



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 19 OF FMD RESPONSE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 20th October 2025 to 24th October 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 19 REPORTS

During week 19, active surveillance was done in four dip tanks that have been fully vaccinated for FMD in the Shiselweni region. A total of 2423 cattle were inspected at Mdumela, Paradise, Vimmy Ridge and Mbongampisi dip tanks. In all four dip tanks, no animals had signs of FMD. In week 18, active surveillance was done in five dip tanks (Villy Farm, Nquthu, Siyaya, Kentucky and Sikhwebezi) where 2689 cattle were inspected.

To date, active surveillance has been conducted in **9 dip tanks** where a total of **5112 cattle** were inspected. All these animals did not have any signs of active FMD. A few had healed hoof and mouth lesions.

A farmer reported that one animal was showing signs of FMD at Phumlile dip tank, in Mambane. Phumlile dip tank was vaccinated on the 22nd September 2025, more investigation will be done on the 27th October 2025 when cattle at this dip tank will be getting second dose of FMD.

A new check point has been set up at Tigodvweni in Tikhuba. This check point has been functional since the 23rd October 2025. This will be controlling movement of cloven hoofed animals and their products from Tikhuba.

A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for authorizing and managing movement of pen-kept pigs for slaughter from Mkhwakhweni FMD Guard Area following the second dose cattle vaccination and absence of active FMD cases. Two out of five abattoirs in Nhlanguano have been inspected and found to be having the capacity to slaughter pigs from a high risk area. These are Ngwabi abattoir (owned by Mr. Dube) and the Nhlanguano municipal abattoir.

3. VACCINATION REPORT

No vaccination was conducted in week 19. Vaccination will resume in the following week.

Since this phase of vaccination (using the second batch of vaccines) started on the 22nd September 2025 to date, **48 601 cattle** were vaccinated in **91 dip tanks**. Of these, **5 418** cattle were getting booster shots in **8 dip tanks**.

NB: To date a total of 50190 cattle are fully vaccinated in 72 dip tanks.

4. NEW INFECTIONS

One animal was reported to be showing signs of FMD at Phumlile Dip Tank. This case will be further investigated on the 27th October 2025 when cattle at Phumlile will be vaccinated with the second dose of FMD vaccine.

5. AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION

FMD information dissemination using Radio Programs and mainstream print media articles.

6. SANITARY CONTROLS AND GENERAL INSPECTION

Cordon Line

5.9km of the cordon line has been erected from Mkhwakweni towards Nsalitje. 51 treated poles were installed in week 19. There is still 12km remaining to get to Ntsalitje.

The challenge encountered this week was the shortage of the fencing material – the Y standards and barbed wire has been used up.

7. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK 20

i. Vaccination

The following dip tanks will be vaccinated in week 20.

Date	Day	Dip Tank
27.10.2025	Monday	Mdumako Ntjanini Magoswana Mahlabaneni Makhulusihlenga Sagula Phumlile
28.10.2025	Tuesday	Maja Mpini Mpinzini Ntungeni Makhulusihlenga Sagula Nkonjane
29.10.2025	Wednesday	Mtfunti Mahoshe Ngcamphalala Gangakhulu Luvatsi Phophonyane
30.10.2025	Thursday	Phophonyane Lunkutfu Mbabala Nunes Hlongamanzi

Vaccination will start at 0530hrs.

ii. Meeting with the Veterinary staff (Veterinary Assistants, Animal Health Inspector and Extension Officers) in Nhlanguano on Monday the 27th October 2025 to discuss the drafted SOP for authorizing and managing movement of pen-kept pigs for slaughter from Mkhwakweni FMD guard Area following the second dose cattle vaccination and absence of active FMD cases.