



**KINGDOM OF ESWATINI**

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

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## **UPDATE ON WEEK 24 OF FMD RESPONSE**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The activities include the awareness activities and sanitary controls in the FMD affected areas of the Shiselweni, Lubombo and Manzini regions and other parts of the country.

### **2. WEEK 24 REPORTS**

In week 24, vaccination continued in the Mpaka – Matsetsa outbreak area where dip tanks in Siphofaneni, (Sigcaweni, Mphosi and Vikizijula) and Ngculwini (Lugulu, Thulwane, Ngulutjana and Madanga) were vaccinated for the first time. No dip tanks were given the second dose in this reporting week.

In addition to vaccination, inspection of piggeries was done. A total of 583 pigs in 15 piggeries were inspected. No cases were found in 14 piggeries and only one piggery had two pigs with lesions that were consistent with those of FMD. Blood samples were collected from these pigs and laboratory results are still pending. Only one out of the 15 piggeries inspected had proper biosecurity management in place, all 14 lacked proper biosecurity and the waste management was very poor.

The pig movement SOP was piloted in Shiselweni on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 where pigs were moved from Elucolweni (Mbulungwane) to New Life Abattoir in McIntyre for slaughter. The pigs passed through the Mbulungwane FMD checkpoint and arrived at the abattoir without any health complications. There was however accessibility challenges to the abattoir, especially after rains. There was also difficulty in escorting the consignment considering that there was no dedicated vehicle for this purpose.

An SOP detailing movement of cloven hoofed animals and their products from the Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak guard area to the abattoirs has been drafted. Consultations are yet to be made with the Ministry's administration and the farmers before it is operationalized.

Lastly, in week 24, government hired 14 more vehicles which will be deployed to reinforce in the Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak area.

### **3. CHECK POINTS AND ILLEGAL MOVEMENT**

Cattle for Lobola from Sigcaweni to Manzini were intercepted by police at Siphofaneni and sent back to origin.

### **4. AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION**

A stakeholder meeting was held with the police, Ministry of Health, RAs office, abattoirs and veterinary staff in the Shiselweni region on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to discuss the movement of pen kept pigs to the abattoirs. The following was recommended in this meeting:

- Regular updates from the Ministry of Agriculture as this exercise continues.

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- Movement of pigs from piggeries that are more than 5km from the abattoirs a 24hours before the planned slaughter date.
- Ear-tagging pigs prior to pre-movement inspections as biosecurity measure.

## 5. INSPECTIONS

Inspections that were done in week 24 were in the following dip tanks;

- Dabe, Makhava, Ntjanini and Mgiliji. These are Ntongane dip tank neighbours. No cases were found in all these dip tanks during the inspection.
- Two animals had suspicious FMD lesions and were limping at Hlongamanzi dip tank.
- Mpolweni, Mpakeni, Mzinsangu and Mhlosheni dip tanks were also inspected and no suspects were found.

## 6. NEW INFECTIONS

A rapid spread of the Mpaka/ Matsetsa FMD outbreak is continuing. In week 24 new cases were reported for the first time in the following dip tanks;

- Ngulutshana and Madanga in Ngculwini sub region
- Sibhoteleni in Siteki II sub region
- Bhekizwe and Mhlabubovu in Tikhuba sub region
- Sigcaweni and Mphosi dip tanks in Siphofaneni sub region.

## 7. VACCINATION REPORT

A total of **4 408 cattle** were vaccinated in 4 dip tanks in week 24. The three dip tanks (Ngulutjana, Madanga and Mphosi) were planned vaccination, the fourth dip tank, Vikizijula was vaccinated as an emergency response after some kraals from that area were reported to be dipping at Mphosi dip tank.

To date vaccination FMD is as follows;

### Mkhwakhweni outbreak

- Cattle given first dose: **53 035**
- Cattle given second dose: **44772**
- Number of dip tanks vaccinated: **72**
- Vaccine used: **97 900 doses**

### Lubulini/ Mambane outbreak

- Cattle given first dose: **44 505**
- Cattle given second: **46 952**
- Number of dip tanks vaccinated: **95**
- Vaccine used: **91 500 doses**

### Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak

A total of **47 384 cattle** have been vaccinated in **31 dip tanks**

- Cattle vaccinated in week 21: **18 577 cattle** in 7 dip tanks
- Cattle vaccinated in week 22: **10 281 cattle** in 10 dip tanks
- Cattle vaccinated in week 23: **14118 cattle** in 10 dip tanks
- Cattle vaccinated in week 24: **4 408 cattle** in 4 dip tanks
- Vaccine used: **47 400 doses**

**Vaccine left: 44 000 doses**

## 8. THREATS

- There is an active FMD outbreak in Mozambique near Eswatini. Suspects have been reported in Mhlabubovu dip tank in Eswatini and it is suspected that the source of these cases is the Mozambican outbreak.
- The RSA FMD outbreak near Gege /Sicunusa is still a threat. It is however encouraging that no FMD cases have been picked in the high risk dip tanks around this area. Farmers' cooperation in the area is also highly commendable.

## 9. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK 25

### i. Vaccination

Vaccination Schedule for week 24

Date	Day	Dip tank
01.12.2025	Monday	Dvokodvweni Maphatsindvuku
02.12.2025	Tuesday	Dvokodvweni Maphatsindvuku Sikhuphe Makhovini Ntabamhloshane
03.12.2025	Wednesday	Ndlandlameni Sikhuphe Ntabamhloshane Makhovini Bhodlongo Ngoje
04.12.2025	Thursday	Ndlandlameni

Vaccination will start at 0530hrs

ii. Awareness and sensitization meeting with the veterinary staff of Siteki 1, Siteki 11, Ngculwini and Tikhuba on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.