



RABIES IN WEST AFRICA

“Harmonizing Stakeholders & Tools for the Prevention & Control of Rabies”

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CONTINUATION OF SUHUM PILOT PROJECT & WORLD RABIES DAY 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE:

RIWA GH Continuation of Suhum Pilot Project and World Rabies Day 2019

PROJECT GOAL:

One Health Approach to demonstrate the effectiveness of Responsible Pet Ownership and Rabies Control in Ghana

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

S/N	ACTION PACKAGE	ACTIVITIES	SUB-ACTIVITIES
1	Sensitization and Education on Responsible Pet Ownership & Rabies	Advocacy for Stakeholders in Suhum Municipality	Meetings and Durbars in Suhum Municipality
		Public Awareness Creation	Creation, printing and distribution of Banners, Posters, Flyers for public awareness/education and the upcoming Free vaccinations and importance of responsible pet ownership...schools, health facilities, churches, public places
2.	Suhum Pilot Project Rabies Vaccination	Free Rabies Mass Vaccination in	Creation of a Radio ad to be aired 1 week prior to commencement of vaccinations. Ad to highlight responsible pet ownership and rabies free vaccination venues – August 18

		Suhum and Sub-districts	
			Secure 4,000 Vaccines and Supplies for the exercise
			Pre-Vaccination training of Vaccinators August 25
			Free Vaccinations in entire District August 26-30, 2019
			Wrap up meeting with all Vaccinators and Stakeholders August 30
3.	World Rabies Day Saturday September 28	Education & Awareness on Responsible Pet Ownership and Rabies	Further Education to schools and public Animal Welfare & Rabies Awareness March through Suhum by School Children

PROJECT EXPECTED OUTPUT

1. Functioning traditional community mobilization and community outreach system in place
2. Educational materials on Responsible Pet Ownership and Rabies awareness produced and distributed to schools, health facilities and public places
3. Vaccinate Four Thousand (4,000) pets in project catchment areas
4. Dogs rabies antibody titer immunity levels evaluated
5. All professionals; human and animal health educated on the a common dog bite management protocol and animal welfare on a whole
6. Reporting forms developed, produced and distributed to all medical and veterinary facilities

INTRODUCTION

Our launch of our pilot project in Suhum has now completed two (2) years and we are starting to see results in the number of dog bites diminishing.

2019 will mark our third year and we will expand the coverage of the program to cover the entire district...the Suhum Municipality and all the sub-districts.

In 2018 we moved the free vaccination period from WRD week to late August early September. The children are still on school vacation and have the time to bring all their pets to our vaccination venues.

We will continue with this exercise in 2019 and will have heavy media promotion announcing the vaccination dates and expanded venues...Dates Monday August 25 – Friday August 30, 2019

We will also have live on-air interviews on the 2 major local radio stations to discuss responsible Pet Ownership and rabies awareness and control.

The 2019 Suhum program will involve:

1. Provision of 4,000 rabies vaccines and consumables
2. Stakeholders meetings (2)
3. Solicitation of additional support and sponsorship in cash and in kind
4. Promotional materials designed, printed and distributed...Announcement Banners, Vaccination Venue banners, Animal Welfare/Rabies Educational Flyers & Posters
5. Media Exposure through radio ads giving both educational information and the venues for the free vaccinations + live on-air interviews
6. Mobile announcement van giving details of the program, dates, times and venues commencing 3 days prior and ongoing daily till end of the program
7. Enlisting the services of veterinary students from KNUST to assist in the vaccinations as the area has now been expanded.
8. Pre vaccination meeting with all vaccinators
9. Free vaccinations at approximately 25 venues across the District
10. Documentation of the entire exercise
11. Post vaccination meeting with all vaccinators

WORLD RABIES DAY 2019

We will continue the education and awareness of rabies and rabies control and prevention with emphasis on Responsible Pet Ownership as that is crucial in the control of rabies. This will be done primarily to the schools targeting Science Clubs and Science teachers.

In addition, there will be a Animal Welfare and Rabies Awareness March through Suhum by school children - approx 500 participating.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Richard Suu-Ire
RIWA Chairman

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Russell H. Coombs
Organizing Secretary

cc Dr, Bonodong Guri, RIWA Ghana Secretary