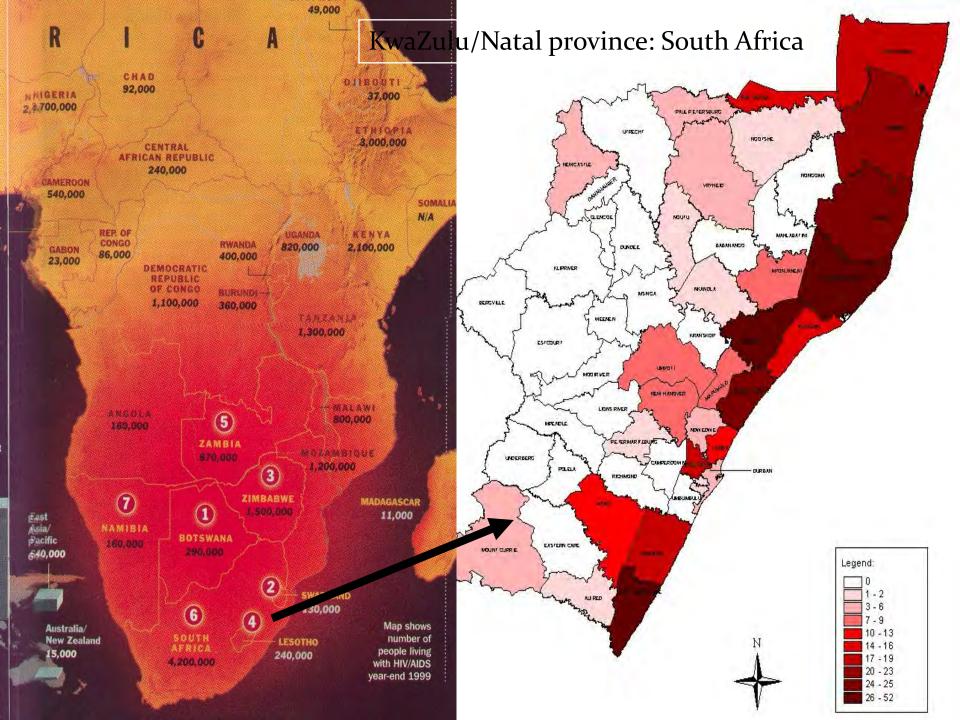
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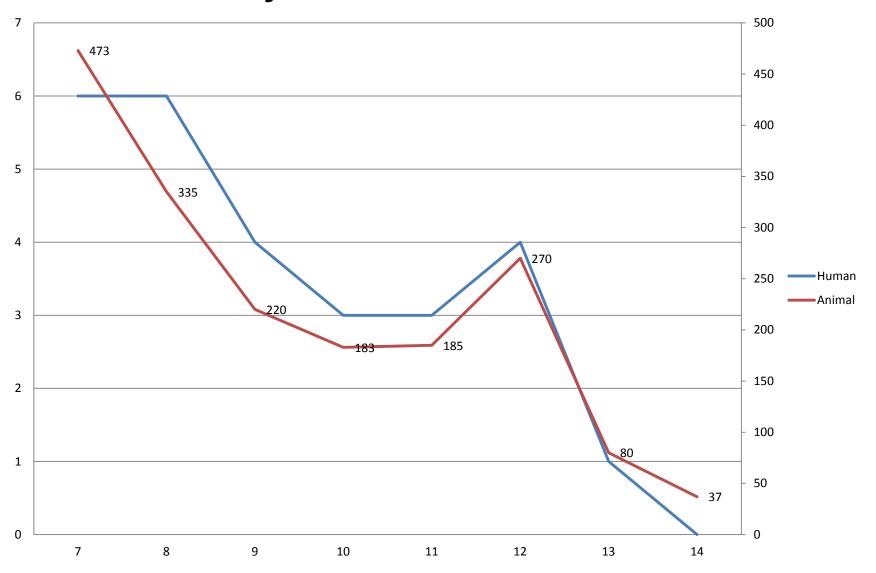


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#### **Project Success 2007-2014**



## Challenges

- Lack of people and equipment
- Constantly changing leadership
- Lack of political support
- Crippling bureaucracy
- Corruption
- Other priorities



## Start Small, Get everybody involved







## Don't be Intimidated by 70%

• Be strategic! Target Source population.

## CHAMPIONS!

Every success I have witnessed, has had one or two dedicated people driving it!

## No Quick Fixes or Magic Bullets



## Each Country is Different







Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs



World Health Organization

#### sanofi pasteur

The vaccines division of sanofi-aventis Group



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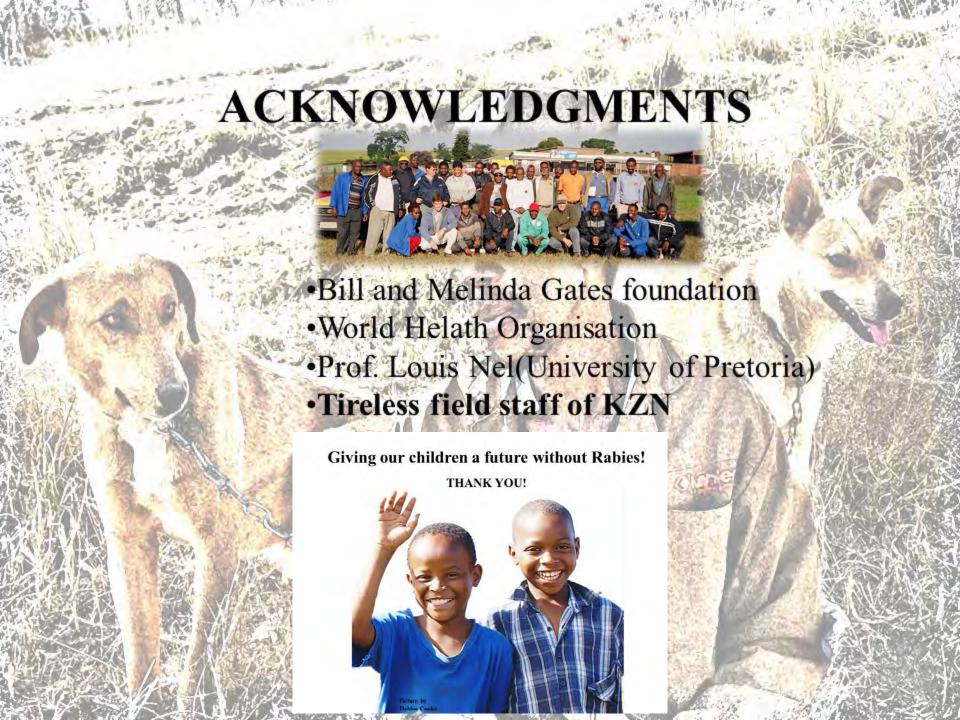
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## MOMENTUM In Africa!

- Success Stories
- National Strategies
- •Global Organisations working together.
- •NGO's getting involved.
- Sponsorship

## Model for Control Programs

- Global Organisations being to influence governments.
- These organisations influencing sponsorship, for vaccine banks and support of expert advisors.
- Stimulus packages for countries which includes equipment and training.
- Demonstration programs to initiate and create momentum.
- Continued support for sustainability.





The South African Rabies Advisory Group and a National Strategy for Rabies Elimination - Dr Johann Kotzé

## Who is the Rabies Advisory Group?

- Initiated by the Department of Agriculture
- Group of Rabies experts:
  - Field veterinarians
  - Laboratory Services
  - Epidemiologists
  - Researchers
- One Health

#### What does RAG do?

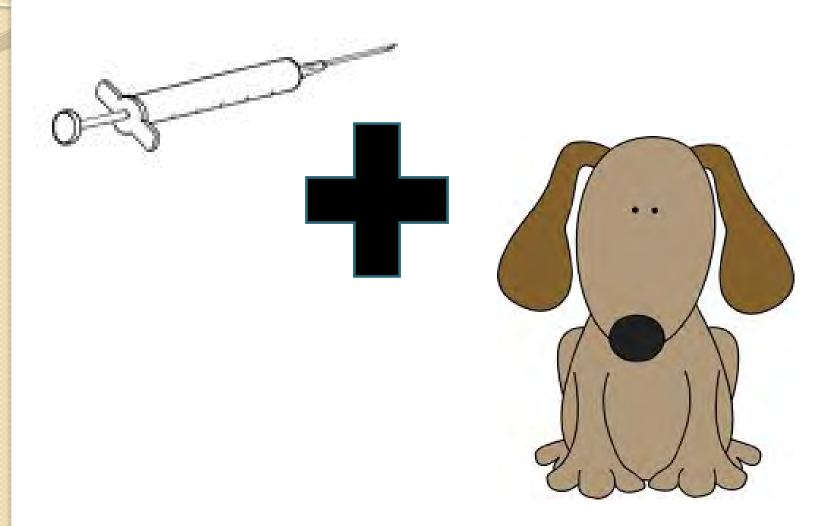
- Advise is given on rabies related matters to:
  - The National Department of Agriculture
  - The Department of Health
  - Provincial Veterinary Services

Researchers interested in rabies research

#### RAG functions continued...

- Compile an annual report on the state of rabies in South Africa.
- Auditing of reported rabies data to ensure data integrity.
- Identify training needs and develop means to address them.
- Drive research that address some of the identified research needs.
- Develop and update a rabies risk-map for South Africa.

## Rabies elimination strategy



## Rabies elimination strategy

- Ist step: recognise that it is achievable!!!
  - Eliminate rabies smaller achievable areas
  - Let jealousy create a snowball effect

Decentralization of laboratories (possibly using DRIT)

Move towards intra-dermal PEP

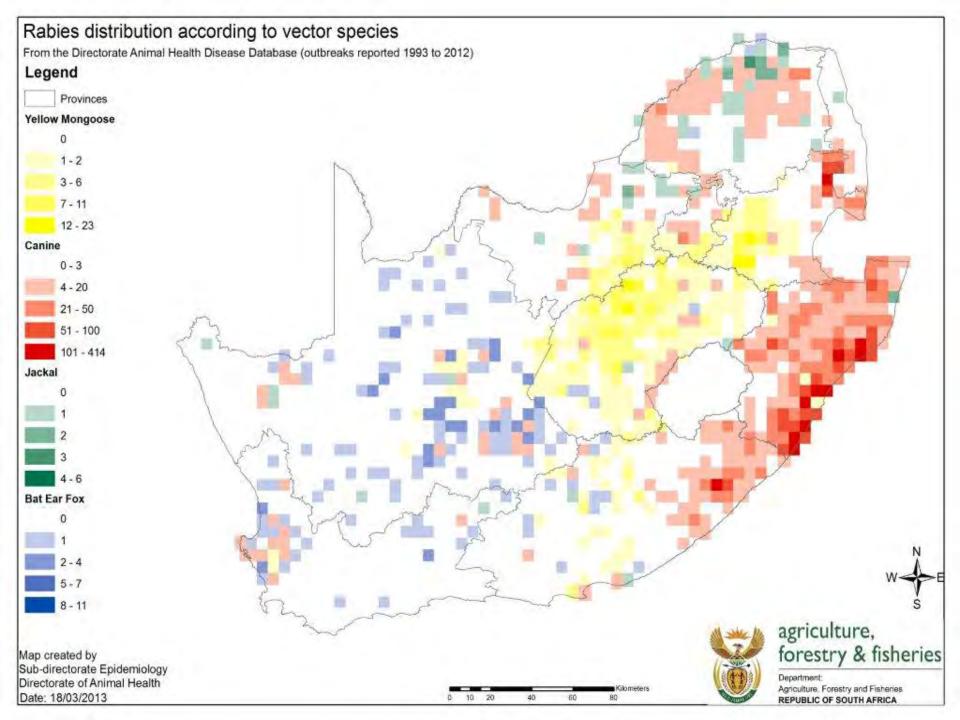
## Rabies elimination strategy

Nurture rabies champions

Wildlife rabies – bait vaccine







#### Bait vaccine

- Research and implement
- Involve ecologists and zoologists



## Thanks!

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#### Rabies Control strategy - NAMIBIA





Presented by J. Kabajani

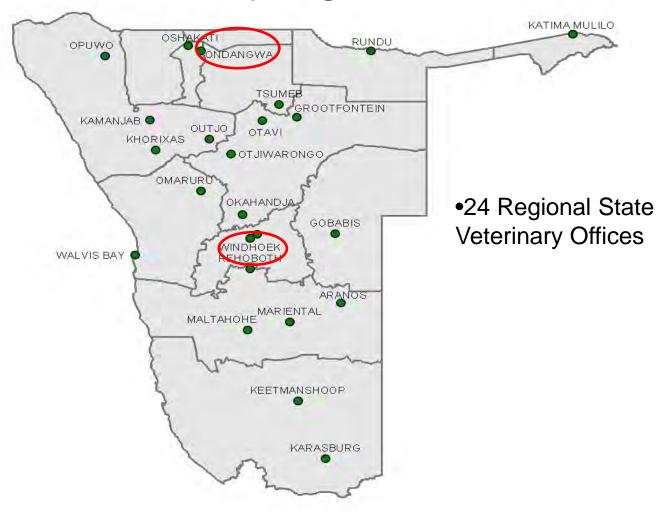
PARaCoN: Johannesburg -

2015

#### Introduction

- Namibia has a pop. Of about 2mil people(2011)
- Most household own different types of domestic animals
- Thus high possibility of getting exposed to rabies
- It's a notifiable disease in Namibia
- Two testing facilities (Ondangwa + Central Vet.lab)

#### **Veterinary Regional Offices**



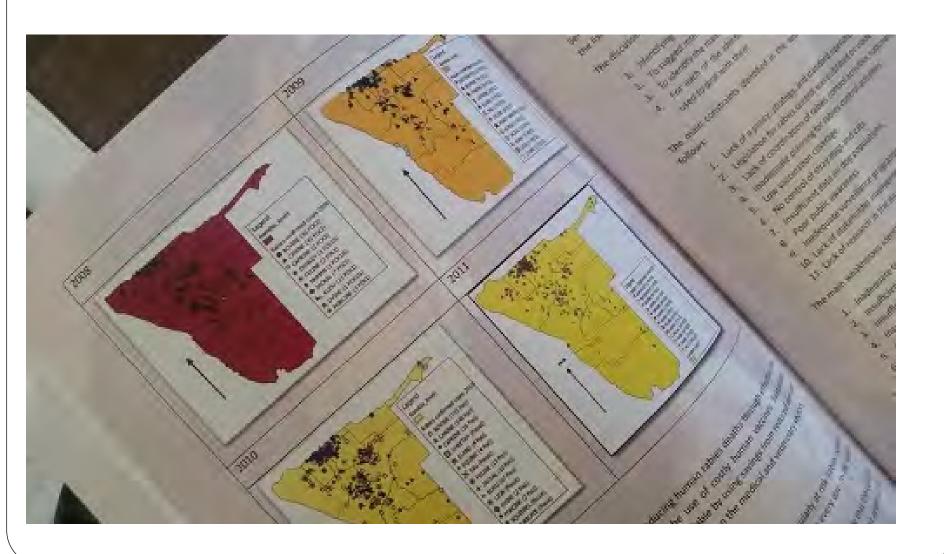
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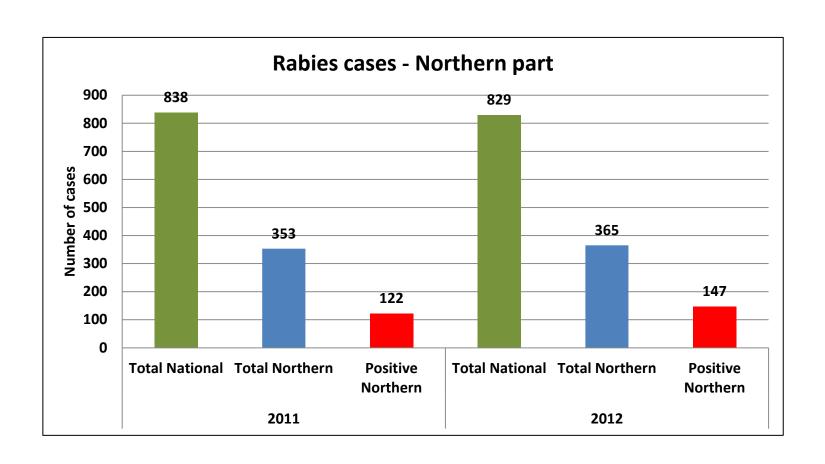
- Control is through vaccination campaigns, all over the country, at different times of the year
- State offers free rabies vaccinations for small animals
- Prevention in humans: prophylactic and postexposure treatments - for free
- The northern part of Namibia mostly with high number of canine rabies
- High number of Kudu and Bovine cases in the south.

Namibia Administrative Regions 2003



#### The Northern....





## The Re-think process



 Current efforts and programmes of rabies not effective for the northern parts

Started Re-think process

Came up with Rabies control strategy

Launched in May 2015 by Hon.Min J.Mutorwa

• In consultation with MoHSS, VAN.

## Objectives

- To address the current constraints and weaknesses
- Minimise animal and human rabies
- Foster cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders

#### Motivation

- Livestock losses
- Costs of control in animals
- Loss of human lives
- High cost of PEP
- High risk areas



Highlights of the strategy...

- Review legal provision
- Provide SOP
- Establish baseline information, e.g. dog population



Cooperate with regional bodies — techniques and information sharing



• Strengthen stakeholder participation

Design an effective vaccination programme

Assign dedicated team for rabies

Provide training in rabies control + diagnosis





Highlights of the strategy

Increase awareness

Provide adequate infrastructure

Adequate monitoring and evaluation



## Other parts of the strategy

- SOP for rabies sample collection and dispatch
- National Protocol on how to handle a rabies case in humans

