



Mandy Kellagher, one of our Governors, is going to Tanzania for a third time in January to work on a Mission Rabies campaign, vaccinating dogs in a rural area near Arusha. Many SRG parents and children will have heard all this before!

Rabies kills over 60,000 people every year, 40% of whom are children under 15, mostly in developing countries. 99% of cases are caused by dog bites and once signs of disease are shown it is almost always fatal.

However, rabies is 100% preventable by vaccinating dogs and educating people. Mission Rabies is currently targeting areas in Asia and Africa with the aim of eradicating rabies from the world by 2030. In 2023 the small team in Tanzania vaccinated over 7000 dogs in 2 weeks. Obviously there is no way that the charity can vaccinate dogs globally but they are supported by the World Health Organisation and the success of the projects they undertake is bringing home to governments the fact that this killer disease can be eradicated. The charity also educates children in the areas where they operate, ensuring that they understand the risk of rabies and the procedures that must be followed if someone is bitten by a dog.

