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# UPDATE ON WEEK 20 OF FMD RESPONSE

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 27th October 2025 to 31st 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 20 REPORTS

During week 20 was booster campaign initiation in the Lubombo and Shieselweni dip tanks which were given only one dose. A majority of the vaccinated dip tanks achieved more than 90% completion with the exception of Sagula and Nunes dip tanks where some of the cattle that were vaccinated a month ago with the first FMD dose were either slaughtered or sold to other dip tanks which resulted in these animals not showing up for the booster vaccination. The animals that dd not turn up for the booster FMD vaccination were;

- 3 cattle at Sagula dip tank which were slaughtered for Bayeni
- 1 animal at Nunes dip tank which was sold to Mndobandoba dip tank.
- 2 feedlot cattle at Magonswana dip tank were said to have been slaughtered for family and friends of the feedlot owner. There are traceability concerns.

This phase started on a high note, where most teams were excited as they returned to camp. Unfortunately the excitement was cut short by Reports of clinical FMD cases in Mpaka, Luhhwahhweni and Makhovini dip tanks on the 27th October 2025. Field teams were dispatched to the reported areas for vaccination and sample collection. The following ring vaccination schedule was followed;

**Vaccination Schedule for 30th October 2025 – 31st October 2025**

| Team | Dip Tank | Day | Population |
|---|---|---|---|
| Team 6 | Makhovini | Thursday 30.10.25 | 2300 |
| Lubombo | Mpaka | Thursday 30.10.25 | 2300 |
| Hhohho | Luhhwahhweni | Thursday 30.10.25 | 2700 |
| Manzini | Maphatsindvuku | Thursday 30.10.25 | 1831 |
| Mpisi | Sikhuphe | Thursday 30.10.25 | 1300 |
| Tikhuba | Zakaza | Friday 31.10.25 | 1774 |
| Shiselweni | Lubhuku | Thursday 30.10.25 | 2001 |
| Etjanini | Dokodweni A & B | Thursday 30.10.25 | Surveillance |
| | Lusotini | Friday 31.10.25 | Surveillance |

**NB: All Teams will be redeployed to Mpaka for the 30th and 31st October 2025**

In addition to this vaccination, all dip tanks in the Malindza, Siteki 1 and Sitei 2 were put under quarantine. Trace forwards were done on the reported dip tanks and there was an indication that cattle from Mpaka, Luhhwahhweni and Lukhovini were moved to Lwandle, Malunguza and Mahleka dip tanks in Manzini and Hhohho regions. These dip tanks were also put under quarantine and inspected. Findings showed that there were no clinical cases of FMD.

To continue with vaccination at the new outbreak area in Mpaka/ Matsetsa, an eighth vaccination team, team Machamuka was formulated. This team will camp at Mpisi Veterinary and FarmersTraining Centre, it will ensure sustained coverage and support for containment activities.

## 3. VACCINATION REPORT

A total of **29 052 cattle** were vaccinated in week 20. The cattle vaccinated are separated as follows;

- **16 525 cattle** got second dose in Shiselweni and Lubombo
- **462 cattle** got first dose in Shiselweni and Lubombo dip tanks
- **12 065 cattle** got first dose in Mpaka outbreak area (Luhhwahhweni, Mpaka, Zakaza, Mphatsindvuku, Lubhuku, Sikhuphe and Makhovini dip tanks).

## 4. NEW INFECTIONS

Clinical cases were reported at Sihhwahhweni, Makhovini and Mpaka dip tanks on Monday the 27th October 2025. Blood and tissue samples were collected from these dip tanks and they all tested positive on NSP ELISA in the laboratory which was a confirmnation of presence of FMD in Mpaka and Sihhwahhweni dip tanks.

## 5. AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION

1. FMD sensitization and awareness campaign at Dokodweni Dip Tank on the 30th October 2025. In this meeting about 100 farmers were in attendance. They appreciated the information shared with them and they indicated that Dokodwei animals were sharing grazing areas and water sources with Mpaka dip tank animals where FMD had cases were seen. They pleaded with the Ministry to vaccinate their animals at the earliest convenience so that their animals can be protected from the disease.
2. FMD sensitization and awareness campaign for Lusotini Dip Tank on the 31st October 2025. In this meeting about 70 farmers were in attendance together with the VA of Lusotini and AHI of Malindza sub region. They appreciated the information shared with them and they indicated that Lusotini animals share grazing areas and water sources with animals of Luve sub region
3. FMD information dissemination using Radio Programs and mainstream print media articles.

## 6. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK 21

### i. Vaccination

The following dip tanks will be vaccinated in week 21.

| Date | Day | Dip Tank |
|---|---|---|
| 03.11.2025 | Monday | Mgunyeni<br>Mgudlu<br>Mgilija<br>Mountain view<br>Mkhulu<br>Maluleka<br>Emadleni<br>Ndzevane<br>Mndobandoba<br>Mkhiwa<br>Simiso<br>Dvokodweni |
| 04.11.2025 | Tuesday | Myafula<br>Thambo<br>Inhlonhla<br>Gragmore<br>Oberland |

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|---|---|---|
| | | Nissi Trust<br>Nhlupheko<br>Kenswick<br>Khundusane<br>Dvokodvweni |
| 05.11.2025 | Wednesday | Lubuli<br>Mabhunu<br>Dlokwana<br>Makhwekhweti<br>Thandabantu<br>Emahlahleni<br>Keneli<br>Putteni<br>Mdlankomo<br>Mgudeni<br>Lovunya<br>Lamagengane<br>Malayida<br>Nkoboyi<br>Lokhayiza |
| 06.11.2025 | Thursday | Mabhunu<br>Dlokwana<br>Makhwekhweti<br>Nkoboyi<br>Lubilweni<br>Malindza |

Vaccination will start at 0530hrs

NB: Mpaka outbreak dip tanks

## 7. CHALLENGES

i. Travelling concerns – it is not clear if cattle that did not come back for second dose vaccination

were slaughtered and consumed locally or were sold to other dip tanks.

ii. Breach of biosecurity - Cattle belonging to Luhhwahhweni dip tank were reported to have strayed to Hlane Game Reserve as a result they did were not presented for vaccination at the dip tank.