THE Stop Transboundary Animal Diseases and Zoonoses (STANDZ)
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COMPONENTS of the STANDZ RABIES PROGRAMME
The Rabies Component of the STANDZ focuses on (1) advancing coordination of relevant rabies stakeholders in South-East Asia; (2) strengthening capacities related to rabies control and prevention; (3) developing strategies, guidelines and plans that are aligned with international standards and guidelines; (4) promoting rabies research and studies; and (5) piloting rabies control and prevention activities.

Rabies/Zoonoses coordination: Organize or co-organize workshops and meetings to facilitate sharing of technical information and experiences to enhance rabies control. Engage members to operationalize the application of key recommendations and tools developed from these workshops and OIE Standards and Guidelines.

Rabies/Zoonoses capacity building: Provide support in building related capacities for rabies control and prevention and assist countries in finding good use for guidelines/standards/tools through regional and national trainings (co-) organized by STANDZ.

Rabies guidelines and plans: Developed the South-East Asia Rabies Elimination Strategy used as the base document for the ASEAN Rabies Elimination Strategy (ARES). Provide support in developing or refining national rabies elimination strategies that are consistent with ARES as well as the OIE International standards relevant to rabies.

Rabies research and studies: Promote and support rabies research among the ASEAN Member States such as post-vaccination monitoring, KAP surveys, and others. Ensure that rabies core stakeholders are utilising the findings from studies commissioned by STANDZ.

Rabies control and prevention: Support comprehensive rabies control and prevention activities in parts of the region through procurement and delivery from the OIE Regional Vaccine Bank of around 1 million doses of rabies vaccines. Complementary implementation support covering related activities such as public awareness, mass dog vaccination, and others were also provided.