# **ASEAN RABIES ELIMINATION STRATEGY (ARES)**

ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases and ASEAN Sectoral Working Group for Livestock

### **RABIES SITUATION IN ASEAN**

- Rabies is notifiable disease in all ASEAN member states.
- Rabies is endemic in most of the ASEAN member states: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Rabies free countries: Brunei and Singapore
- Nearly all human rabies cases are due to bites from rabid dogs.

## **GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

**Goal:** To control and eliminate rabies in ASEAN Member States by 2020 and to maintain region freedom.

#### **Objectives**

- 1. To increase ASEAN cooperation to eliminate rabies and maintain rabies-free status.
- 2. To strengthen capacities of the Veterinary Services and Human Health Services.
- 3. To establish and continuously strengthen the coordinating and supporting mechanisms among stakeholders.
- 4. To obtain and sustain high-level governmental engagement.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Call for Action for Rabies Elimination;
- 2. One Health approach;
- 3. Harmonization with other regulation, strategies, and standard guideline;
- 4. Vaccination and PEP;
- 5. Dog population management;
- 6. Capacity building; and
- 7. Stakeholders' engagement

## **DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

- 1. WHO (World Health Organization)
- 2. OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health)
- 3. FAO (United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization)
- 4. WAP (World Animal Protection)
- 5. GARC (Global Alliance for Rabies Control)

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