



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 27 OF FMD RESPONSE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 8th December 2025 to 12th 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 27 REPORTS

In week 27, vaccination continued in the Mpaka – Matsetsa outbreak area where booster shots were given to some dip tanks and a ring vaccination was also done in the Mliba - Luve affected dip tanks. In addition to vaccination, surveillance was done at Ndlamanzi, Siphofaneni, Mgubudla and Madubuya Dip tanks in the Siphofaneni sub regions where no animals were found to be having clinical signs of FMD. During vaccination, it was noted that at Mangcashiya and Mnkongoloti dip tanks, a lot of animals were salivating but on inspection, these animals had no mouth and feet lesions. Inspection of these dip tanks will be done again in 3 weeks' time to verify if the disease status of these animals will still be the same.

At Groenpan, a lot of animals had healed FMD mouth and foot lesions and almost the entire dip tank was infected. 11 suspect animals with clinical FMD were found in Thulwane dip tank. Clinically sick animals were in kraals that were grazing with Bantwanyana, Mkhiwa, Mhosi and Ngulutjana cattle.

A decision was reached that Mbulu dip tank will be vaccinated on Monday the 22nd December 2025 in order to reduce virus shedding and infection of animals that use Mnjoli dam as a watering source.

The Minister for Agriculture issued a media statement mentioning that movement of livestock from the guard area for slaughter was now permitted. Animal movement was to be in line with the developed SOP for movement of cattle and pigs from the guard area to the abattoir. VOs were urged to familiarize themselves with the SOP. Since the minister had indicated that slaughter of animals from the FMD guard area should be in the abattoirs, VPH was to designate the abattoirs and share a list of these by Tuesday the 23rd December 2025.

3. INSPECTIONS

Ndlamanzi, Siphofaneni, Mgubudla and Madubuya Dip tanks in the Siphofaneni sub regions were inspected and no animals were found to be having clinical signs of FMD

4. AWARENESS AND SENSITIZATION

Two awareness and sensitization meetings were held in this reporting week. These were;

- Manzini Field Veterinary Staff

The meeting was attended by 55 VAs, AHIs and Livestock Extension Officers. An update of the current FMD status was discussed and the SOP for slaughter pigs and cattle was discussed. The staff appreciated this engagement and requested that disinfectant be given to the surveillance teams and VAs.

- Shiselweni Regional Development Team

An update of the current FMD status was discussed. In addition, the slaughter cattle and Pigs SOP was discussed. The team members were happy with the relaxation of the movement restrictions. They went on to commit to ensuring that the disease does not enter the country again. The team pledged their support to continue with the fight against FMD.

5. NEW INFECTIONS

- No new infections were reported in week 27.

6. VACCINATION REPORT

A total of **13798 cattle** in **14 dip tanks** were vaccinated during week 27.

First-time vaccination: Mpontshini, Mnkonkoloti, Mangcashya, Sivalo, Mmemo, Groenpan, Moyeni , Masundvwini and Mtindzekwa dip tanks.

Booster vaccinations: Thulwane, Sigcaweni, Mbadlane, Lugulu and Ndukuyamangedla dip tanks

- 7 008 cattle received booster doses.
- 6 790 cattle received their first dose.

7. MOVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK TO ABATTOIRS

On Monday the 15th December 2025

- 19 pigs were moved from Tibondzeni to New Life Abattoir.
- 16 pigs were moved from Lotwele to Nhlangano Abattoir
- 10 pigs from Lubivane were moved to Ngwabi abattoir.

On Tuesday the 16th December 2025

- 19 pigs were moved from Tibondzeni to New Life abattoir.
- 12 pigs from Ntimakati were moved to New Life abattoir
- 30 cattle from Ndwanyana were moved to Mashayinkonjane abattoir
- 4 cattle from Mangena were moved to Mashayinkonjane abattoir

On Wednesday the 17th December 2025

- 13 cattle from Mdlebeni were moved to Tisuka Takangwane abattoir
- 10 goats from Ntenentjeni were moved to Tisuka Takangwane abattoir
- 20 pigs from Sikhalasabhodo were moved to Nhlangano Town Council abattoir.
- 18 cattle from Vimmyridge were moved to Ngogola abattoir

On Thursday the 28th December 2025

- 17 cattle from Lomkhoco, Machanchasa and Ntuthwakazi were moved to Mashayinkonjane abattoir.

8. CHALLENGES

- a. Farmers were not cooperating with the vaccinating teams in week 27, they did not want to have their animals vaccinated especially in the Luve area.
- b. Rain disrupted operations on Thursday such that Mhlumeni cattle did not turn up. An attempt to vaccinate this dip tank will be done on Monday the 22nd December 2025.

9. ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK 28

i. Vaccination

Vaccination Schedule for week 28

Day	Date	Dip Tank
Monday	15.12.25	Mhlumeni Mtindzekwa (mop up) Mbulu
Tuesday	16.12.25	Mbulu

*Dip tanks in blue are the Mliba dip tank

*Vaccination will start at 0530hrs

ii. A standing agenda item on Feedback from HODs meeting will be added to the VOs meeting agenda. In this item, the Act. DVLS will give feedback to the VOs about the recommendations made by the HODs after presentation of the VOs weekly update report.

iii. Before receiving the new batch of vaccine, sampling for PVM and surveillance will be done. PVM will be done at Lubulini and the sero-surveillance will be done in Shiselweni dip tanks. If no positive results are found, the country will have to declare that the FMD has been controlled in the tested areas.

iv. Ntabamhloshana will be inspected on Monday the 22nd December 2025 and Bantwanyana on Wednesday the 24th December 2025.

