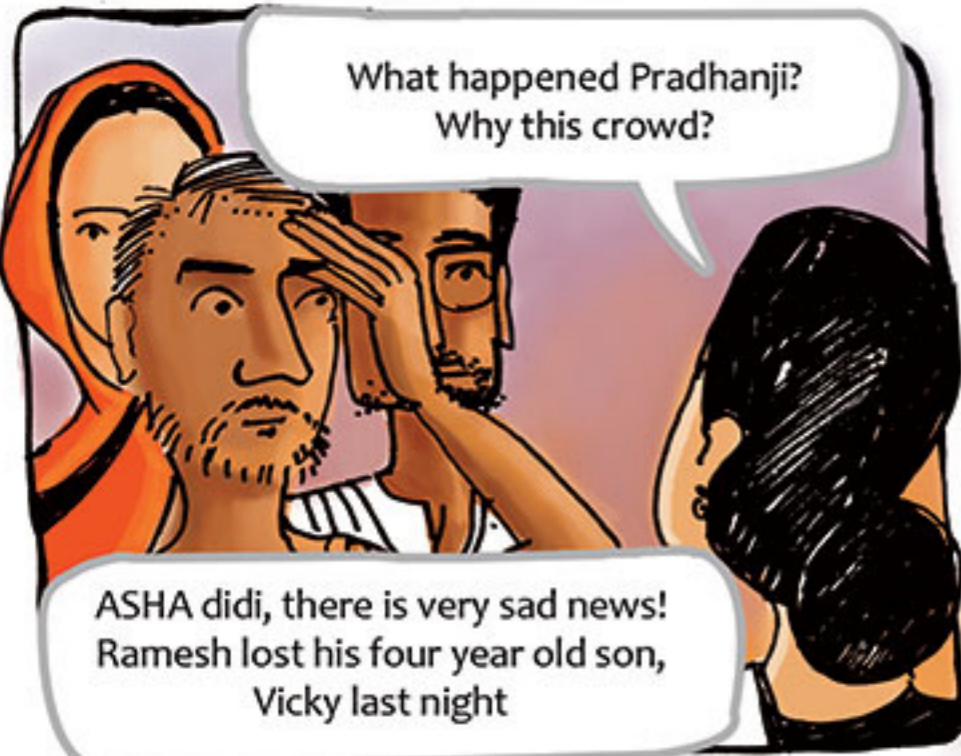
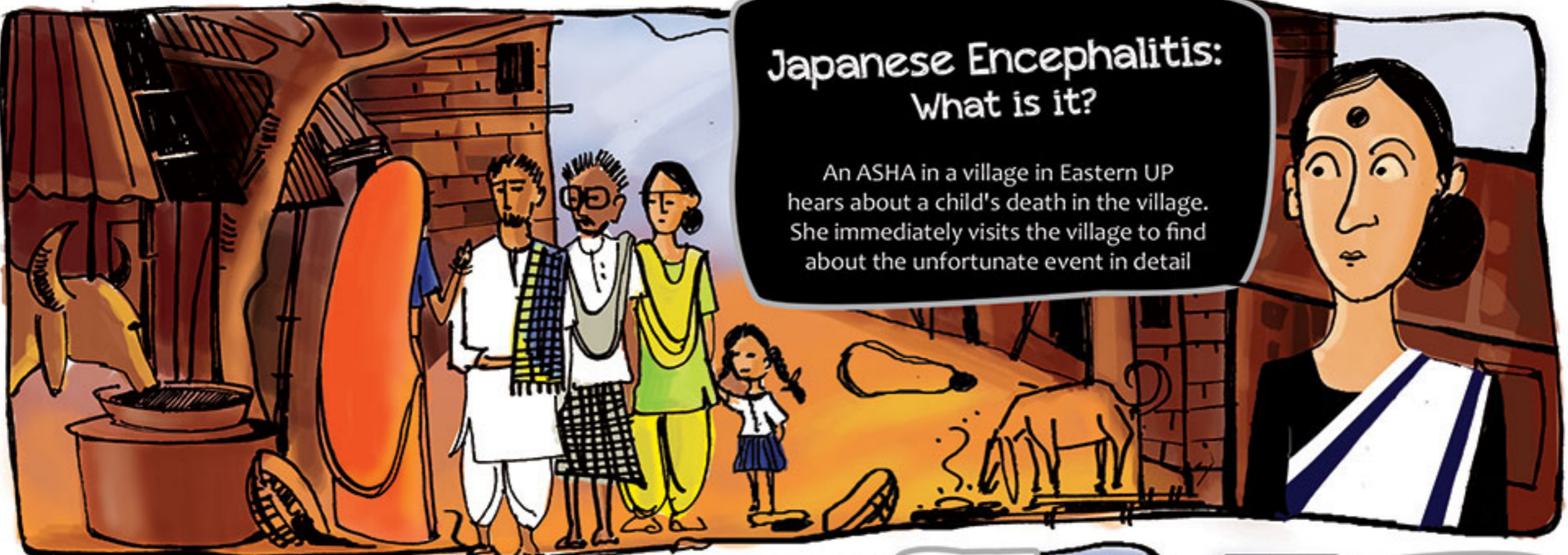


Japanese Encephalitis: What is it?

An ASHA in a village in Eastern UP hears about a child's death in the village. She immediately visits the village to find about the unfortunate event in detail



What happened Pradhanji? Why this crowd?

ASHA didi, there is very sad news! Ramesh lost his four year old son, Vicky last night

This is unbelievable. What happened to him? He seemed absolutely fine when I saw him the last time.

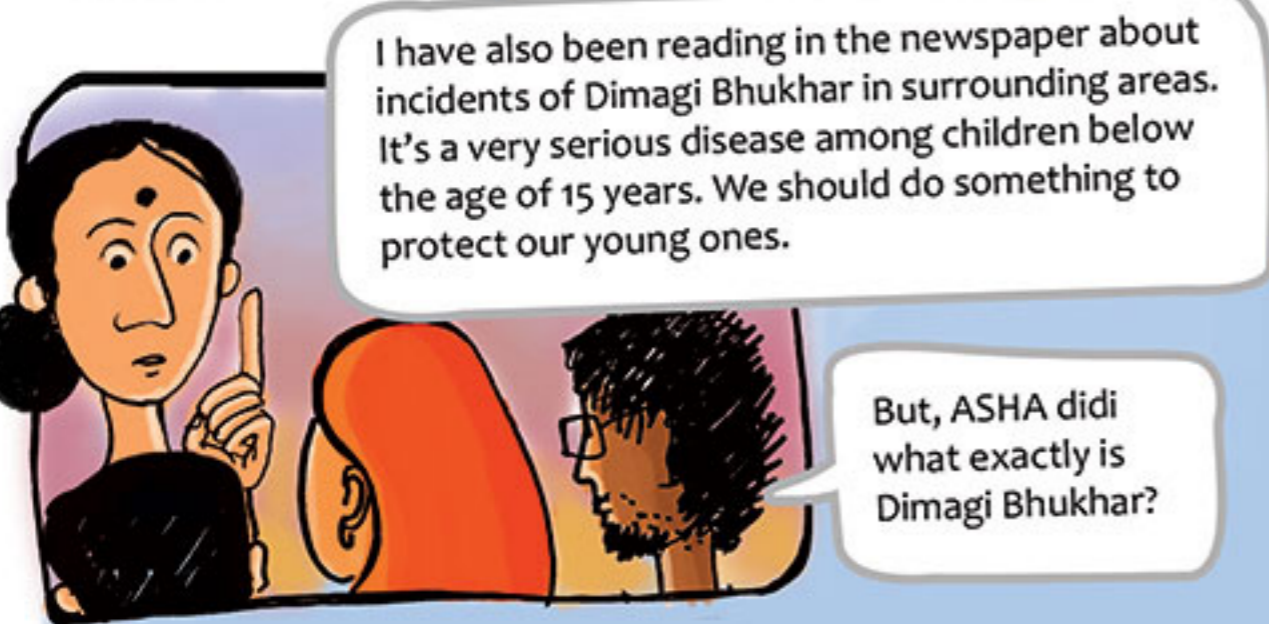


I don't know, people are saying he had high fever



ASHA didi it was not any ordinary fever he had Dimagi Bhukhar

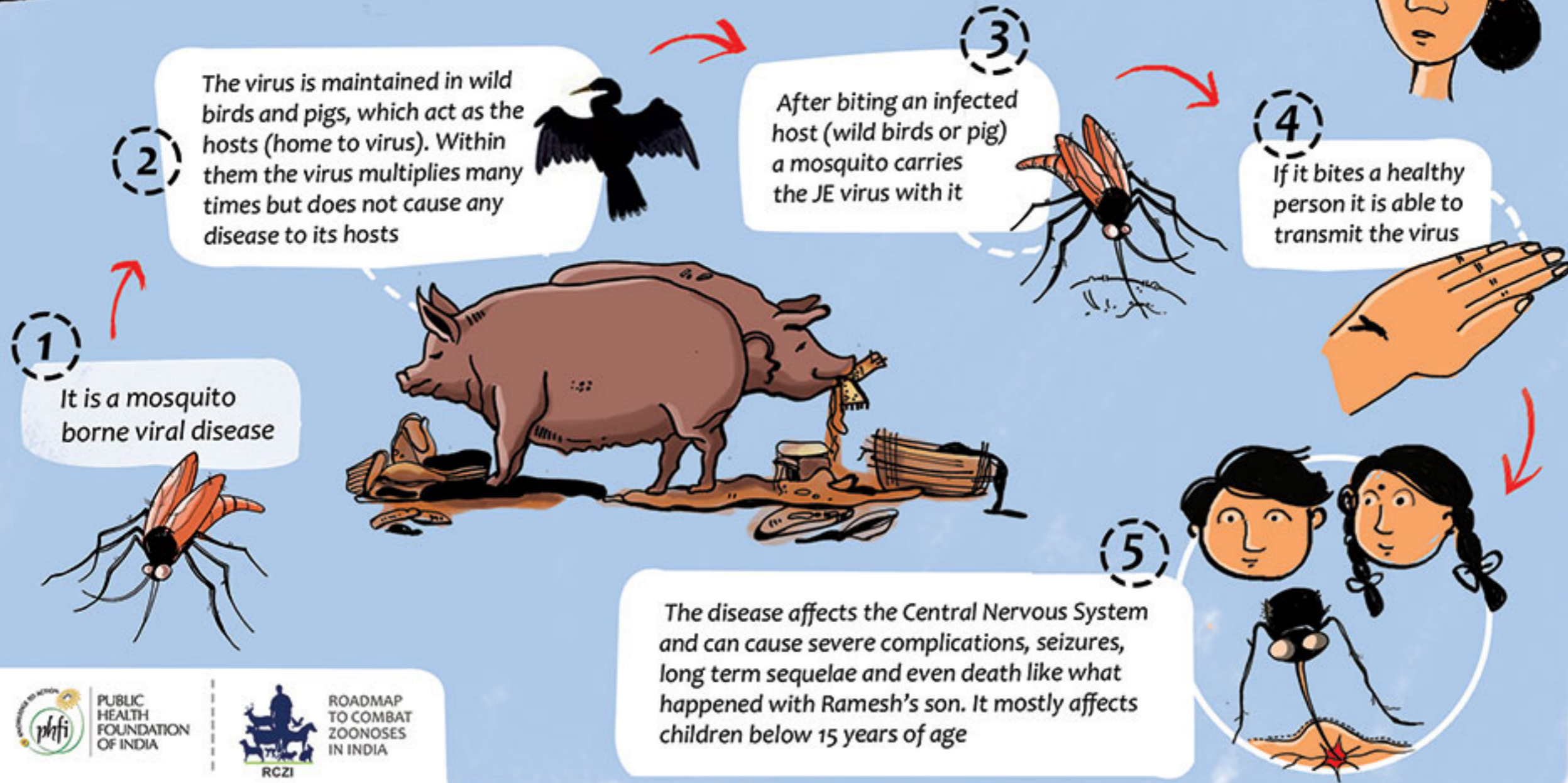
Pradhanji, there is so much of filth and dirty water all around the village... mosquitoes breed in these sites which results in so many diseases affecting health of our children



I have also been reading in the newspaper about incidents of Dimagi Bhukhar in surrounding areas. It's a very serious disease among children below the age of 15 years. We should do something to protect our young ones.

But, ASHA didi what exactly is Dimagi Bhukhar?

THE OTHER NAME FOR DIMAGI BHUKHAR IS JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS (JE).



2

The virus is maintained in wild birds and pigs, which act as the hosts (home to virus). Within them the virus multiplies many times but does not cause any disease to its hosts



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After biting an infected host (wild birds or pig) a mosquito carries the JE virus with it



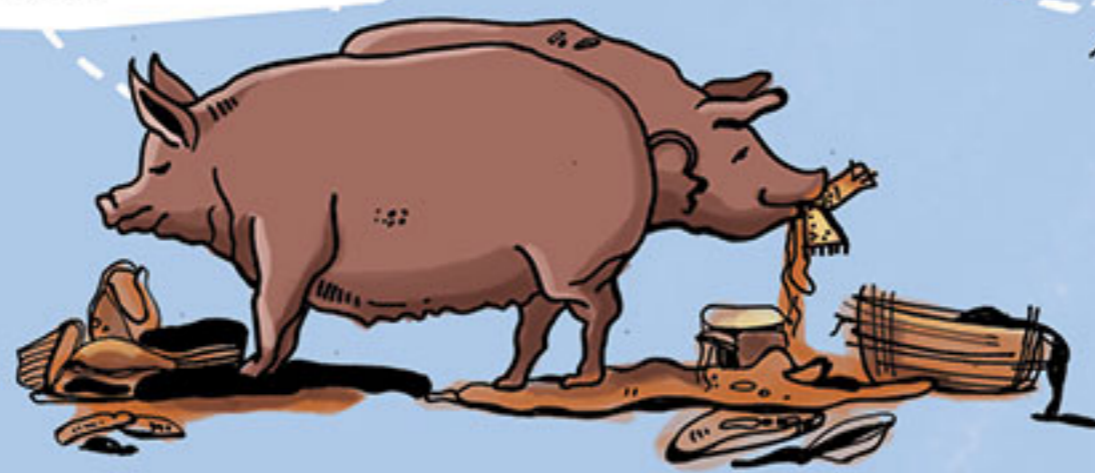
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If it bites a healthy person it is able to transmit the virus



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It is a mosquito borne viral disease



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The disease affects the Central Nervous System and can cause severe complications, seizures, long term sequelae and even death like what happened with Ramesh's son. It mostly affects children below 15 years of age

