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EXPERT Workshop *on* Protecting Humans from  
Domestic and Wildlife Rabies in the Middle East  
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### *Special Session on Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT)*

The Report should respond to the following queries aiming at assessing the prevailing conditions and possibly to establish an effective rabies control programme. These are as follows:

**Strengths:** The Country has strong veterinary services. There is also a commitment for rabies control at high level, the community is aware on rabies disease in the Country, as well as for the protection measures to be implemented.

**Weaknesses:** The collaboration and coordination between the public health and animal health sectors, as well as with other that should be involved, i.e. Local Administration, Education, Police Authorities, etc., is mediocre or practically inexistent. Veterinary Services are unable to assume extended rabies control programmes among dogs and wildlife.

**Opportunities:** the increase of rabies incidence among humans and/or animals has raised the level of interest by decision-makers, the responsible services and the general public.

**Threats:** Other major infectious and zoonotic diseases affecting livestock and humans and/or animal transboundary diseases are not permitting for rabies to remain a priority disease for prevention and control.

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