

**UPDATE:**  
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# **SPEEDIER - Surveillance integrating Phylogenetics and Epidemiology for Elimination of Disease: Evaluation of Rabies Control in the Philippines**

**Aim:** To deliver a cost-effective, epidemiologically robust, enhanced surveillance and response package to guide and sustain the elimination of rabies from the Philippines



## **RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Tasks Completed**

SPEEDIER had its national launch event in Manila, Philippines. Attendees from included: Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), Epidemiology Bureau, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, DOH Mimaropa, Dept of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry, Romblon Provincial Health Office, the Provincial Hospital, the President of the League of Mayors, and DOST PCHRD

Kirstyn Brunker conducted a 5-day Genomics training workshop at RITM

SPEEDIER had its provincial launch event in Odiongan, Romblon, Philippines on 10 Apr. Attendees included: Gov. Eduardo Firmalo, Provincial Health Office, Provincial Veterinary Office, Dept of Education, Municipal Health Offices, Municipal Agriculture Offices, Hospitals, and Animal Bite Treatment Centre key staff

Ethics submitted to RITM's Institutional Review Board



## **CURRENT WORK**

- Confirming Project Advisory Group membership
- Establishing Research Station in Alcantara, Romblon
- Optimizing IBCM App & other materials
- Drafting data collection, training & implementation SOPs
- Piloting data collection instruments
- Supporting RITM staff to set up MinION



## **CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Human Resource: Looking for a Senior Disease Surveillance Officer to be based in Romblon
- Sustainability: Engaging stakeholders in Manila, Romblon and Mindoro
- Project: Waiting for Ethics approval
- Genomics: Developing Bioinformatics platform

## **TIMELINE**

Phase 1: Development & Optimization

Phase 2a: Implementation

2019

2020

2021

2022

