



## UPDATE ON WEEK 15 OF FMD RESPONSE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 to 26<sup>th</sup> 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 14 REPORTS

Vaccination of the newly infected are in Lubombo started this week. During vaccination it was discovered that there were three (3) RSA cattle at Ntungeni which were a bride prize. These animals arrived into the dip tank area in June 2024. On discovery, a truck was sought to move them to the pound. On arrival of the truck, the cattle had run away and could not be located.

The fencing team wanted to move from Nhlanganano training centre to camp at Matsanjani do in order to save on fuel.

The newly formed vaccinating/ surveillance team needed a car in order to execute their duties. Currently this team was using one of the Lubombo team cars. There is a need for a car for the check points team.

The cordon guards which have camped at Manyonyanei request more PPE and rain coats, winter coats and sun hats. They are requesting for mosquito repellents/ nets, fixing of roofs at camp, provision of more toilets and more food portions.

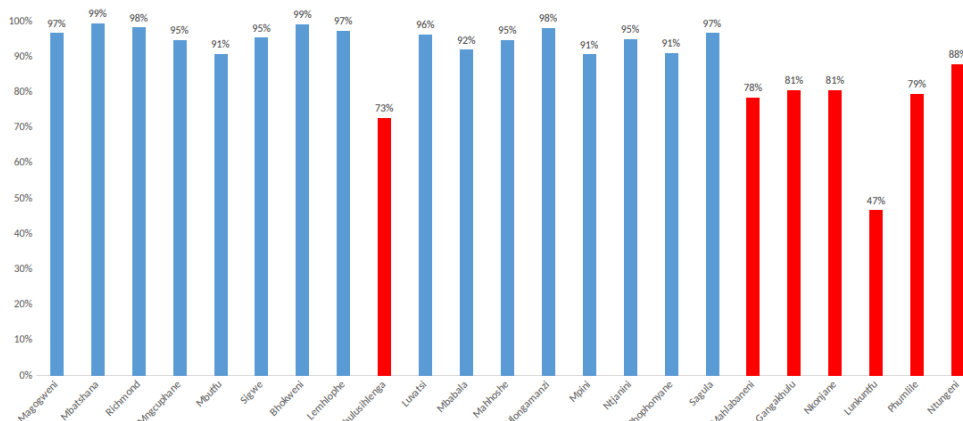
It was also reported that the FMD bill board at Eqinisweni was destroyed by rain/ storm.

### 3. WEEK 15 VACCINATION REPORT

In week 15, a total of 23 dip tanks were vaccinated. 15 dip tanks were vaccinated for the first time and 8 dip tanks were getting second doses. In total, **18 323 cattle** were vaccinated.

In the **15 dip tanks**, **12852** cattle were vaccinated and in the **8 dip tanks**, **5418** cattle got second dose and **54** got first dose.

16 dip tanks had over 90% vaccine coverage and dip tanks had a coverage of below 90% (in red) as seen below;



#### 4. INVESTIGATION REPORTS

No FMD suspects were picked up in all the dip tanks that were investigated this week. These dip tanks were Simiso, Mnyafula, Lomagengane and Ntongane dip tanks.

#### 5. SANITARY CONTROLS AND GENERAL INSPECTION

##### Cordon Line

The fencing team erected 300m of cordon fence using material that was borrowed from Lubombo region. Since there was no fencing equipment, the private sector donated slashers, bush knives, hammers, pliers and leather gloves. There is still a need of drillers and chain saw.

#### 6. NEW INFECTIONS

Clinical Signs of FMD were seen at Nkonjane dip tank in the previous week, on laboratory testing, all the clinically positive animals tested negative. 10 blood samples were again collected in week 15 and of these 4 tested positive for FMD. However, Nkonjane dip tank and its contacts were vaccinated in week 15.

No other dip tanks were reported to be having new infections/ suspect cases for FMD.

#### 7. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK 16

##### Vaccination Schedule

The vaccination schedule for the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 will be as follows;

Date	Day	Dip Tank
29.09.2025	Monday	Mgunyeni Dumako Simiso Mndobandoba Magonswana Lubuli Ndzevane
30.09.2025	Tuesday	Mgudlu Maja Mnyafula Mndobandoba Mpunzini Khundusane Mkhiwa Ndzevane
01.10.2025	Wednesday	Mtfunti Mgiliji Mabhunu Ngcamphalala Mkhiwa Khundusane Makhwekhweti
02.10.2025	Thursday	Mabhunu Makhwekhweti

### **Awareness and sensitization**

There will be an awareness and sensitization meeting for the Gundwini and Mangcongco communities.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following recommendations are made;

- a. Since more teams have been formulated, it is recommended that more cars and PPE be provided for the people in the teams.
- b. The fencing material has run out. There is need for urgent procurement of this material to cover the Shiselweni cordon fence and the recently discovered Mambane cordon fence
- c. The contract of Dr. Nokukhanya Ncube who is leading one vaccinating team is expiring at the end of September 2025. It recommended that her contract be renewed soon.
- d. There is a recently qualified Dr. Sethabiso Tsabedze who is already working with the vaccinating teams, it is recommended that NDMA can engage him and give him an allowance.
- e. There is need for formation of 3 surveillance teams, engagement of more personnel is recommended.
- f. The PS facilitates engagement of the Lubombo RA on the outbreak of FMD in the Lubombo region.

