

RAGE group discussions

Group 1:

- International organisations and NGOs
- On understanding the impact of genomic surveillance the points were quite general about rabies, rather than genetic data being important
- Talked about importance of using visuals and animations
- Communications strategies: stakeholder meetings and use of social media (appropriate for NGOs?)
- Efficient conveyance of results: simple language and use of videos
- Intergration into practices/policies- review and update existing policies
- Possible adjustments: vaccine-making companies can take information about novel strains into consideration
- Engagement and action
 - Identify and engage
 - Proposals and concept notes
 - Present significant findings and link them with their interests

Group 2:

- Community health workers and educators
 - Nurses, school teachers, religious leaders etc
- Understanding and interpretation with evidence based case report
 - Pictures of representative cases and fliers
- Communication strategies
 - Prior meetings with community leaders
 - Town hall meetings
 - Fliers and handbill infographic
 - Avoid technicalities
 - Should be a step to track what info is passed
- Intergrate results into practices
 - The importance of reporting and taking samples
 - Advocacy for dog vaccination (could they follow up with information about the impact of those control efforts on rabies, as shown by genetic data?)
- Engagemetn and action
 - Train the trainers
 - Sensitisation and advocacy
 - Seminars

Group 3:

- Local public health & veterinary services
- Emphasis as a One health approach
 - Effective case reporting

- Stakeholders forum to communicate public health data
- Public awareness program on media platforms
- Workshops and symposium for public health and vet sectors
- Inclusion of rabies genomic data in national health care plan??
 - To know about new strains and appropriate actions (would be an example?)
- Strengthen existing disease notification
- Inclusion in national disease notification form

Group 4:

- Government agency and policy makers
 - Ministries and law makers
- Make result available: peer review journal
- But highlight existing information on the rabies and implications
 - But how does that bring in genetic data???
- Reach out to stakeholders with visuals/chart
 - Courtesy calls and visits (persistence!)
 - Workshops, conferences and seminars (going to the types of forums)
- Give recommendations
 - Specifics about mass vaccination, equipping the relevant institutes for rapid response
 - And follow up