

The Partners for Rabies Prevention

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The Partners for Rabies Prevention (PRP), coordinated by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, is an informal group of international stakeholders in rabies control. It includes representation from academia, industry, national governments, animal welfare NGOs, foundations, key intergovernmental organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and their collaborating centres and reference laboratories.

These partners come together once a year to combine their expertise towards a unified strategy for improved global rabies control efforts, particularly in those areas where endemic rabies is most neglected, in Africa and Asia. The group started with a gap analysis to identify barriers to rabies control activities around the world. It then developed a synergised agenda to address these gaps and increase global support for a world free of rabies.

The PRP group has designed and supported tools such as the Rabies Blueprint, including the Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination, and campaigns such as World Rabies Day. Applied research, such as a reassessment of the global burden of canine rabies, a global survey on human rabies surveillance and health economics analyses have also been carried out to support advocacy efforts. Many of the partners are involved in regional networks that provide platforms to support countries as they advance towards the goal of canine rabies elimination, promoting tools such as the SARE to develop unified regional approaches towards global canine rabies elimination.