



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

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## UPDATE ON WEEK 39 OF FMD RESPONSE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 9<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The activities include FMD vaccination, awareness activities and sanitary controls in the country.

### 2. WEEK 39 HIGHLIGHTS/ REPORTS

In week 39, all eleven teams were deployed to vaccinate 46 dip tanks. Of these dip tanks, Ngoje and Vikizijula dip tanks got booster FMD doses and the rest of the dip tanks got first doses of the vaccine. The vaccination process progressed well until Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 where it was interrupted by heavy rains which were received throughout the country. This resulted in the inability to vaccinated three dip tanks (Sikhunyane, Ndlamanzi and Siyalwini). Where vaccination continued despite the rainy weather, the animals were not branded. These animals will be branded when getting the booster FMD vaccine.

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, new FMD cases were seen in Mabande dip tank in Lavumisa in Shiselweni. This dip tank was vaccinated in July 2025 and no cases were ever reported at Mabande. The infection in this dip tank is suspected to have been caused by mixing of RSA animals and Eswatini cattle after the newly erected cordon line was broken. Munywaneni and Sikhallasabhodo dip tanks, which are contacts of Mabande were inspected and no cases were seen. Emergency vaccination will be done in Mabande and contact dip tanks as a means of containing the infection in that area.

Lomahasha cordon was found to be still intact when inspected. No cases of FMD were seen in the Lomahasha dip tanks which were inspected.

### 2. VACCINATION REPORT

In week 39, all eleven vaccination teams were deployed to 46 dip tanks. Two teams camped in Nhlangano Training Centre, Three teams camped at Mpisi, two teams camped at Manyonyaneni, two teams camped at Gesawu Lutheran Training Centre and two other teams camped at CODEC in Ezulwini. Vaccination continued well in all dip tanks except in 3 dip tanks because of the rains.

In total, **31 531** cattle were vaccinated in 43 dip tanks. Two of the vaccinated dip tanks (Vikizijula and Ngoje) were getting booster shots. In week 39, **1676** cattle got FMD booster vaccine dose and **29 855** got first dose of FMD vaccine.

**Table1: Summary of vaccination Report**

Week	TAs Vaccinated	Cattle population	Total Vaccinated	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose	Vaccine Doses used	Vaccine Doses Left
37	26	18 462	18 037	14 289	3 748	18 200	101 800
38	32	27 800	23118	23 118	0	23 700	78 100
39	43	36 675	31531	29 855	1 676	32 800	45 300
40	32	30 856				31 400 dispatched	13 900

### 3. NEW INFECTIONS

Suspect cases of FMD were reported in Mabande dip tank in Lavumisa and Macebo dip tank in Piggs Peak.

### 4. CHALLENGES

i. Vaccination in week 39 was disturbed by the rains which occurred throughout the country. In the areas where vaccination continued, it was not possible to brand the cattle because of the wet coats.

ii. 10 out of 12 strands of the newly erected fence at Ntsalitje were stolen. The broken fence is suspected to have been the cause of mixing of RSA cattle with those of Mabande dip tank. The mixing is suspected to have resulted in the new outbreak at that area.

### 5. NEXT WEEK ACTIVITIES

#### i. Vaccination Program

Date	Day	Dip Tank
17.03.2026	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zombodze, Chibidze, Sicholo</li><li>Lagobisa, Mangololo, Manzini, Phowe</li><li>Gebhuza, Mgotshane, Gelegele, <a href="#">Mabande</a></li></ul>
18.03.2026	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zombodze, Maphumzane, Mkhomazane</li><li>Siyalwini, Herefords, Sihhohhwani</li><li>Sincuduma, Madolo, Msungutane,</li><li>Gijimani, <a href="#">Munywaneni</a></li></ul>
19.03.2026	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Makholweni, Matimatima, Ekudzeni</li><li>Nsakane, Jacks, Mtilane, Masunkula</li><li>Sikhunyane, Usuthu E3, <a href="#">Sikhalsebhodo</a></li></ul>

**NB:** Dip Tanks in blue were vaccinated in June 2025. They will be revaccinated following re-emergence of cases at Mabande on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### ii. Public awareness and sensitization campaigns are planned as follows in Hhohho;

Date	Dip Tank to Visit	Other Areas	Target Group
17.3.26	Thobini	Matsamo Border, Msumpe Complex, Msahweni Complex	Livestock Farmers, General Public
18.3.26	Melethi	Melethi business area, ka LaZwane	Livestock Farmers, General Public
19.3.26	Buhle	Nkomazi Complex, Piggs Peak Town	Livestock Farmers, General Public