

## **RABIES**

For 1980 the total number of cases of rabies was the highest recorded in the past ten years. Of the total of 248 cases , 243 died in hospitals , and the other 5 cases presumably died at home. A total of 370 mortality cards (death certificates) submitted to Ministry of Interior listed rabies as the cause of death.

No definite seasonal pattern was observed. During the past 5 years , Satun was the only province that reported no rabies.

Forty-six percent of cases were in the age group 5-14 years.

Seventy-four of the total of 248 cases were investigated , with the finding that only 17 cases had received vaccination. Six of the 17 cases had received a "complete" series of Simple vaccine (14 or 21 doses). In the other 11 cases the vaccination series had not been completed. None of the vaccinated cases had received antirabies serum.

In 1980 , 43,256 persons received a "complete" series of Simple vaccine. A figure is not available for those who received an incomplete series.