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Dar Es Salaam

On 26–30 January, Dr Meslin met in Dar Es Salaam with officials from national institutions and WHO Country Office staff to agree on the modalities for implementing the joint WHO/Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation five-year project for elimination of human and dog rabies in south-eastern Tanzania. He was accompanied by Ms Sarah Cleaveland, Ms Tiziana Lembo and Ms Katie Hampson (Glasgow University).



Important discussions were held with senior officials from the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry, the Preventive Services of the Ministry of Health and the Central Veterinary Laboratory, which reiterated the strong commitment of the Government of Tanzania. The terms of reference of staff (national project coordinator, project assistant, driver) to be selected under the project and to be hosted by the WHO office in Dar Es Salaam were agreed upon. The visit also secured the involvement of the WHO Country Office's administrative and finance services in managing the project's funds in cooperation with the central, provincial or district (as required) recipient governmental structures.

All national staff met during the visit expressed their enthusiasm for and strong commitment to the project. Altogether, excellent progress was made during the visit.

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