



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 12 FMD RESPONSE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 8th September 2025 to 12th September 2025. The activities include the awareness activities and sanitary controls in the FMD affected areas of the Shiselweni region, Lubombo region and other parts of the country.

2. WEEK 12 REPORTS

Nothing significant occurred during this reporting week except the awareness and sensitization meetings which were conducted at Sithobela and Mpisi VFTC.

3. INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Three dip tanks in the Hluthi sub region were investigated following reports from the public. These were;

Lubombo

- a. Nhlupheko dip tank on the 8th September 2025 where cattle were found to be having old FMD lesions.
- b. Luvatsi dip tank was inspected on the 9th September 2025 and no cattle had FMD lesions.
- c. Mbabala dip tank was inspected on the 11th September 2025 and no cattle had FMD lesions.

4. AWARENESS / COMMUNICATION

During this reporting week, the following was done on awareness and communication;

- a. A sensitization and awareness meeting was held with Sithobelweni cattle stakeholders on the 10th September 2025. A total of 240 stakeholders were in attendance. These included REPS, TDL farmers, Feedlotter, piggery owners, communal Farmers, Community police, butchery owners, umphakatsi and the veterinary staff. The outcome of the meeting was;
 - i. Eagerness of all stakeholders to join hands in the fight against FMD.
 - ii. Suggestions from stakeholders to quarantine other dip tanks which were in contact with dip tanks that were already put under quarantine for FMD surveillance.
 - iii. The request by farmers to be continuously updated on how the FMD disease is progressing.
- b. A sensitization and awareness meeting was held with the veterinary staff at Mpisi VFTC on the 11th September 2025. In attendance were the Act. DVLS, VOs, the AHIs and VAs.
 - i. Stakeholders appreciated the sensitization before the FMD reached their area.
 - ii. Realization by butchery owners that the unsupervised slaughter of animals are contributing of the spread of the FMD.
 - iii. Plan to organize a similar stakeholder sensitization meeting for the Matsapha and Sidvokodvo in the near future.

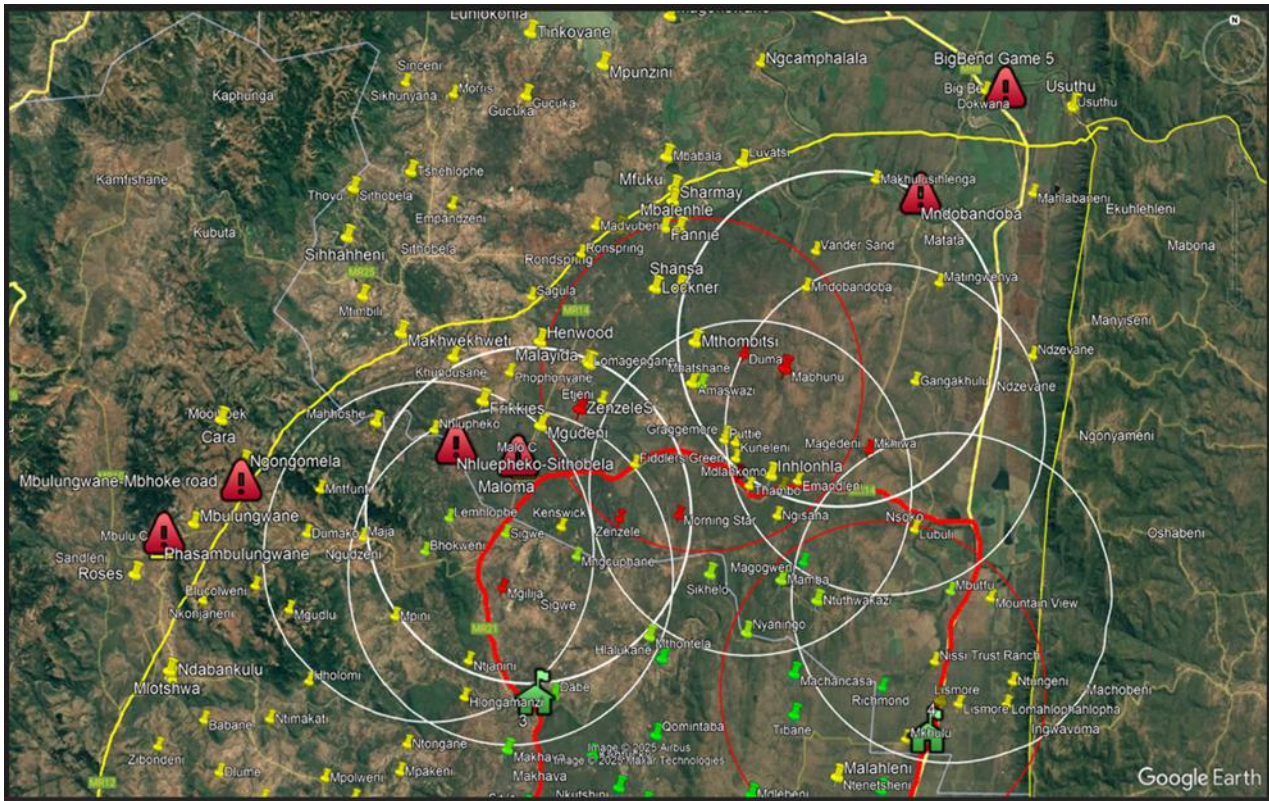
5. SANITARY CONTROLS AND GENERAL INSPECTION

Check points

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Check points were relocated as previously proposed. The relocation took place on Friday the 12th September 2025. Two more check points were mounted as indicated below;

- i. Mhlosheni checkpoint was not affected.
- ii. Hluthi checkpoint was moved to Phansi kwa Mbulungwane.
- iii. Mbava checkpoint was moved to Magalonini
- iv. Sitofu checkpoint moved to Game 5
- v. A new checkpoint was mounted beyond Nhlupheko at Lubulini
- vi. A new checkpoint was mounted at Mndobandoba



- a. Three pig carcasses were confiscated at the checkpoint phasa Mbulungwane on the early hours of Sunday the 14th September 2025. These were being transported from Ngudzeni to Nhlanguano. The offender is in police custody in Hluthi.

Patrols

- a. 13 cordon guards from Siteki and Maphiveni were deployed to Manyonyaneni where they will be patrolling the area to make sure that cattle between Mahlabaneni, Ndzevane, Manyonyaneni and Mndobandoba do not mix.

Fencing

- b. Fencing team has covered a total of 5km from Mkhwakhweni towards Lavumisa direction. Unfortunately the fencing material is finished.

6. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK 13

Planned awareness and sensitization meetings are as follows;

- a. A meeting on the 16th September 2025 Veterinary staff at Mpisi VFTC
- b. Mbulungwane Farmers sensitization meeting on the 17th September 2025 at Mbulungwane
- c. Next vaccination preparation meeting with the vaccinating teams at Mpisi VFTC on the 18th September 2025.