Country progress update
GHANA

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Background information

- Rabies is endemic in Ghana and it poses a major public health problem
- The lack of reliable data and systematic analysis of available data
- Grossly underreported disease and there a major reason why the disease is neglected
SARE SCORE

• The first assessment with the SARE tool was in Sept 2017
• It was in PARACON workshop in Pretoria, South Africa
• An In–Country Workshop using SARE tool was in May, 2018 in Accra
• The Score on both occasion was 1,5
SARE Score

• 21st – 25th May, 2018
• In-country workshop

• 1.5

• Workplan being is being
5 Prioritized rabies activities

1) Develop a national strategy for rabies elimination
2) Establish an advocacy platform to lobby national authorities to ensure that a national rabies strategy is properly resourced
3) Work plan developed using SARE
4) Implement dog vaccination campaigns regularly (at least 2 times a year)
5) National rabies awareness campaigns, including responsible dog ownership
Accomplished activities since last SARE

• Workplan validated
• Conducted vaccination campaigns
• Conducted a post vaccination survey
• Mass education of school children in rabies prevention
• Accra lab has improved diagnostic capacity
• Increased advocacy which has brought more staff on board rabies prevention activities
Budget and Finance

• *Efforts are ongoing to get workplan approved by the various stakeholders*

• *Compilation of activities undertaken are ongoing*
Planned activities for the next year

• Advocate for the workplan to be endorsed by the stakeholders
• Sensitization of the public on rabies prevention using various strategies
• Activation of the national rabies taskforce

• Country on track towards achievement of canine-mediated human rabies elimination by 2030
What next?

• Political will is critical in mobilizing resources towards the intervention
• The finalized workplan can now be used for resource mobilization
• With the increasing numbers of workforce involvement, more can be accomplished now than in the past
• Being one of the 6 prioritized zoonotic diseases, attention towards rabies control has increased
THANK YOU