



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 25 OF FMD RESPONSE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 1st December 2025 to 5th December 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 25, vaccination continued in the Mpaka – Matsetsa outbreak area where Ngoje dip tank in Siphofaneni and Ngculwini dip tanks (Ntabamhoshana, Bhodlongo and Ndlamlameni) were vaccinated for FMD for the first time. Booster FMD vaccines were given at Maphatsindvuku, Dvokodweni, Makhovini and Sikhuphe dip tanks. Inspections were also done in the previously vaccinated Lubulini dip tanks and FMD cases were found to have drastically decreased.

It was noted that the disease seem to be spreading to Luve/ Mliba sub region, as a result, three teams will not be vaccinating in week 26 but will be doing inspections in the Luve/ Mliba area to verify the extent of the spread of the infection. More investigations will be done in the previously vaccinated dip tanks in Mpaka- Matsetsa area to assess the disease status in order to decide on whether to redeploy its booster vaccine doses to the newly infected areas.

Though five checkpoints were proposed after the Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak 5 weeks ago, only one checkpoint at Mbadlane was eventually mounted in week 25. Establishment of the other checkpoints is still underway, the delays are due to processes that need to be followed before a check point can be established.

After the successful slaughter of pen kept pigs in Shiselweni, an SOP to move cattle to the slaughter abattoir has been completed. This will be piloted in Shiselweni very soon. The SOP for sending pen kept pigs to the abattoir in Malindza is being finalized and will be piloted in the near future.

3. INPECTIONS

Mouthing at Madubula dip tank in Sigineni was done in week 25. Even though no animals had suspicious signs of FMD, 9 animals were bled from the kraals where the Luhhwahweni animal was kept. Of the 9 animals sampled, 5 tested positive for FMD on NSP. Because of the positive test result, inspections and farmer sensitization will be intensified in the Sigineni area.

4. CHECK POINTS AND ILLEGAL MOVEMENT

Reported illegal movements in week 25 were the following;

- Four bovine carcasses were confiscated by Mafutseni Police on Tuesday the 2nd December 2025. These carcasses were being moved from Thulwane Dip Tank to a butchery in Two Sticks

Manzini. The butchery owner was charged for opposing quarantine station, Mbabane, Eswatini
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- A farmer from Siphofaneni moved an animal from Sigcaweni to Siphofaneni without a permit. On inspection, this animal was found to be having clinical FMD signs. After engaging this farmer and the Siphofaneni community about the consequences of such a movement, it was agreed that the animal be destroyed and buried. As a precautionary measure, Cota and Dlamanzi dip tanks were put under quarantine and continuous inspections will be done.
- Two animals moved legally from Ntabamhloshana to Mdlebeni dip tank. Since Ntabamhloshana is a contact of Mphosi dip tank, mousing of the new arrivals at Mdlebeni dip tank was done on a dipping day. One of the animals had suspicious FMD lesions. Both animals were sampled and one tested positive for FMD on NSP in the CVL. As a precaution, Mdlebeni and contact dip tanks Busiti and Madubuya in Ngculwini were put under quarantine and continuous inspections will be done.

5. AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION

A presentation on the FMD status and the control measures that are being implemented was done on Wednesday the 3rd December 2025 at the Crime Prevention Awareness campaign in Ngculwini.

6. NEW INFECTIONS

Dip Tanks that reported new infections in week 25 were the following;

- Gcamzela, Lusotini, Njojane and Lalela dip tanks in Malindza sub region.
- Likima and Mbulu (Mliba) dip tanks in Mliba and Luve. The suspected Mbulu animal was sampled and it tested positive for FMD on NSP.

7. VACCINATION REPORT

A total of **8 052 cattle** in **8 dip tanks** were vaccinated in week 25.

- 4120 cattle were getting booster shots
- 3932 were given first dose.

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

Mpaka/ Matsetsa outbreak

A total of **55 384 cattle** have been vaccinated in **39 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
- Cattle vaccinated in week 25: **8052 cattle**

- 3 932 first doses (Ntabamhloshane, Bhodlongo, Ndlandlameni and Ngoje)
- Vaccine used: **55 400 doses used**

To Date:

Vaccine used: 244 800 doses

Vaccine remaining: 33 100 doses

8. ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK 26

i. Vaccination

Vaccination Schedule for week 26

Day	Date	Dip Tank
Monday	8.12.25	Mpakeni Sikhonyane Mdumezulu Sikhayi
Tuesday	9.12.25	Ntongane Sikhonyane Bhudlungu Mphiwa
Wednesday	10.12.25	Mpolweni Mkhende
Thursday	11.12.25	EY spray (1 st dose) Timbongolweni

*Vaccination will start at 0530hrs

ii. Inspection and verification of source of infection, farmer sensitization and movement control in the following dip tanks;

- Mliba/ Luve area - Mbulu, Likima, Manzana, Moyeni, Croydon and Lankral dip tanks to be inspected by Hhohho Team.
- Luve/ Sidvokodvo/ Manzini area - Madubula, Mdlebeni, Lalela, Khuphuka dip tanks will be done by Team Manzini.
- Luve/Mliba area - Sikhuphe, Triangle, Panata, Mpangela Ranch, Mliba, Lukhitsi, Machobane will be done by Team Mpisi
- Malindza – Private dip tanks around EY-Spray will be done by Team Tikhuba

iii. RVO- Lubombo, AHI Malindza and VAs will do Post Vaccination Inspection in the following Dip Tanks - Gwayimane, Mpaka, Luhhwahhweni, Malindza and Majotane (Find disease status). This team will also inspect Gcamzela and Lusotini dip tanks which were not vaccinated yet cases have been reported in dip tanks beyond these.