

## Abstract

The Partners for Rabies Prevention (PRP), coordinated by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, is an informal group of international stakeholders in rabies control. 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 dog rabies is most neglected, in Africa and Asia.

The PRP group has developed a synergised agenda and has designed and supported unique tools and campaigns to increase global activity and advocacy for a world free of rabies. These efforts are supported by focused applied research, such as a reassessment of the global burden of canine rabies, a global survey on human rabies surveillance and health economics analyses.

## Who are the PRP?



The PRP includes representatives from academia, industry, national governments, animal welfare NGOs, foundations, key intergovernmental organizations such as the WHO, OIE, FAO, and their collaborating centres and reference laboratories.

The participants in each meeting change according to the topics being addressed, but at each meeting discussions and workshops identify and seek practical solutions to problems holding back rabies control.

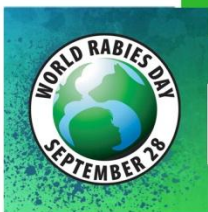
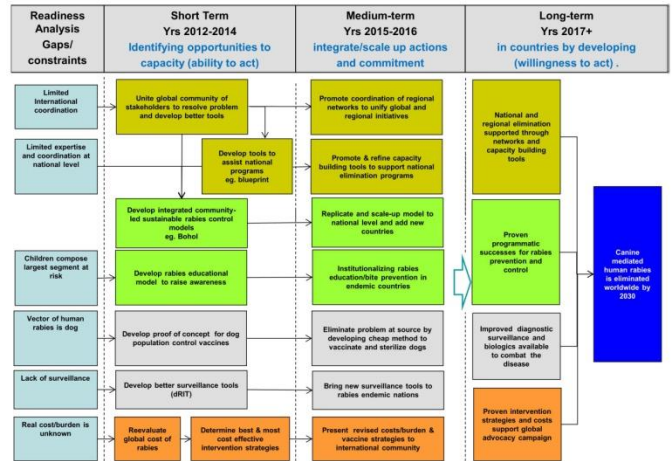
## Identifying and addressing the gaps in rabies control

One of the first activities carried out by the PRP was a gap analysis to identify constraints to improved rabies control. From this, a roadmap was developed to guide the work of finding practical solutions to address the gaps so that progress can be scaled (see Figure).

All partners support the global World Rabies Day campaign which raises awareness of the need for improved canine rabies control and educates communities in prevention techniques. Tools designed to address information gaps such as the Blueprints for Rabies Surveillance and for Canine Rabies Control and the Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination support countries as they design and implement rabies control measures. Partners have contributed to designing and supporting rabies control demonstration projects in Africa and Asia to demonstrate the feasibility of such efforts.

These efforts are combined to advocate for increased investment in canine rabies control through the partners' networks and joint efforts such as the End Rabies Now campaign.

### Where To Invest & How



## Applied research to support advocacy

In many cases, the rabies research carried out is not aligned with policy makers' needs, and the PRP has been active in collating relevant information to advocate for policy makers to invest more in rabies control efforts.

A global reassessment of the burden of canine rabies quantified the impact of canine rabies in terms of deaths and economic impact both globally and for each endemic country. Other research has highlighted the need for strengthened human rabies surveillance systems in Africa and Asia, and calculated the economic benefits of eliminating canine rabies.

## A coordinated approach to supporting countries towards rabies elimination

The Partners are committed to working together to agree the best strategies to increase rabies control as a global health priority and to find practical solutions to issues that hold back progress in rabies control.

The consolidation and dissemination of information, materials and tools through regional rabies platforms provide a pathway to support national and regional rabies control strategies and programmes towards elimination of dog-transmitted human rabies.

