

Rabies control as a model for One Health

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RABIES: THE FACTS

VIRUS TRANSMISSION



Saliva of infected animals



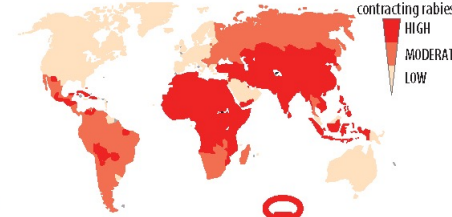
99% of human cases are caused by **dog bites**

The virus attacks the brain
Rabies is **fatal** once symptoms appear



FATALITIES

Rabies affects **poor rural communities** mostly in Asia and Africa



About **One death** every **9 mins**



40% of the victims are children younger than 15

TREATMENT



Thorough washing of the wound with soap, and, vaccine injections can avoid symptoms and **save lives**.

Seek immediate medical care if bitten.

HOW TO PREVENT RABIES TRANSMISSION FROM DOGS?



Raise public **awareness**

Learn **dog body language**



NO DOG BITE = NO RABIES

VACCINATING DOGS SAVES HUMAN LIVES

Rabies is 100% preventable



Vaccinating **70%** of dogs **breaks rabies transmission cycle** in an area at risk

Every dog owner is concerned

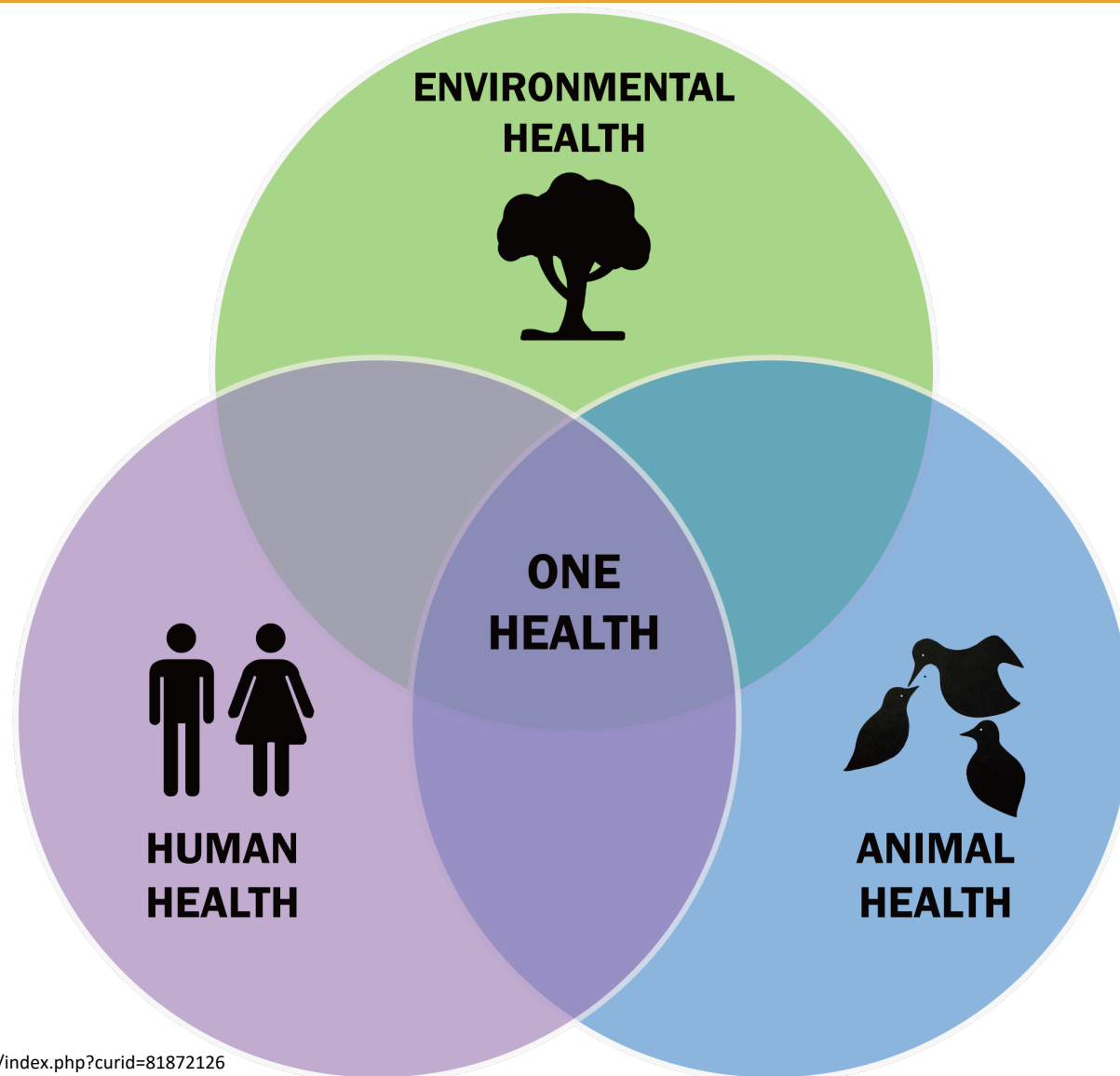


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What makes rabies an excellent example of demonstrating One Health in action?



Surveillance

Education

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



Climate change

Geographic barriers

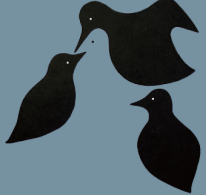
Dog population

PEP and PrEP

ONE HEALTH



HUMAN HEALTH



ANIMAL HEALTH

Bite prevention

Dog vaccination

Livestock

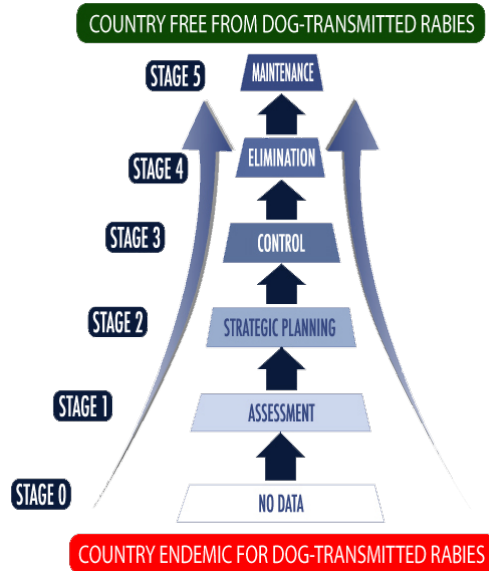
Responsible dog ownership



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How do we encourage stakeholders to operationalize One Health for rabies?

Tools and Resources



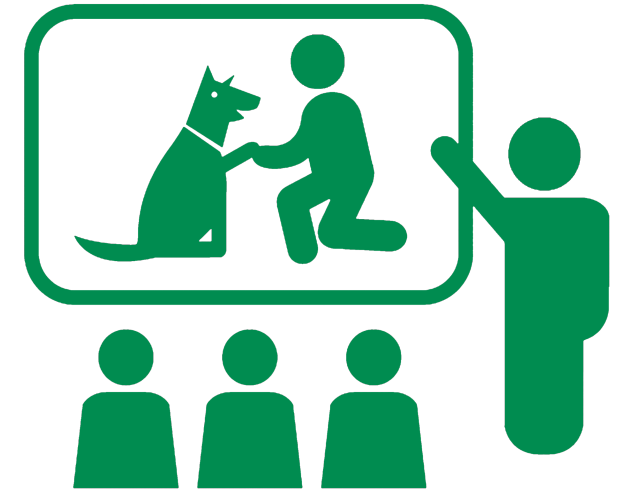
Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination (SARE) tool:

Developing a One Health national rabies elimination strategy



Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin:

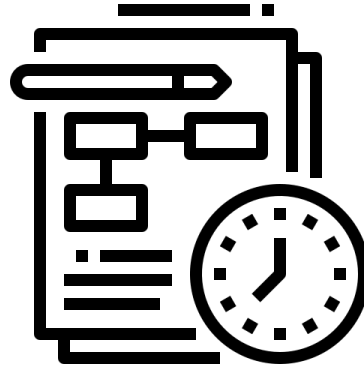
One Health data collection, analysis and sharing



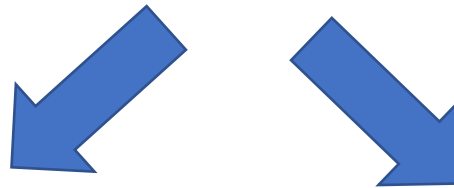
GARC Education Platform:

Education and training courses

Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination



Excel-based M&E Framework



Provides **practical guidance** on how to **start or expand** all the **rabies control activities** that are needed to control and eliminate dog-mediated rabies.

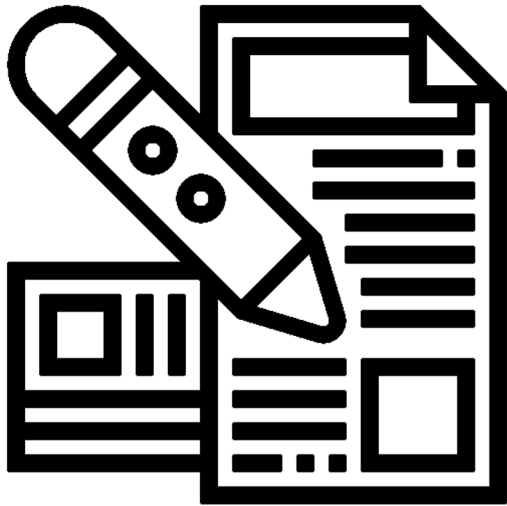
Provides a foundation for the **development of a clear, well-constructed rabies elimination work plan.**

Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination

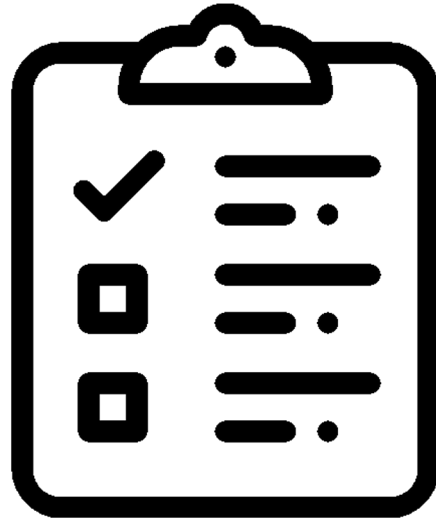


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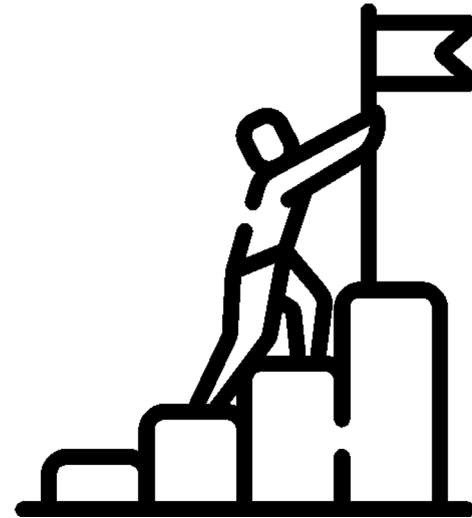
The SARE will help you to:



Develop or revise your national strategy



Develop a medium-term workplan

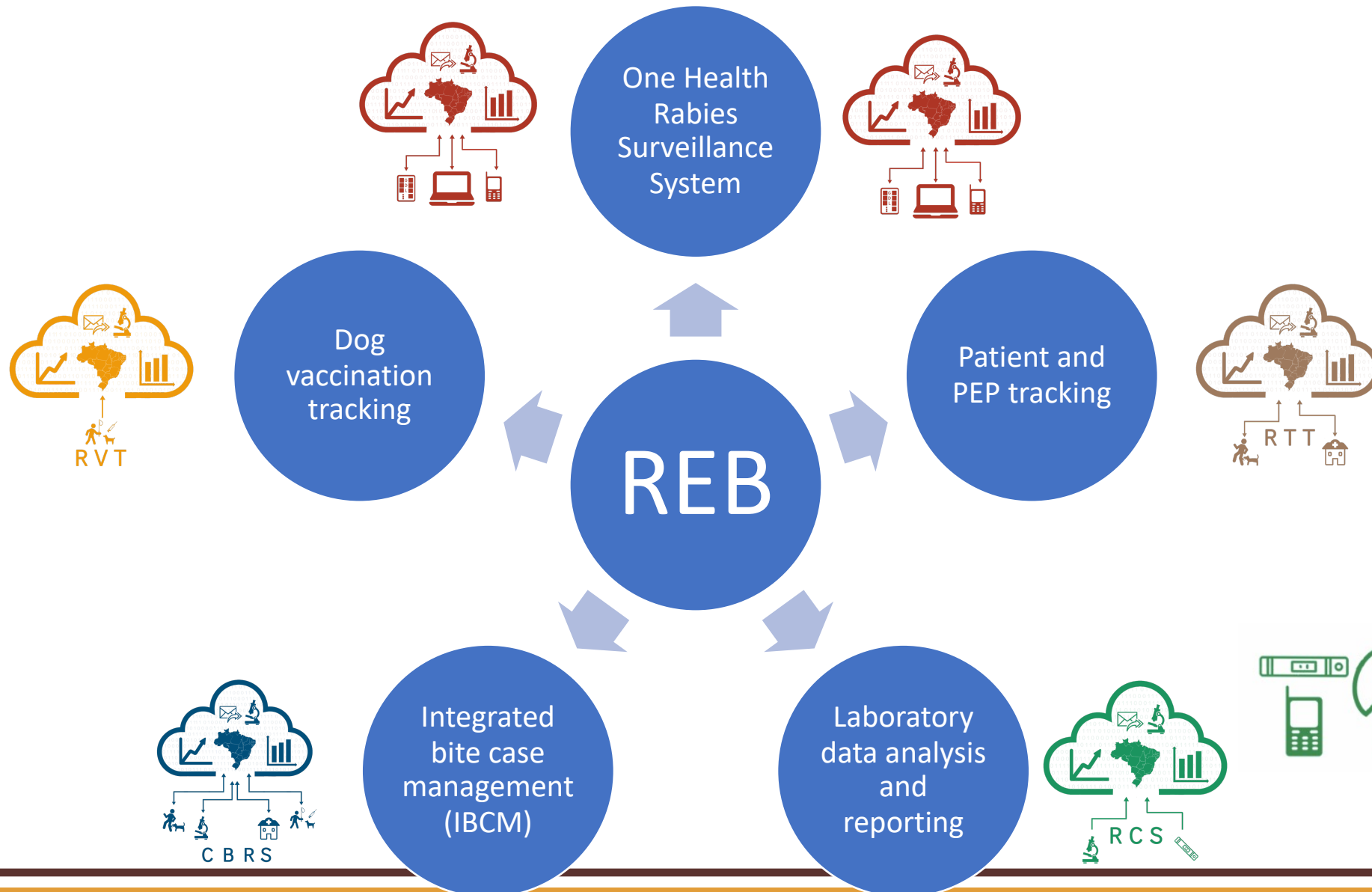


Demonstrate progress



Highlight successes

Components of a rabies surveillance platform



The Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin (REB)

- **Web-based** rabies surveillance system.
- **Designed for countries** to help improve their:
 - surveillance,
 - data collection, and
 - analysis.

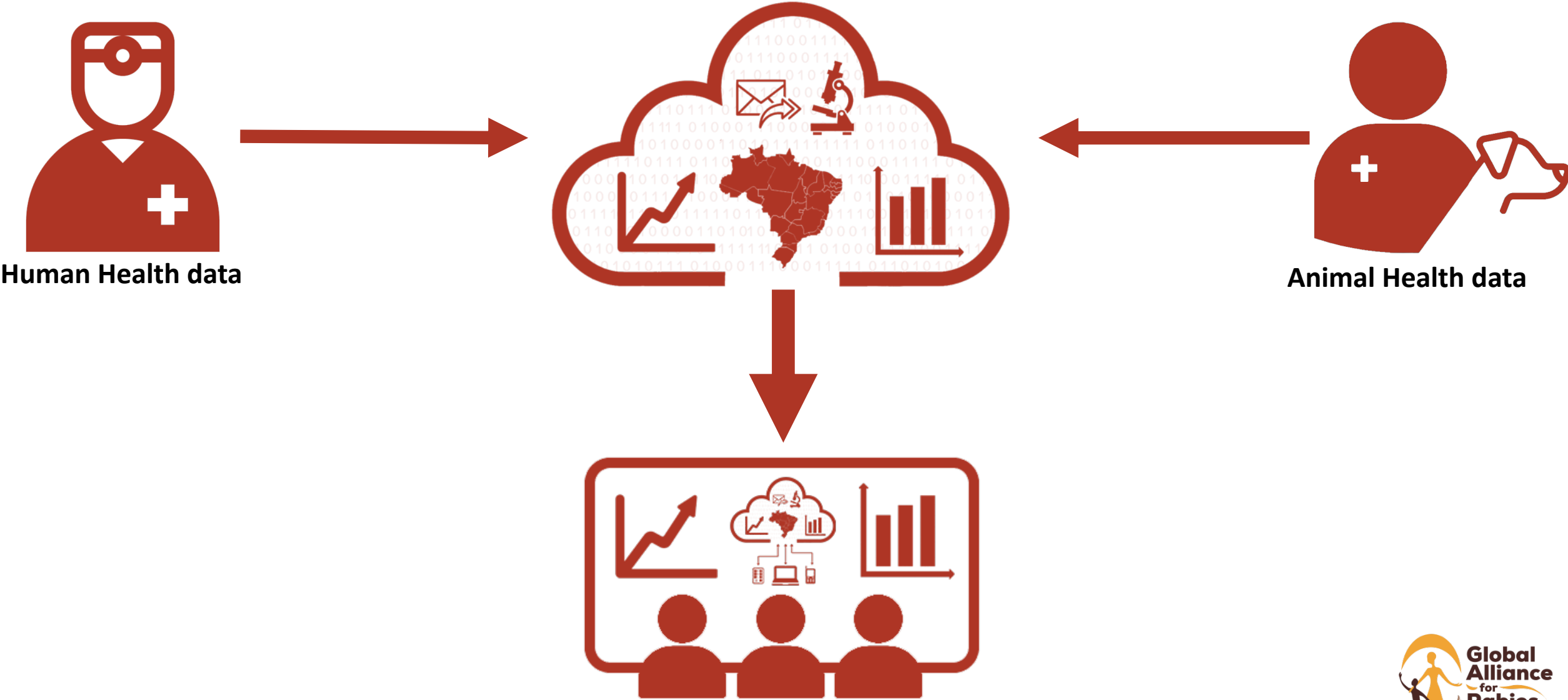


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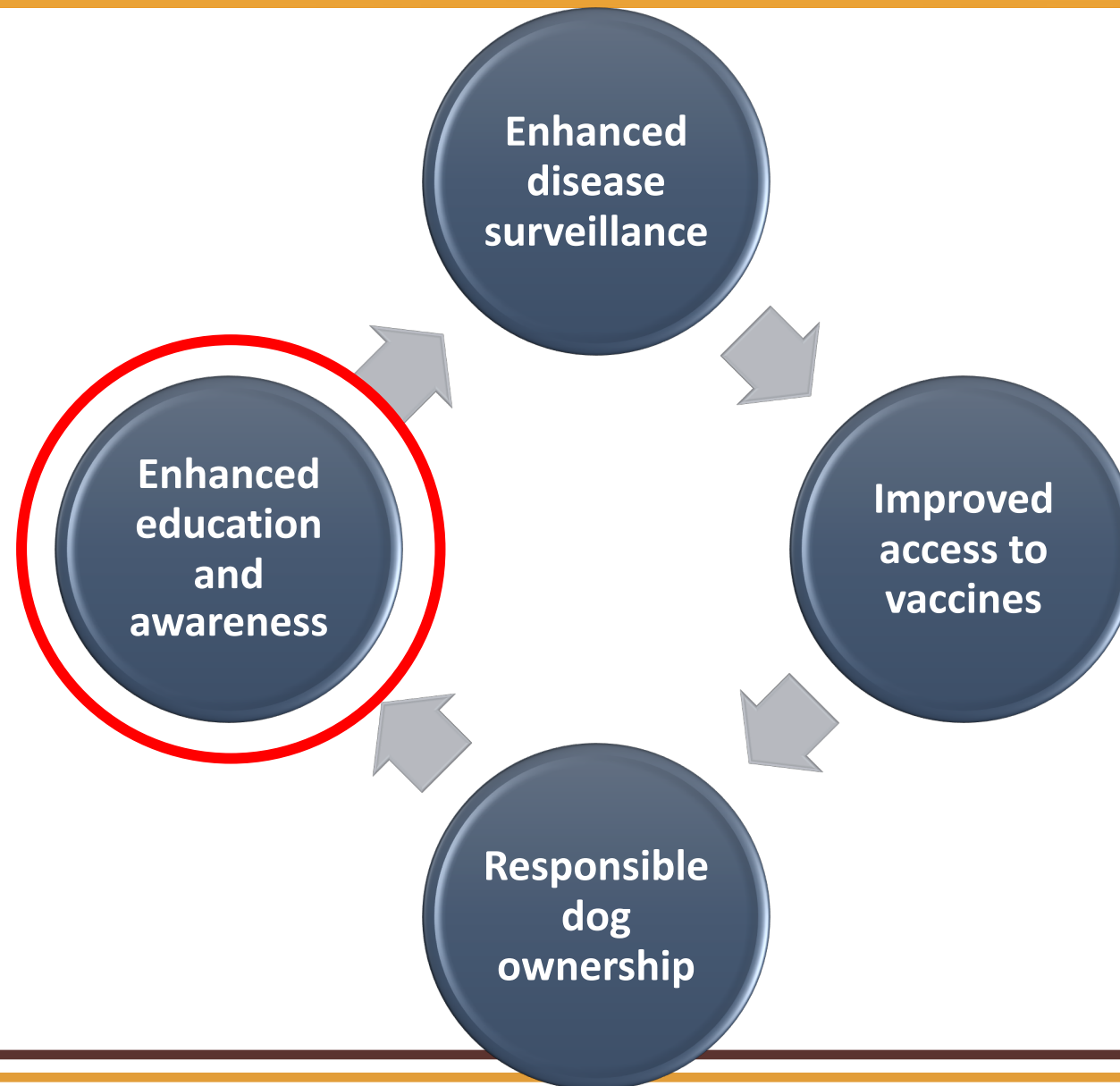
- ✓ **Comprehensive** rabies surveillance system.
- ✓ **Integrated, intersectoral** data sharing.
- ✓ Facilitates **accurate** data reporting.
- ✓ **Dedicated, One Health,** rabies surveillance system:
 - ✓ Data collection, analysis and reporting
 - ✓ Feedback mechanisms
 - ✓ Animal and Human rabies surveillance



Advantages of the Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin



Workstreams that impact rabies elimination



Impact of improved education and enhanced awareness



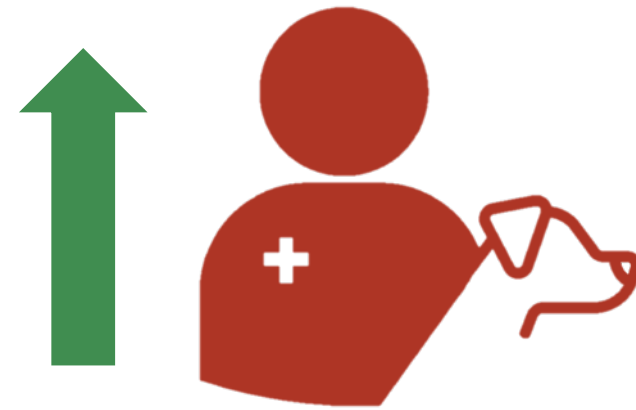
Increased vaccination coverage



Increased PEP compliance



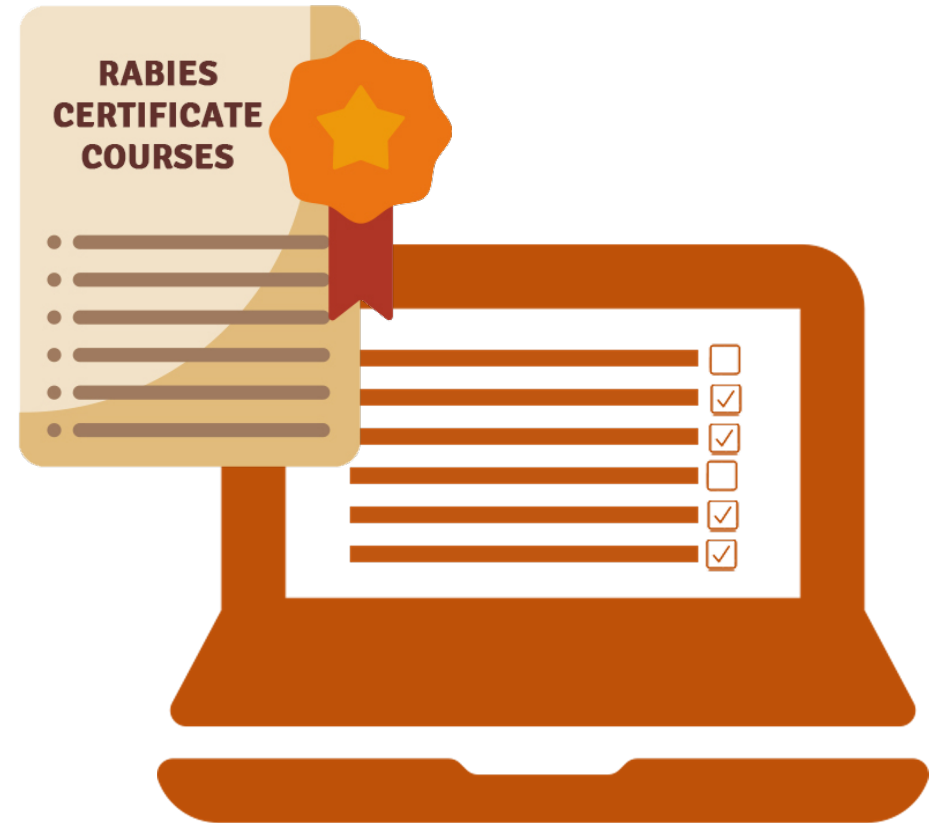
Decrease in bite cases



Increased animal welfare

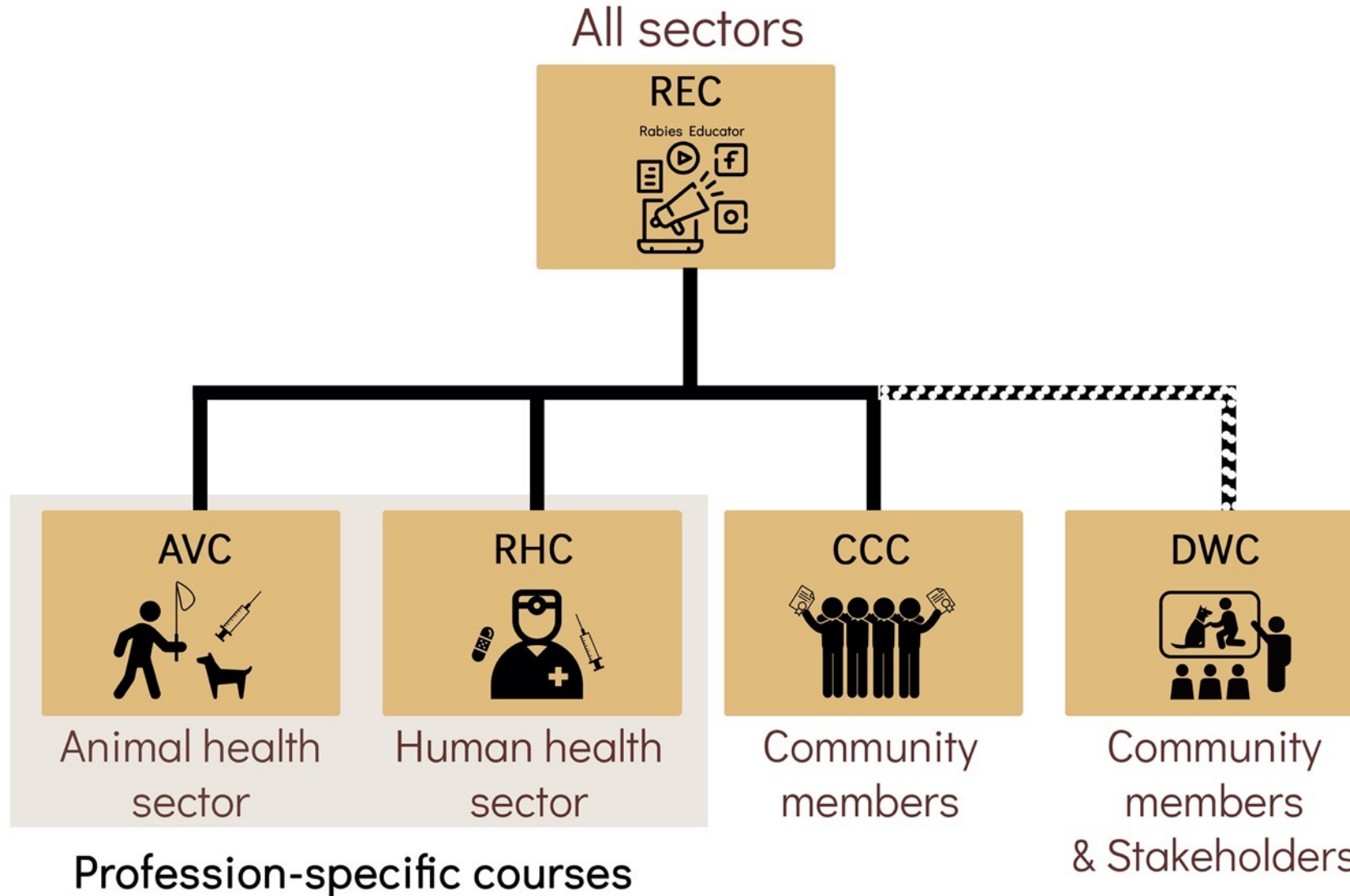
GARC Education Platform

- **Education** website with four courses that can be taken for **free**.
 - Courses for the general population and skilled professionals.
- Passing a course results in a **certificate of achievement**.



<https://rabiesalliance.org/capacity-building/gep>

5 essential courses from the Global Alliance for Rabies Control



Thank you

*For more information or to access any resources please visit
<https://rabiesalliance.org/>*

