# Introduction to the PARACON Bulletin

# On behalf of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control



## Introduction

Available in English and French

- Uses DHIS2 platform
  - Available in many countries
  - PARACON to link with National DHIS2 databases
- Replace paper-based/manual data collection systems for PARACON



#### Aim

 To create a comprehensive rabies surveillance database in Africa that unifies different data sources in order to gather accurate and up-todate epidemiological rabies information

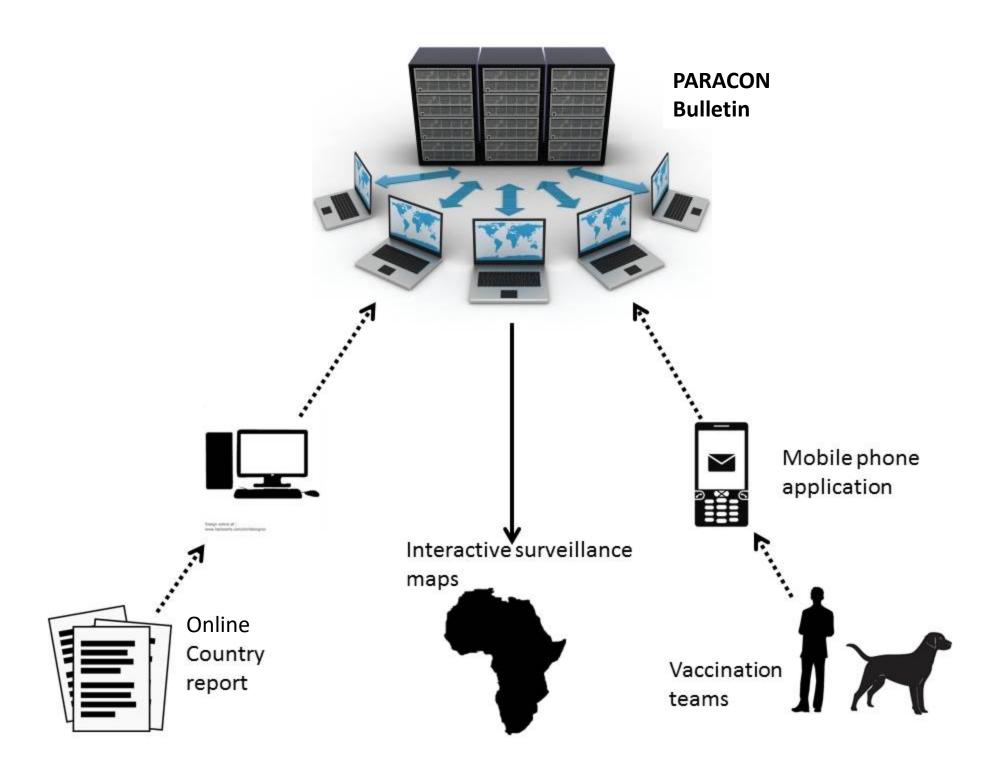


# **Envisioned Bulletin**

- Success = routine collection and collation of epidemiological information
  - Freely available data for the country

 Gather official government data and substantiate with data from other sources





### **BETA Launch**

Official launch was at PARACON 2016 (Cote d'Ivoire)

- BETA testing
  - Received feedback and have improved upon it already
  - Next round of testing
  - Is it relevant to your country?



# Challenges with good data reporting

Collection of data can be difficult

Cumbersome paper-based systems in many countries

No analysis of paper-based data occurs

Difficult to keep accurate and lasting records





# Improved data collection

PARACON Country report has been shortened significantly

- Reports broken down into 3 time-frames:
  - 3 Yearly (Main PARACON meeting)
  - Annual
  - 6 Monthly



# Improved data collection

- Shorter time needed to input data
  - Aim to improve timely data collection
  - Downloadable reports
- Working with WHO to incorporate WHO indicators
  - Aim to make a single reporting system for rabies data
- Bulletin correlates with SARE



### Use of Data

Analysis can be time consuming and difficult

- Disjointed reporting from ground up
  - No feedback back to facilities at ground level
- Many countries collect the correct data
  - However, it is not analysed sufficiently



#### PARACON Bulletin

- Electronic country reports submitted directly onto PARACON website
  - Information stored on a single database

Online surveillance maps

Easy access and freely available

