



Monthly report Malawi, March 2018

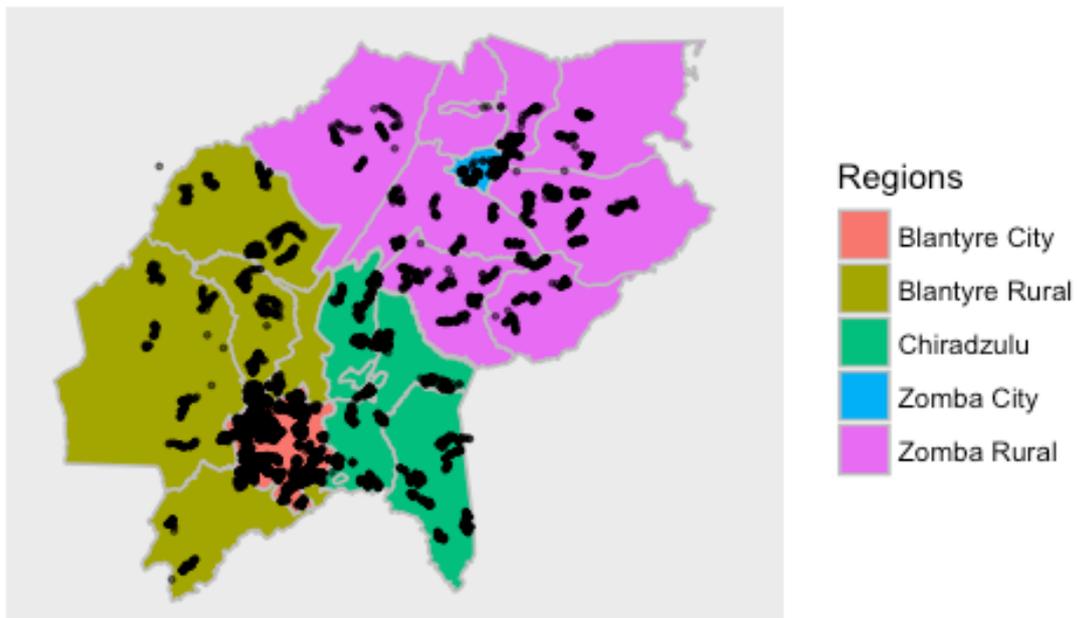
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Mission Rabies

By mid March the last post vaccination survey in Blantyre district was completed and Stella has now finished analysing all data from 2017 which shows that the Mission Rabies teams have managed to vaccinate more than the required 70% in almost all areas in the three districts they are working in. These results are amazing and it's very motivating to know that all the hard work is paying off!

Map of survey locations

Post vacc surveys 2017

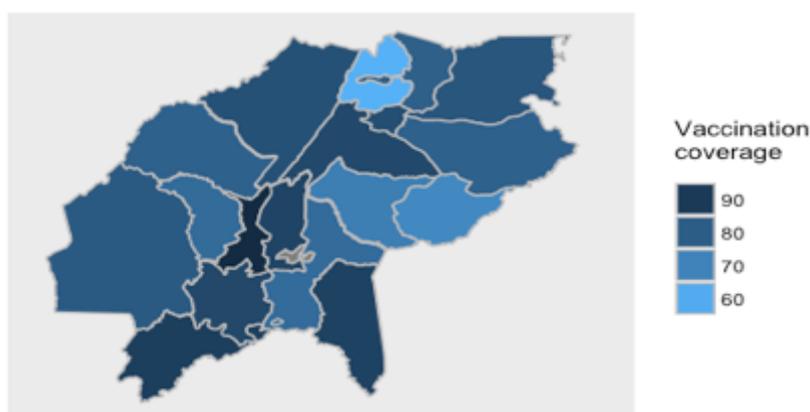


Vaccination coverage per EPA including dogs vaccinated previously

Proportion of dogs vaccinated (prop mean overall, propMR is by MR only)

Districtb	EPAb	vacc	total	prop	vaccMR	propMR
Blantyre	Blantyre City	1546	1800	85.88889	1337	74.27778
Blantyre	Chipande EPA	51	54	94.44444	51	94.44444
Blantyre	Kunthembwe EPA	136	168	80.95238	134	79.76190
Blantyre	Lirangwe EPA	143	181	79.00552	142	78.45304
Blantyre	Lunzu EPA	77	101	76.23762	77	76.23762
Blantyre	Ntonda EPA	31	35	88.57143	30	85.71429
Chiradzulu	Mbulumbuzi EPA	186	214	86.91589	185	86.44860
Chiradzulu	Mombezi EPA	211	277	76.17329	209	75.45126
Chiradzulu	Thumbwe EPA	197	225	87.55556	197	87.55556
Zomba	Chingale EPA	30	36	83.33333	25	69.44444
Zomba	Dzaone EPA	47	66	71.21212	46	69.69697
Zomba	Malosa EPA	46	58	79.31034	43	74.13793
Zomba	Molasa FR	17	29	58.62069	17	58.62069
Zomba	Mpokwe EPA	105	133	78.94737	105	78.94737
Zomba	Msondole EPA	59	72	81.94444	57	79.16667
Zomba	Ngwelero EPA	35	51	68.62745	34	66.66667
Zomba	Thondwe EPA	30	35	85.71429	30	85.71429
Zomba	Zomba Municipality	113	134	84.32836	111	82.83582

Map of vaccination coverage



WVS/BSPCA

Ellie is still volunteering at the BSPCA for another 2 months and having her in the clinic is a massive help, as she can deal with clients, vaccinate and treat animals and look after inpatients. All of which is reducing work load for me while we don't have vet volunteers on the premises and I can concentrate on surgeries.

She has also started offering dog care and behavioral courses for people with not much experience with dogs. At the BSPCA we managed to rehome five dogs and two cats.

Despite this we received puppies dogs which were seized by the police from street vendors and we rescued a few neglected dogs or severely injured dogs which we are aiming to find a home for once they have recovered.

Below a few cases we saw in the clinic over the past month:

'Bruno' came in from Thyolo with severe mange. After four weeks of treatment he is much better and will now stay with a Malawian priest who offered to look after him. A BSPCA supporter is providing food for 'Bruno' and is dropping bags of food at the church every month



This puppy was hit by a car and suffered a brachial plexus avulsion injury which caused paralysis and there was no deep pain perception in the right front leg. Amputation of the leg was the best option.

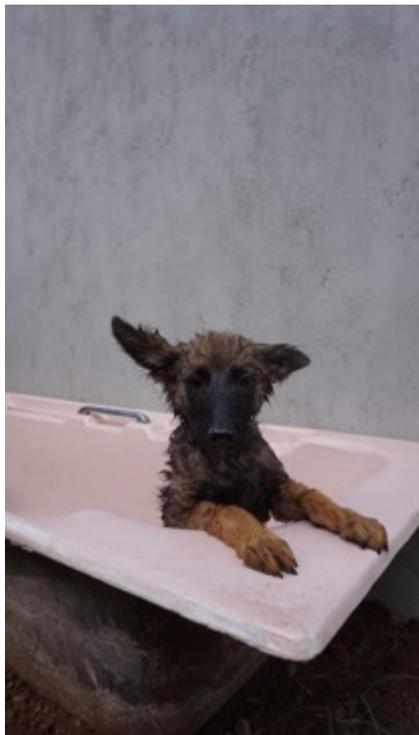


'Barney' was found next to the road in Blantyre with the most horrific wound on his body. He would have definitely died if he wouldn't have been taken to the clinic. 'Barney' is the most lovely dog, his wound is dressed daily and is healing nicely. It will still take a long time to heal but the infection cleared and he will hopefully find a good home once he recovers.



Two days after admission and two weeks after

After an appeal for an old bathtub we received this one from a local restaurant and we are now able to offer dipping for a small fee on Saturdays. People from local communities can bring their dogs to the BSPCA to prevent fleas, ticks and mange infestation.



Other news

Last week Ellie, Jo and I went to the Blood Transfusion Centre to donate blood. There is always a great need for blood donations in Malawi and the recent rumors about blood suckers at the end of last year resulted in a shortage of blood in hospitals. For Ellie this was the fifteenth (!) time she donated blood!

