

WOAH Activities on Rabies Control in the SADC Region

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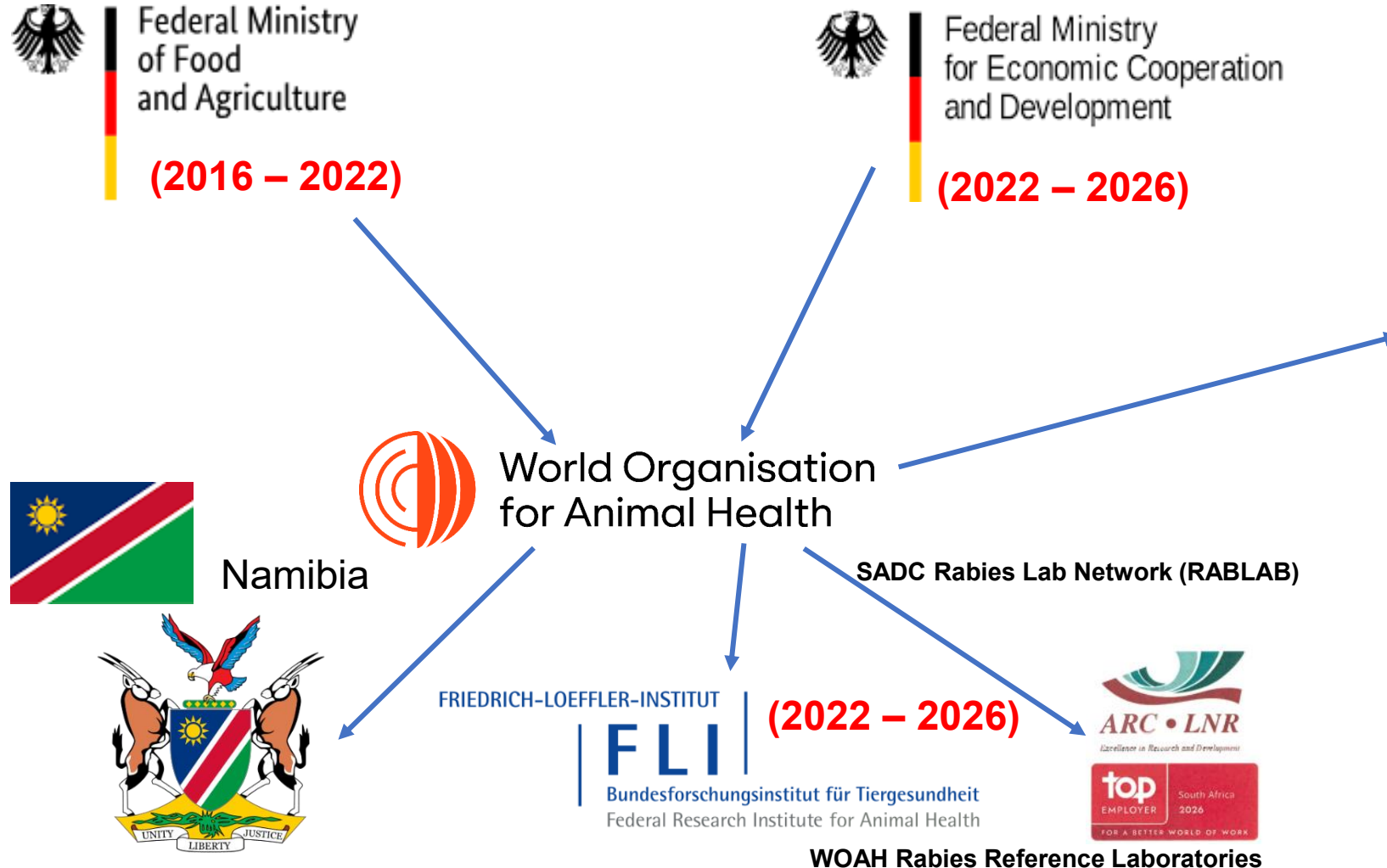
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Background – funding support

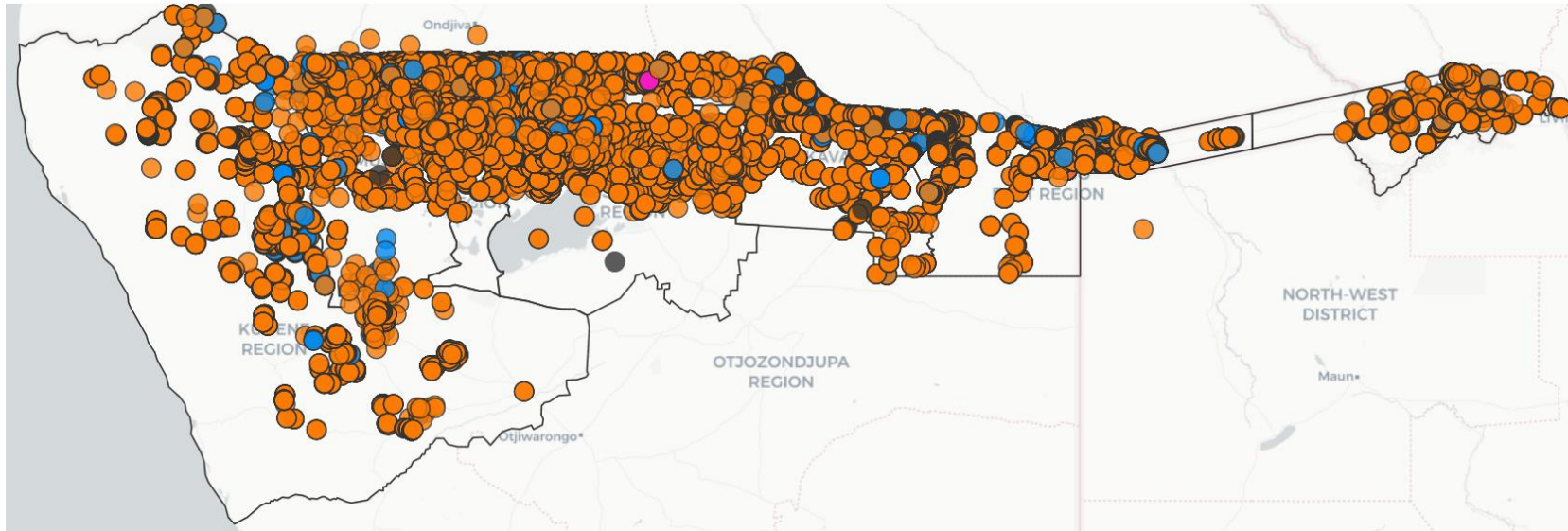
- Rabies control project in Namibia (2016 - 2026)



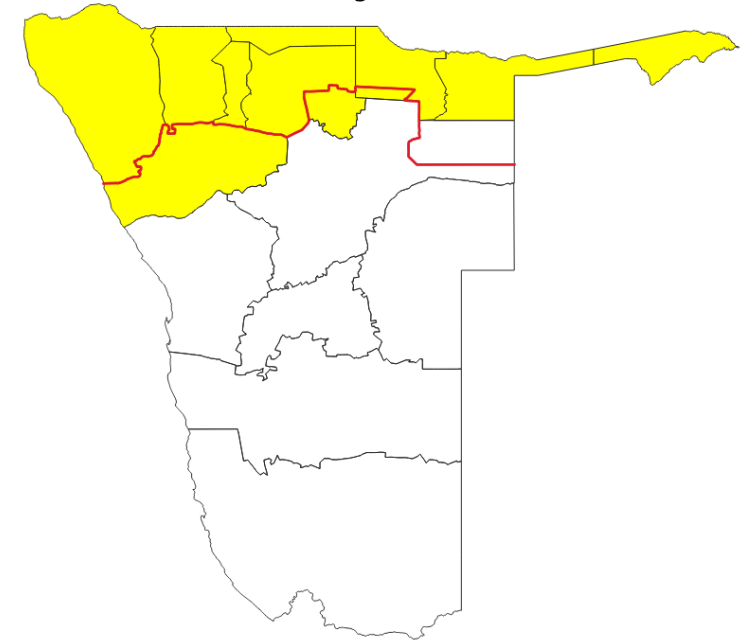
Rabies Control support in the SADC



Rabies elimination program in Namibia



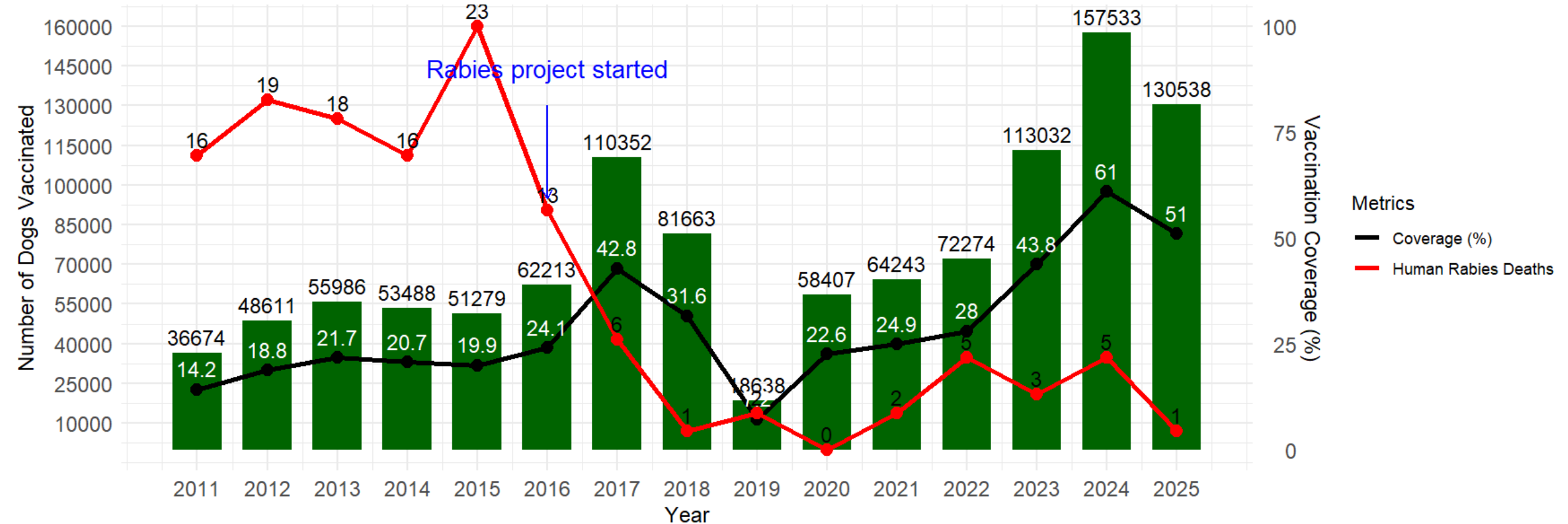
Project area



~ 868,893 dogs vaccinated

Project impact

Rabies vaccination coverage in dogs and human rabies deaths: 2011 - 2025



Increased dog rabies vaccination and coverage results in reduction of human rabies deaths

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• SADC RABLAB network - rabies diagnostic capacity building



WOAH-Regional RABLAB Network in Southern Africa

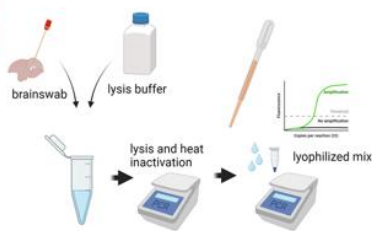
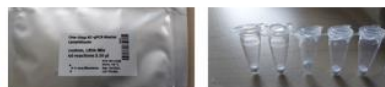
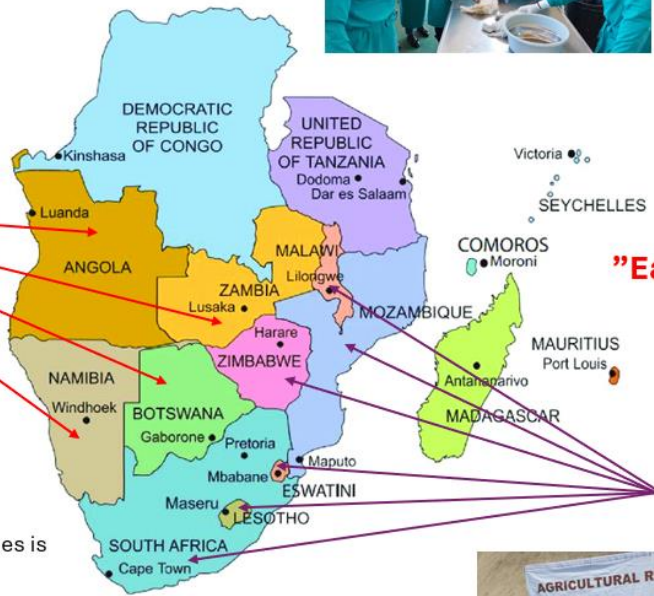


“Western Nucleus” – 4 countries



Outputs (2022-2026)

- Rabies diagnostic capacities and capabilities is improved
- Rabies surveillance is enhanced
- Knowledge of rabies epidemiology is improved
- Cross regional lab collaboration is strengthened



“Eastern Nucleus” = 6 countries

WOAH-RL for Rabies





- Country partnership programme - Malawi



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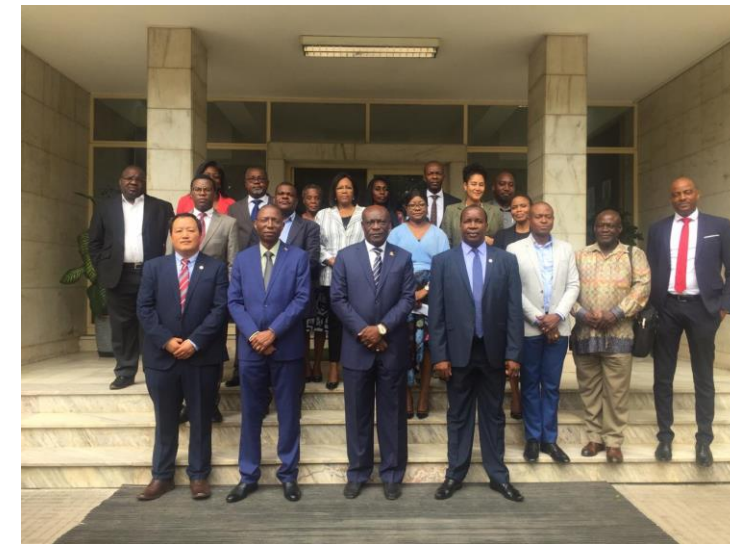
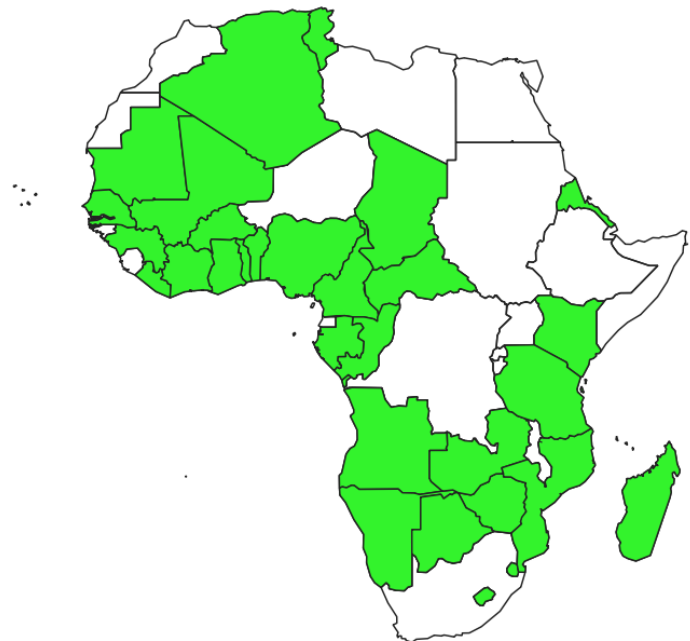




Rabies Elimination Support in the SADC region⁸

- Rabies vaccine donation to the Members in the SADC region **(2.45m doses)**

- Angola
- Botswana
- Eswatini
- Lesotho
- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Tanzania
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe





Rabies Elimination Support in the SADC region⁹

- **Supports National Rabies Control Plan development (NSP)**

- Angola
- Eswatini
- Lesotho
- Mozambique
- Zimbabwe
- Botswana



- **Facilitate Members for WOAHP endorsement of official control programme for dog-mediated rabies control programme**

- Namibia (2020)
- Zambia (2023)
- Tanzania (2025)

- Malawi and Zimbabwe - awaiting WOAHP endorsement of their official control programme at the 93rd GS





Rabies Elimination Support in the SADC region¹⁰

- Supports World Rabies Day events





Outils pour la mise en
œuvre d'un programme
harmonisé de **contrôle**
de la **rage canine** en
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RabTool Project: “Tools to implement a harmonized canine rabies control program in the Northern African region”

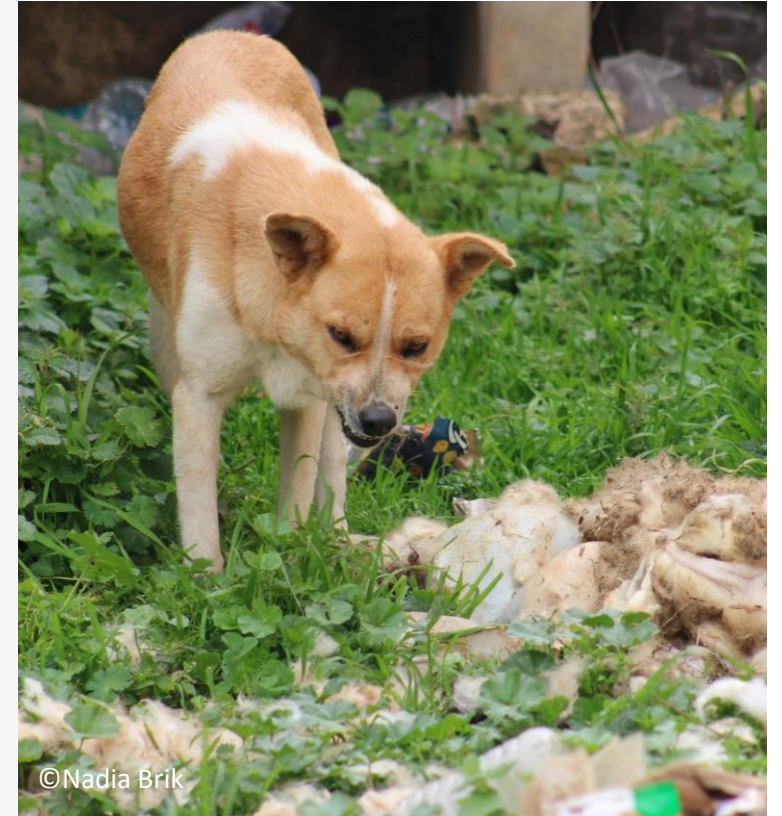
Launch of the RabTool Project “Tools to implement a harmonised canine rabies control programme in the Northern African region” - WOAHA - Africa

Towards a Rabies-Free Algeria: What Is the National Strategy? - WOAHA - Africa

- Budget: €452,754.46
- Project duration: 3 years
- Target countries : Algeria and Tunisia
- Agreement with: the IZS of Padua, Italy recently (WOAH Reference Laboratory)



- **RabTool is structured around three main pillars:**
 - Updating or developing national strategic plans for rabies control.
 - Improving surveillance, reporting, and diagnostic capacities to better monitor rabies trends.
 - Promoting regional collaboration and enhancing communication among stakeholders.



Acknowledgements



WORKING TOWARDS RABIES FREE NAMIBIA

<p>Rabies kills around 59,000 people every year in the world</p>	<p>Dogs are the main source of human rabies DEATHS</p>	<p>99% of human rabies deaths originate from dog bites</p>	<p>VACCINATE your dogs every year to Eliminate RABIES</p>	<p>Ensure RESPONSIBLE management of your dog to help prevent the spread of rabies</p>	<p>Wash the animal bite wound thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes. IMMEDIATELY visit the nearest hospital for medical advice.</p>
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Let's **COLLABORATE** and **WORK TOGETHER** to bring an **END TO RABIES**

