



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 22 OF FMD RESPONSE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 3rd November 2025 to 7th November 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 22 REPORTS

Week 22 was the last week of administration of booster vaccine in Lubulini dip tanks in the Lubuli/ Mambane outbreak in the Lubombo region. Though second dose vaccination has been completed, cases still persist in some dip tanks in the Lubuli/ Mambane outbreak area. In week 22, cases were seen at Ncephu and Mtibalati dip tanks.

As the easing of movement restrictions was being finalized in the Mkhwakhweni outbreak area in Shiselweni, suspect cases were detected at Ntongane Dip Tank, a dip tank that is located at the edge of the vaccinated zone. This outbreak is likely to be an extension of the previously vaccinated Ntjanini outbreak. As a quick response, Ntongane and Mpakeni which is a contact dip tank were vaccinated on Thursday 13th November 2025 and Friday 14th November 2025 respectively. Mpolweni dip tank, another contact of Ntongane will be vaccinated on Monday 17th November 2025.

3. CHECK POINTS AND ILLEGAL MOVEMENT

- A bovine carcass from Gamula destined to a butchery in Manzini managed to pass through Game 5 check point and was confiscated by REPS at Mafutseni on Thursday the 13th November 2025. The owner together with the people transporting the carcass were arrested the carcass destroyed by Mafutseni Police.
- 15 RSA cattle which were impounded in Lavumisa pound, were released to owner after being charged and fined E2000.00 for violating of regulations 2 and 69 of the Animal Disease Act 7 1965.
- Some cattle were illegally repatriated by their owners from RSA to Mahamba.
- An animal suspected to have been moved without being inspected from Luhwakhweni to Sigineni was killed and buried in the presence of veterinary staff and REPS by the community on Saturday the 15th November 2025.

4. NEW INFECTIONS

In week 22, FMD suspect cases were reported in seven dip tanks.

- Ntongane in the Mkhwakhweni outbreak area
- Magomba, Mahlalani, Mtibalati, Fobobo and Ntibane in the Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak.
- Sibhoteleni, a dip tank in Siteki 2.

5. VACCINATION REPORT

A total of **21 353 cattle** were vaccinated in week 22. The cattle vaccinated are separated as follows;

- **6 996 cattle** got second dose
 - **14 357 cattle** got first dose
- Physical Address: Corner Sozisa Road and Mlilo Street Opposite National Fire Station, Mbabane, Eswatini
Postal Address: P.O. Box 162, Mbabane, Eswatini
Tel: +268 2404 2732/3/5/8 Email: info_moa@gov.sz

To date vaccination FMD vaccination is as follows;

Mkhwakhweni outbreak

- Cattle given first dose: **53 035**
- Cattle given second dose: **44772**
- Number of dip tanks vaccinated: 72
- Vaccine used: **97 807 doses**

Lubulini/ Mambane outbreak

- Cattle given first dose: **44 505**
- Cattle given second: **46 952**
- Number of dip tanks vaccinated: **95**
- Vaccine used: **91 457 doses**

Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak

A total of **28 858 cattle** have been vaccinated in **17 dip tanks**

- Cattle vaccinated in week 21: **18 577 cattle** in 7 dip tanks
- In this reporting week, **10 281 cattle** were vaccinated in **10 dip tanks**
- Vaccine used: **28 858 doses**

6. SURVEILLANCE AND INVESTIGATION

- A further investigation was conducted in a piggery at Mpaka dip tank where pigs were reported to be having lesions that were consistent with those of FMD. Four blood and tissue samples were collected from three months old pigs which had suspicious lesions. These tested positive on NSP ELISA in the laboratory. The positive samples will be sent to BVI for virus typing.
- Mouthing and inspections began on the 10th November 2025 at the Sicunusa – Gege Border Risk Area. Mtambe, Hebron, Driefontein, Velephi, Dambuza and Ensengwa dip tanks have been inspected. In all these, no FMD lesions have been seen.

7. AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION

1. The pig SOP was discussed with the Shiselweni Pig Extension Officers and the pig farmers in Nhlanguano on Tuesday the 11th November 2025. The biosecurity measures that will be followed when releasing pen kept pigs to the slaughter facility. The farmers were informed that two abattoirs were identified to be having the capacity to slaughter risky pigs. These abattoirs were Ngwabe and Nhlanguano municipal abattoir. In this meeting, the farmers raised the following points;
 - a. The pig farmers and the veterinary staff welcomed this initiative by the department.
 - b. Kamfishane abattoir be designated as an additional slaughter house.
 - c. Their market reject sourcing pork from Ngwabe abattoir because of short shelf life.
 - d. Nhlanguano Municipal abattoir did not have a cold storage
2. An awareness and sensitization campaign was conducted at Siteki Veterinary Services where veterinary staff, butchery, abattoir, feedlot and pig owners were engaged.
 - a. Farmers confirmed readiness for slaughter.
 - b. They requested permission to slaughter at local abattoirs with meat to be consumed within the infected area.
 - c. A large scale pig farmer requested to slaughter for a market that outside the infected area.
3. Farmer engagement in the Sicunusa - Gege Border high risk area. They were further urged to report any illegal livestock movement and any observation of FMD suspicious lesions in their stock.

8. CHALLENGES

1. There is a challenge in fuelling the some of the SG registered vehicles that are not in the NDMA fleet because of difficulty in getting fuel coupons.
2. The GSD 798 AG is not fit for the task because of mechanical issues.
3. There was shortage of food for the vaccinating teams in the past week.

9. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK 23

i. Vaccination

The following dip tanks will be vaccinated in week 23

Date	Day	Dip Tank
17.11.2025	Monday	Fobobo Sigcaweni Ndukuyamangedla Magomba Lugulu Thulwane Mkhutshane Mpolweni
18.11.2025	Tuesday	Fobobo Sigcaweni Ndukuyamangedla Magomba Lugulu Thulwane Mkhutshane
19.11.2025	Wednesday	Fobobo Sigcaweni Ndukuyamangedla Gwayimane Lugulu Thulwane
20.11.2025	Thursday	Fobobo Sigcaweni Ndukuyamangedla Mbahane

Vaccination will start at 0530hrs

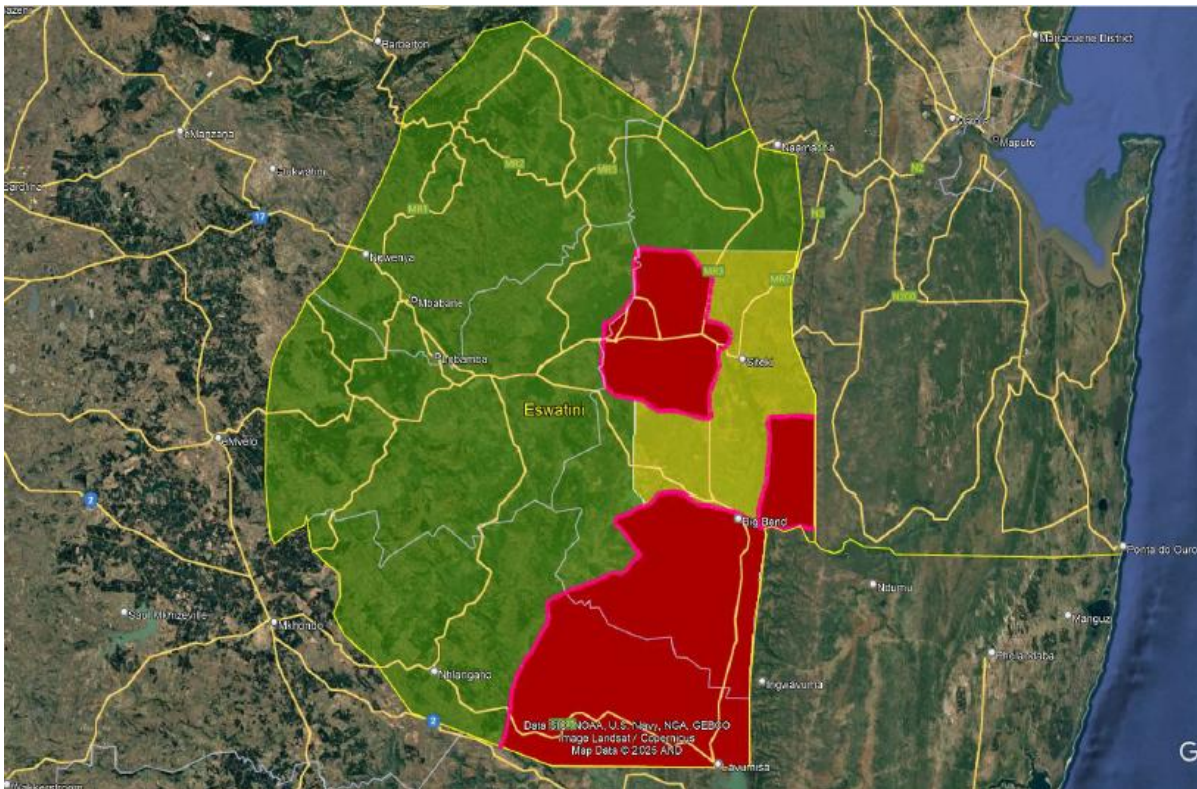
ii. Mounting of check points will commence on Monday the 17th November 2025 and Dr. Chikuni will oversee this whole process. These will be mounted at;

- Sigcaweni and Mphosi area
- Mbadlane
- Njojane
- To move the game 5 check point to be Big Bend.

iii. Drafting of SOP for slaughter of pen - kept pigs in the Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak area.

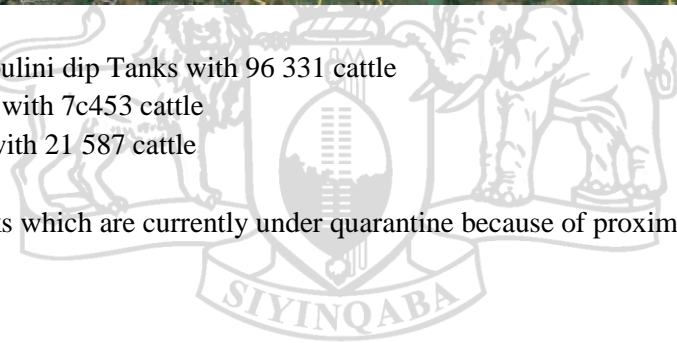
iv. Since the new outbreak seem to be confined to Ntongane, movement of pen-kept pigs in Shiselweni to the slaughter house will be piloted in week 23.

FMD AFFECTED AREA



Red: Shiselweni and Lubulini dip Tanks with 96 331 cattle
 Tikhuba Dip Tanks with 7c453 cattle
 Mpaka Dip Tanks with 21 587 cattle

Yellow: Siteki II dip tanks which are currently under quarantine because of proximity to Siteki 1



21st November 2025

Pen-kept pigs slaughter

Most farmers have sold their pigs. Those that are ready to slaughter are;

Pig Farmer	Contact	Number of Pigs	Abattoir	Tentative date of slaughter	Market
1. Mr. Xaba (Mathanjeni)	78244304	28 porkers	Reluctant to sell	No Market	
2. Mrs. Mhlanga (Ntjanini)		20 porkers	Kamfishane/ Nhlangano	24.11.25	Mbuluzi
3. Malta Sibiya (New Heaven)		5 porkers	Kamfishane/ Nhlangano	24.11.25	Mbuluzi
4. Jabulani Nxumalo (Mooihoek)		10 porkers	Kamfishane/ Nhlangano	24.11.25	Mbuluzi
5. Lungile Masuku (Lulakeni)		10 porkers	Mid December		
6. Winile Stenkaamp			Mid December		

