

Working Together to Eliminate Rabies



100%

Despite being 100% vaccine-preventable, rabies remains a serious threat to humans and dogs.

99%

With 99% of human cases resulting from dog bites, eliminating canine rabies is crucial for protecting lives.

The Problem

Rabies is a neglected tropical disease that affects vulnerable and marginalised communities disproportionately.



Rabies kills an estimated **59,000** people a year, many of whom are children.

95%

95% of all human deaths are in Asia and Africa.



Globally, Rabies is predicted to cost **\$8.6 billion** USD every year.

Working Together for a Solution

The most effective long-term rabies control strategy is through mass vaccination of dogs in endemic areas.



Veterinarians and pet owners can make a difference. **Local pet vaccination helps support partners working to prevent rabies in at-risk regions.**

Together, we are one step closer to meeting the United Against Rabies Collaboration's goal of zero dog-mediated human rabies deaths by 2030.

Zero by 30 is only 7 years away



Over 5 million rabies vaccines donated globally through our Afya Program.



Celebrating our 10-year partnership with Mission Rabies, we have successfully supported in:

- Vaccinating over **2.5 million** dogs
- Educating over **5 million** children



Celebrating our ongoing partnership with Rabies Free Africa, we have successfully supported in:

- Visiting and educating **4,400** villages
- Distributing **2.5 million** vaccines

One Health Approach

At MSD Animal Health, we strongly support the One Health approach to eliminate rabies and protect human and animal populations by:

- ✓ Prioritising comprehensive pet vaccination
- ✓ Promoting responsible pet ownership
- ✓ Enhancing surveillance systems
- ✓ Raising awareness

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