

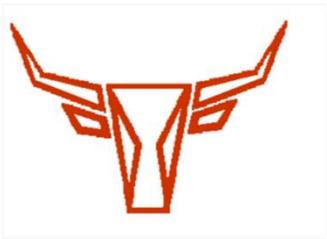
# Innovative dog vaccination campaign delivery

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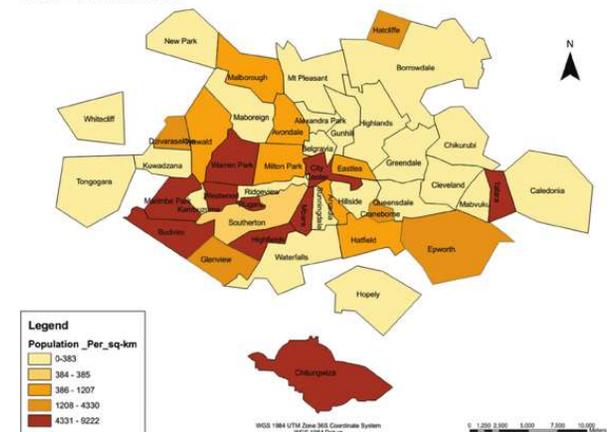
- Vaccination campaigns have been implemented in Zimbabwe since the 1950's
- Limited resources, however, restricted these campaigns to annual static-point vaccination campaigns focusing on the rural settlements
- The urban areas were often neglected in these campaigns, and the estimated vaccination coverage in cities and larger towns declined

# Rabies in the capital city of Zimbabwe

- The neglect of the urban areas became evident in 2011 when an increase in animal rabies cases was detected in the capital city – Harare
- Outbreak officially declared but the outbreak could not be epidemiologically defined.



HARARE POPULATION DENSITY





# Rabies in the capital city of Zimbabwe

- The rabies outbreak was **not slowing down**
- Dogs remain the most important reservoir species – **need to be vaccinated**
- The Department of Veterinary Services did not have a well-coordinated multi-sectoral approach and had limited vaccine – **limiting dog vaccination to only the national campaign (annually)**



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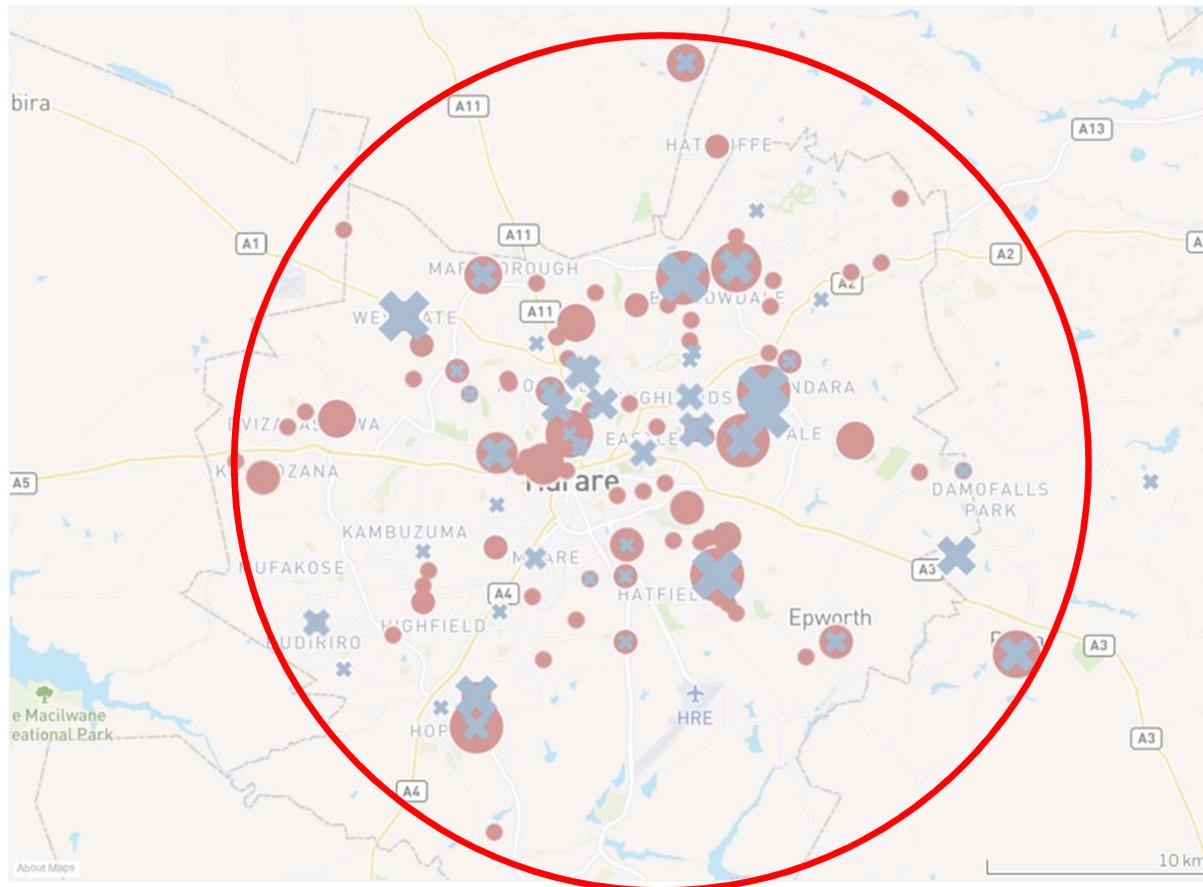
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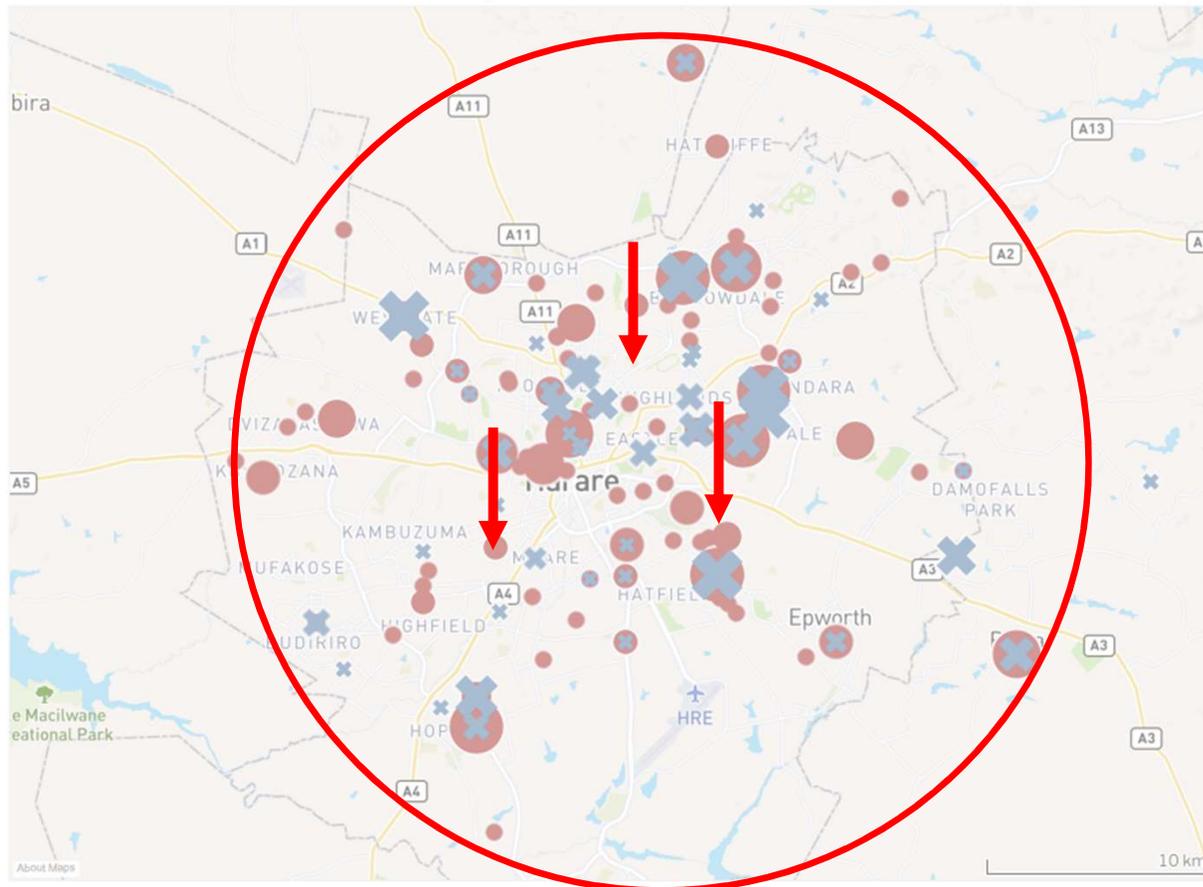
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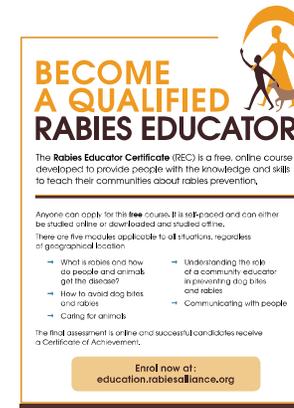
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# Preparation for campaign

All of the project partners underwent training using the GARC Education Platform

- Rabies Educator Certificate
- Animal Handling and Vaccination certificate



**BECOME A QUALIFIED RABIES EDUCATOR**

The Rabies Educator Certificate (REC) is a free, online course developed to provide people with the knowledge and skills to teach their communities about rabies prevention.

Anyone can study for this free course. It is self-paced and can either be studied online or downloaded and studied offline.

There are five modules applicable to all situations, regardless of geographical location:

- Which animals and how do people and animals get the disease?
- How to avoid dog bites and rabies
- Calling for animals
- Understanding the role of a community educator in preventing dog bites and rabies
- Communicating with people

The final assessment is online and successful candidates receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Enrol now at: [education.rabiesalliance.org](http://education.rabiesalliance.org)




**AVC: An essential course for individuals involved in dog vaccination programmes**

The Animal Handling and Vaccination Certificate (AVC) is a free online course that is designed for professional workers in the field to vaccinate dogs against rabies. It provides essential knowledge and skills to help you handle your vaccine dogs to gain effective and humane results.

It is ideal for use as part of a structured training programme under the guidance of a professional or as a reference for animal handlers and vaccinators who want to access themselves on techniques based on their practical knowledge of canine behaviour.

The course has five modules:

- ▶ The role of the animal handler and vaccinator
- ▶ Understanding animal behaviour
- ▶ Effective ways to approach dogs
- ▶ Equipment needed to catch and handle dogs
- ▶ Effective vaccine administration techniques

The AVC is self-paced and can be studied online or downloaded and studied offline. It can only be accessed after completing the Rabies Educator Certificate, which provides basic knowledge on rabies prevention and raising awareness in the community.

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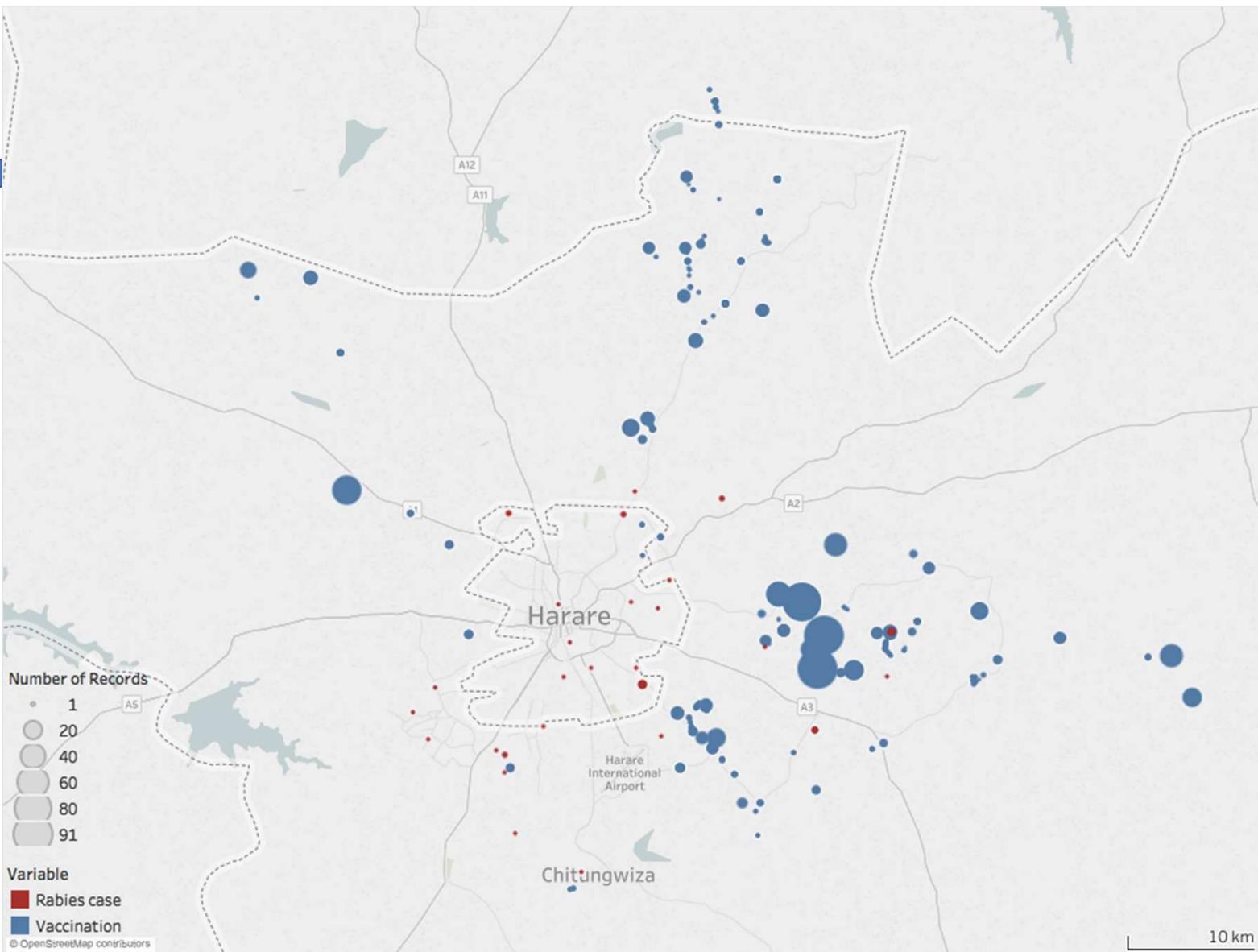


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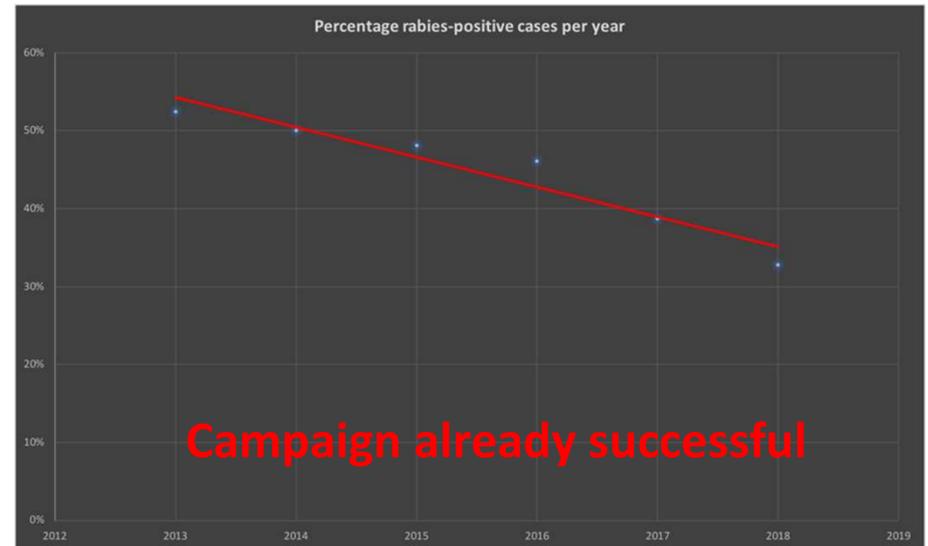
- Animal vaccine,
- Animal handling equipment
- GARC Data Loggers (GDL)  
donated by GARC and World Animal  
Protection







- 5841 dogs vaccinated
- ±18 000 doses of vaccine remaining
- WRD = mass dog vaccination campaign inside the city



# Thank You



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