

Workshop on the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA)

RabTool Project: Strengthening Collaboration and Communication in Rabies Control — Insights from Algeria

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**Thank you very much
for presenting our
RabTool project,
Francesco!**

SARE mission and the celebration of World Rabies Day in Algeria, 22-25 September 2025.

RabTool Arrives at the Right Time: Algeria Develops Its National Rabies Strategy!

Algeria has just achieved a major milestone: the development of a multisectoral rabies action plan, the result of joint efforts by the:

- Ministry of Agriculture,
- Rural Development and Fisheries,
- The Ministry of Health, The Ministry of the Interior,
- The Ministry of Defense,
- The Ministry of Education,
- As well as several institutional and civil society partners.



Multisectorality: When Collaboration Becomes a Necessity!

- **Multisectoral collaboration enables a coherent and complementary response, leveraging each sector's expertise (surveillance, vaccination, awareness, diagnostics, etc.).**
- **It supports early detection and rapid case management through information sharing among veterinary, public health, and local authorities.**
- **Working together ensures better resource allocation and avoids duplication of efforts.**

- The One Health approach builds institutional trust and shared governance, ensuring long-term sustainability.
- Outcomes are stronger when actions are aligned under a **unified** national plan.
- Joint engagement of **public**, **private**, and **community** actors creates a collective momentum toward eliminating dog-mediated human rabies.

- National planning should be built on a shared vision among **human, animal, and environmental** health sectors and **other sectors**.
- It is crucial to engage all key stakeholders from the outset (ministries, institutes, local authorities, NGOs, laboratories, civil society) to ensure **ownership and sustainability**.
- The plan must be based on **reliable data**: mapping of cases, risk zones, vaccination coverage, and available infrastructure.

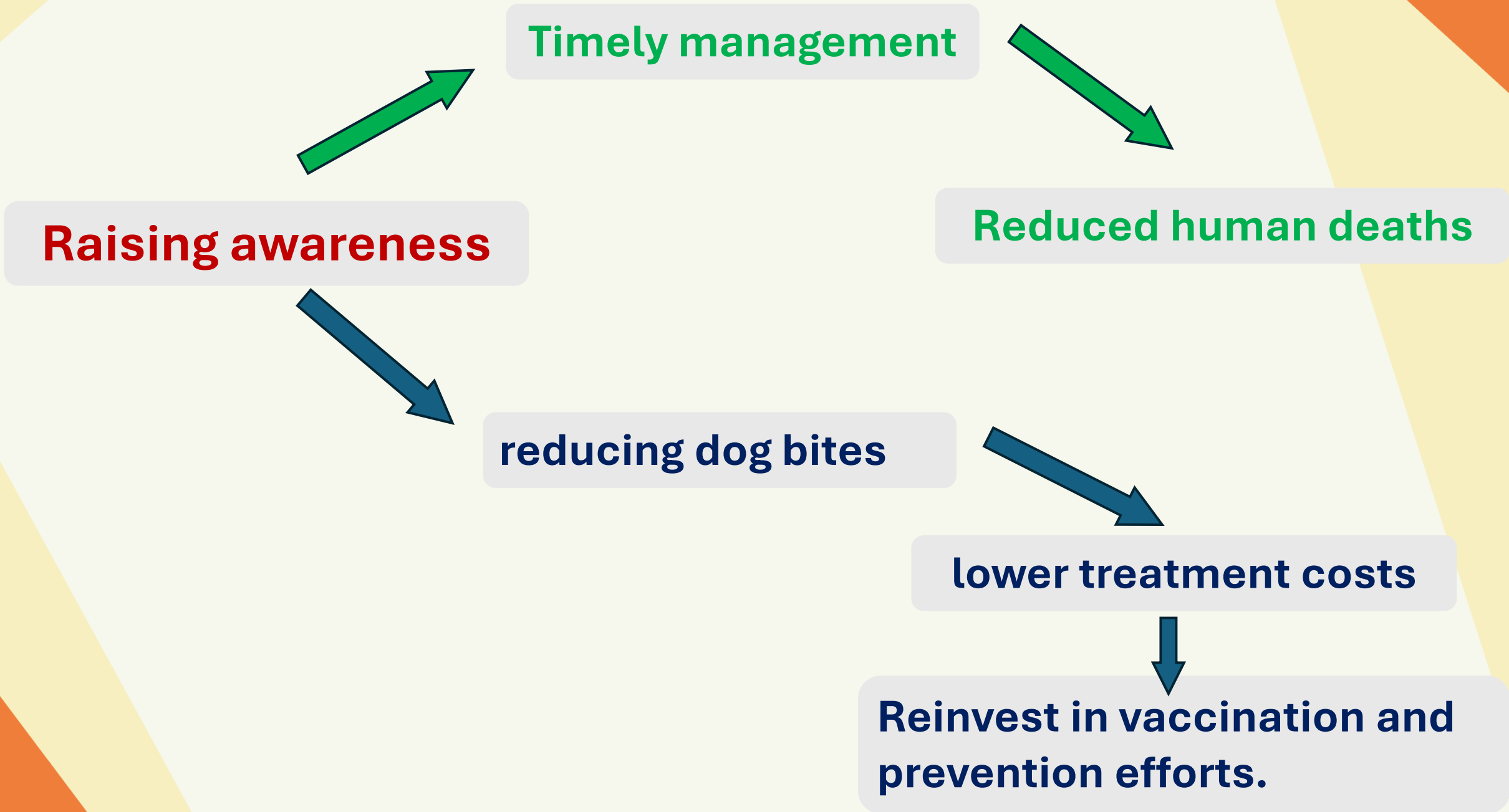
- Set **realistic** and measurable objectives, aligned with the global “Zero by 30” strategy for eliminating dog-mediated human rabies.
- Define clear monitoring and evaluation indicators, with sector-specific responsibilities.
- An **effective** plan should ensure **financial sustainability**, combining national budget allocation with external partner support.

A top-down view of a person's hands working on a wooden desk. The left hand is on a white mouse, and the right hand is on a white keyboard. A silver laptop is open to the left. In the foreground, there are some papers with colorful illustrations, including one that says 'Africa' and another that says 'around a'. The word 'COMMUNICATION' is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the image.

COMMUNICATION

Why communicate to fight rabies?

- ✓ Communication is a core pillar of **rabies prevention**, helping to educate, mobilize, and empower communities.
- ✓ Effective communication strategies promote risk understanding and **encourage protective behaviors** such as dog vaccination, post-exposure treatment, and bite reporting.
- ✓ Inter-institutional communication ensures message consistency across human health, veterinary, and environmental sectors.
- ✓ A well-informed population **knows** that effective post-exposure treatment exists, which directly reduces human rabies cases and deaths.



How can we communicate more effectively to fight rabies?

- Understand human behavior towards dogs (sociological studies)
- Tailor messages to each target audience
- Select the most effective communication channels:



Children → at school



Youth → on social media



Seniors → via TV and radio



**Behavior change doesn't
happen overnight — it
requires time and
persistence.**



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Thank you!

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