

## Mission Rabies Education Monthly Report – January 2018

### Overview

We have the final figures for 2018. The total number of people reached through school workshops and community awareness events increased from 895,077 in 2017 to 983,082 people in 2018. We made most progress in our community work where the number of people reached almost doubled from 130,658 to 243,011. We have now reached 2,964,220 people around the world, so the 3 million mark is well within sight for 2019.

We have set an ambitious target to reach 1 million children in 2019 alone and have already started the process of expanding our education work to Ghana and Tanzania. We will report more on progress with both of these projects in the next report.

### AFRICA

#### Malawi

The new year has started with some extremely heavy rain in Malawi making travel difficult. We have used this time to reach out to key stakeholders. Over the Christmas period we made progress towards getting rabies education engrained into the national curriculum. Following correspondence with a number of people over the last couple of months and a lot of pushing from Debs in the last couple of weeks, we have been invited to meet the Acting Executive Director of the Malawi Institute of Education at the end of this month. This is a big step forward in terms of ensuring sustainability. Following our stakeholder meeting last May, we have also started planning toward a large-scale training workshop with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology for all Primary Education Advisors (PEAs) from across Blantyre, Zomba and Chiradzulu. The PEAs will then train 534 School Health and Nutrition Teachers to deliver rabies workshops in local schools. Our permanent education officers are now building the relationships with the key people needed at the local level to deliver this training. They also continue to support to the livestock survey work for One Mission.

We have also been approached by Michiru Nature Sanctuary to deliver rabies education training for their park rangers. One of the key roles of the rangers is community engagement and they regularly deliver workshops for communities based in the park. We have agreed to train the park rangers in March with an agreement to move on to more detailed animal welfare training in the future. The animal welfare workshops will be run in conjunction with the BSPCA. Following this development, we approached the Zomba chapter of the Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi (WESM) earlier this week. WESM has approximately 130 active wildlife clubs at schools in the region and we are exploring the opportunity to use the WESM-sponsored clubs as another platform for Mission Rabies outreach.

#### Tanzania



We have expanded our education programme to run alongside our vaccination programme in the Arusha region of Tanzania. Thank you to Jens from Mbwa wa Africa and Amy for all their enthusiasm for strengthening the education component of the project and all the additional effort required to get this off the ground. At the very end of 2018, we ran a training workshop for a team of education officers selected to go into schools as part of the programme. This was the first time that the training programme was delivered remotely using a mixture of presentations delivered via WhatsApp (due to issues with the internet), video material selected to showcase different parts of lesson delivery and a number of exercises to help reinforce key messages and teaching techniques. A special mention should go to

Jens again, who acted as the facilitator for the training in country for his patience and ingenuity at overcoming all the issues that patchy internet connections can throw up. All this meant that we were able to get the project off the ground incredibly quickly with education officers going into schools from 8<sup>th</sup> January (Bariki Lema pictured above). The preliminary results from week 1 point to increased vaccination uptake, which would suggest the increased focus on awareness raising had immediate benefits for the programme, but I will report fully next month once I have had an opportunity to discuss data from both weeks of the campaign with Jens and Amy.

## ASIA

### India

We have started going back into school following the Christmas break - already visiting 96 schools and 11,327 children. We have also been providing increased support to Julie's vaccination teams in these first few weeks with one education officer each week being assigned to work with vaccination teams raising awareness and educating pet owners. We also conducted community workshops in Curca Panchayat where the Truck is currently conducting sterilisation work.

We have also recruited 10 schools who will form part of a pilot programme to undergo more in-depth animal welfare education delivered with WVS. The initial pilot will run from January to the end of March.

### Mission Rabies Education Summary

Year	Children Educated	Teachers Reached	Community Members Sensitised
2013	59,600	500	3,000
2014	119,479	3,847	1,732
2015	223,588	5,230	45,840
2016	543,141	10,971	69,133
2017	744,397	20,022	130,658
2018	723,687	16,384	243,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,413,892</b>	<b>56,954</b>	<b>493,374</b>