

**Mission Rabies Education
Monthly Report – December 2018**

Overview

We visited 86% of all schools in Goa this year and have now educated more than 1 million children in India - passing our third big milestone of 2018. This success is being noticed. We held a press conference to celebrate reaching 1 million children and the Times of India ran an article with the headline, 'Goa on it's way to becoming nation's only-rabies free state.' The Chief Minister then retweeted the article to his followers on twitter, which was great to see.

Schools closed in Malawi for the Christmas holidays, but we have now visited 85% of the 765 primary schools in Blantyre, Zomba and Chiradzulu.

AFRICA

Malawi

We visited the Chilandepa primary school for the first time in November. During the lessons, one girl told us that she had been bitten by a dog two weeks ago, but her parents refused to take her to hospital for the free post-exposure vaccinations. We sent a team to observe the dog who had bitten the girl, ensure that it was vaccinated and ensure that she was safe. We then used the opportunity to conduct some rabies awareness workshops with adults in the community. The families in the village were incredibly happy that we had taken the time to deliver lessons in their community. Thankfully, there are very few pockets where people are unaware of the seriousness of rabies. We have been conducting livestock surveys in Chileka and have used this opportunity to test the knowledge of people on rabies. Chiku, our Senior Education Officer, has reported back that the communities can now identify the signs and symptoms of rabies in animals and people, which has really underlined to him the difference that we've made in these remote rural communities.



ASIA

India

We have passed the milestone of educating 1 million children in India. Under the excellent leadership of Dr Murugan, we have put a huge amount of effort into improving the programme over the last two years and we have reached more than 500,000 children in 2017 and 2018. We have achieved this increase whilst also improving coordination with the vaccination team, which is vital to the long-term success of the programme. We held a press conference to celebrate the achievement, which got coverage in the Times of India (see right), Podari (Marathi), Gomantak times (English), the Lokmat news, the Navhind times, and on the Goa365 TV news. The Chief Minister also shared the news through his twitter account: <https://twitter.com/goacm/status/1073438732399927296>



When schools closed on the 21st December, we reached 1406 schools (86% of the total number of schools in Goa). This means that we have beaten our 80% target for two years running and improved

on the 85% of schools visited last year. Our work has been given a boost this year by volunteers from the Goa Management College and Vidya Vibothini Teacher Training College. We have been really happy with the work of these volunteers and hope to strengthen our relationship next year.

Our permanent education officers also pushed hard to visit as many schools as possible before the end of the year. They achieved really good results in the small window between the Diwali and Christmas holidays, which enabled us to beat last year's performance:

NAME	NO OF SCHOOLS	STUDENTS	TEACHERS	COMMUNITY DONE/ PEOPLE BENEFITED
ASHOK	20	4787	113	37/920
AKSHAY	32	844	76	26/468
RAKESH	15	2122	106	15/360
TOTAL	57	7753	295	44/1748

Mission Rabies Education Summary

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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	751,133	20,341	130,658
2018 (up to 1 st Nov)	696,471	15,231	242,596
Total	2,386,676	55,801	492,959