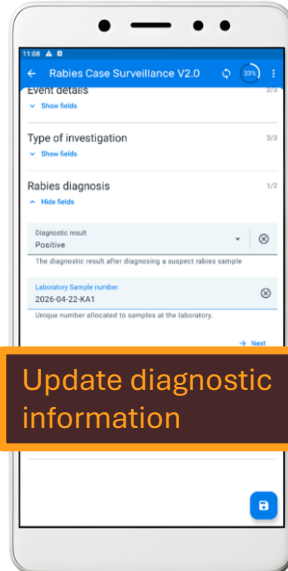
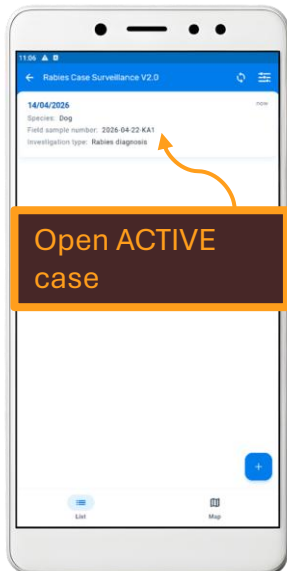
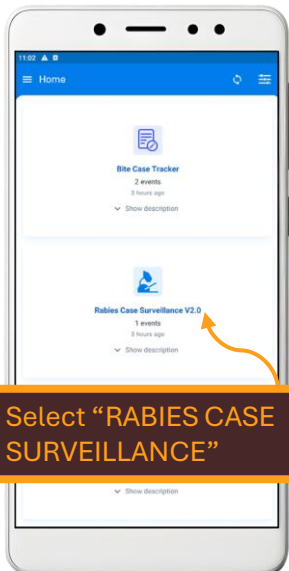
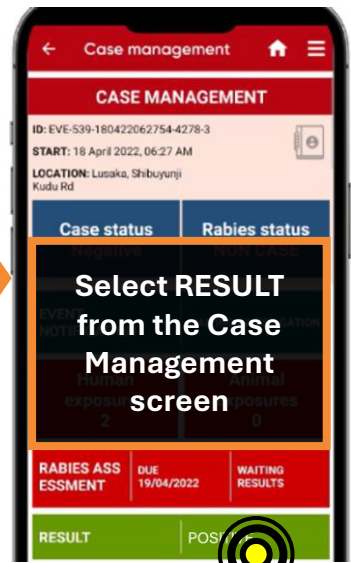
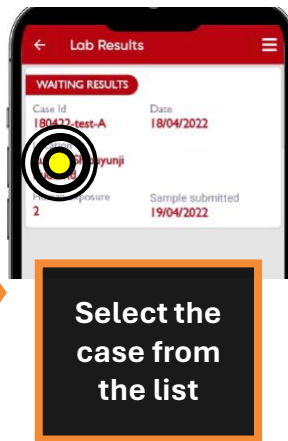
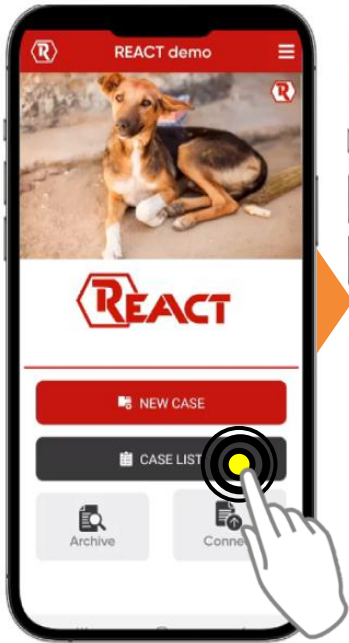
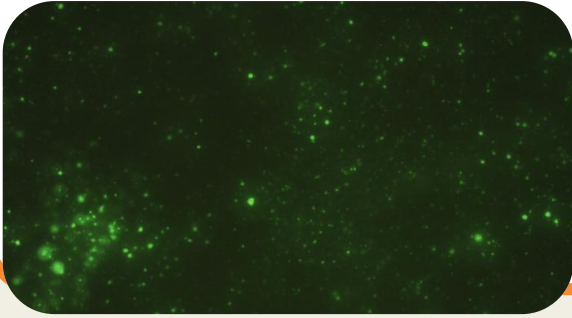
You go back to the Government vet clinic and perform a post-mortem. You re-watch the training video at the QR code to make sure you are wearing the correct PPE – goggles, face mask, double gloves, apron and covered shoes. The **Lateral Flow test** shows two lines indicating a **POSITIVE** result for rabies. You package another sample to **submit to the Blantyre Veterinary Laboratory** for laboratory confirmation.



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Three days later you get a phone call from the Blantyre Veterinary Lab. It's Dr ...

"It's Dr Maruwo. The result of the Direct Fluorescent Antibody test for the case with ID code **2026-04-22-KA1** is **Positive** for rabies. We have no more tests to perform, and a full report will be sent by email to your office.



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You phone all of the people involved with the case and report that the dog has tested positive for rabies and that they must complete full PEP. You also contact the reporting bite clinic so that they can update their patient records and ensure full PEP is completed.

They thank you for keeping their community safe and helping to combat this terrible disease.

You send them the **Signs of Rabies video** on Whatsapp and inform them to immediately report any other dogs in the area showing signs.

