

# Country progress update GHANA

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# Background information

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- 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



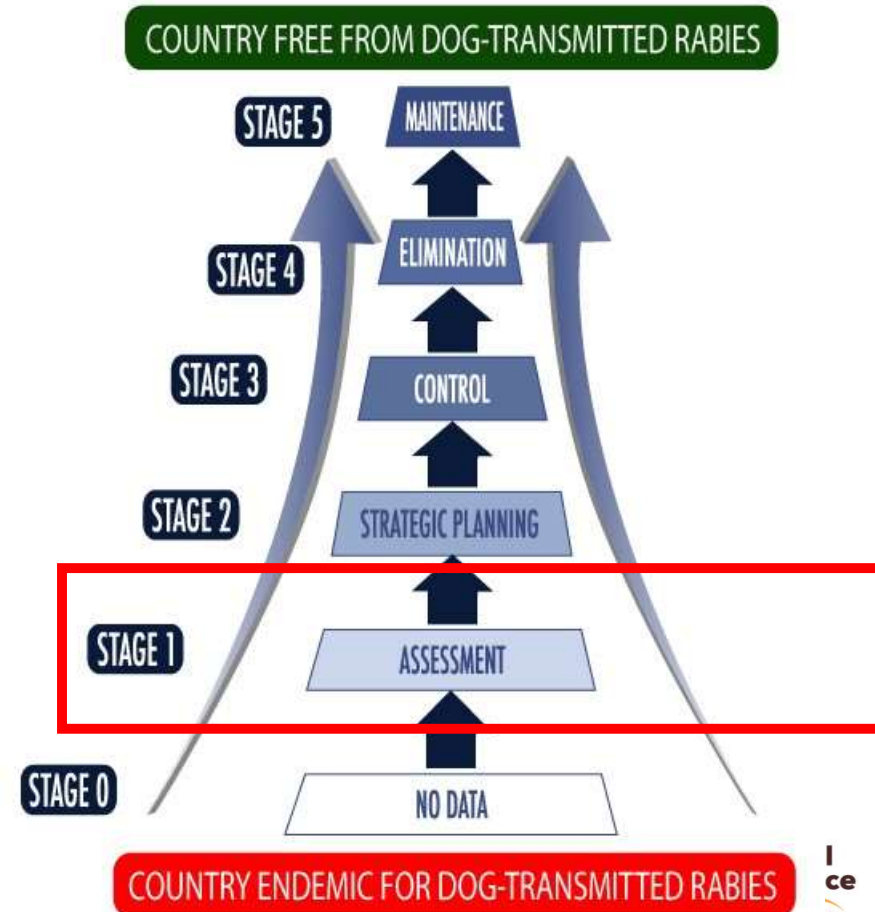
# SARE SCORE

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- 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

- 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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- *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

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- *Efforts are ongoing to get workplan approved by the various stakeholders*
- *Compilation of activities undertaken are ongoing*



## Planned activities for the next year

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- *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?

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- *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*

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