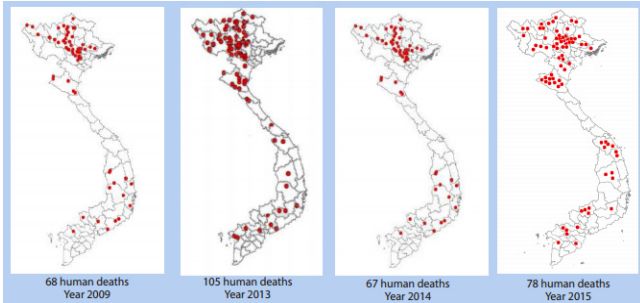


Working towards ZERO rabies in Viet Nam

Educate and Vaccinate towards Rabies Elimination - #WorldRabiesDay

RABIES SITUATION IN VIET NAM



Death human cases due to rabies from 2009 - 2015

Source: National Institute of Hygien and Epidemiology (NIHE), 2015

(NIHE report 2015). Key factors contributing to the awareness and access to human rabies vaccine as well as low trust in the PEP.

Rabies became a pressing problem in the Northern mountainous provinces of Viet Nam and gradually spreading to other provinces which had no or few cases for many years. Between 2007-2015, approximately 90 people died from rabies annually in 30 provinces (out of 63 nationwide). Dogs are mostly responsible for transmitting the virus to more than 95% of rabies cases in humans in Viet Nam.

During the past five years, approximately 400,000 people received Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) including bite wound treatment and vaccination preventing further human deaths disease spread include limited dog vaccination coverage,

FAO'S SUPPORT IN RABIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Since 2011, FAO Viet Nam's Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD), has initiated a rabies control programme in support of Viet Nam national rabies prevention strategy 2011- 2015. The programme has united technical and political stakeholders to strengthen rabies prevention and control with focus on the following areas:



WORLD RABIES DAY

The World Rabies Day is a global campaign which is organized through a system of global partnerships from government to local level, supporting and promoting the outreach of educational messages about rabies. The campaign aims to bring together all relevant partners in an effort to address rabies prevention and control.



FAO & WORLD RABIES DAY

Since 2012, FAO ECTAD Viet Nam, in partnership with World Health Organization (WHO), Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) co-organized the World Rabies Day as efforts to enhance political attention. Leaders from international and national agencies, provincial people's committees collectively gathered at the annual event to express their commitment as well as called for better inter-sectoral cooperation for rabies. The World Rabies Day also mobilized community-based organizations to join effort, raising awareness to dog owners as well as the mass media.



During the World Rabies Day 2014 event in Hoa Binh Province

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