



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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## UPDATE ON WEEK 41 OF FMD RESPONSE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The activities include FMD vaccination, awareness activities and sanitary controls in the country.

### 2. WEEK 40 HIGHLIGHTS/ REPORTS

Vaccination continued well in week 41. Comparatively the vaccine coverage was better than the previous 4 weeks, this could be due to the fact that most dip tanks which were being vaccinated in week 41 were getting booster shots. Instead of using the on-register as a denominator, the last vaccinated population was used.

To contain the disease in the new outbreak area in Mabande, Nquthu, Sikhlasabhodo, Matsanjeni, Munywaneni, Lamswelanto and Mzimvubu were vaccinated. Apart from Mabande, cases were seen at Sikhlasabhodo. This confirms that the wall which has been formed around the infected dip tanks, seem to be preventing the spread of the FMD to the other parts of the country. There is however a risk of introduction of the disease in Mankayane sub region where cattle seem to be constantly moving between RSA and Eswatini yet there is an active outbreak in RSA very close to Mankayane.

The Central Veterinary Laboratory was able to type the virus that is circulating in Ntsinini and Mpuluzi. This was found to be SAT1.

By the end of week 41, a total of **35 498 cattle** were vaccinated in **61 dip tanks**. Of these, 21 510 got first dose and 13 988 got second dose.

### 2. VACCINATION REPORT

In week 41, all eleven vaccination teams were deployed to 61 dip tanks where a total **35 498 cattle** were vaccinated. Of these, **13 988 cattle** got booster FMD shots.

To date, **134 229 cattle** have been vaccinated in **169 dip tanks**. Of these, **110 619** got first FMD vaccine dose (140 dip tanks) and **23 610** got FMD booster shots (29 dip tanks). To vaccinate all these animals, **138 000** doses has been used and **32 900** doses remains in store.

**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	34	30 856	26 045	21 847	4 198	26 400	18 900
<i>Delivery of 50 000 doses from BVI</i>							<b>68 900</b>
41	62	41 000	35 498	21 510	13 988	36 000	32 900
42	42	35 986					<b>-3 100</b>

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### 3. CHALLENGES

- i. Farmers are no longer eager to bring their cattle to the dip tank for vaccination. This practice is common in most of the dip tanks that were getting booster shots.
- ii. Farmers seem not to be cooperating with the Veterinary Officials. They do not assist with handling the cattle during vaccination. Other farmers do not bring the cattle to be vaccinated at the said time, they bring them very late in the afternoon.
- iii. The poor handling facilities delayed the start of vaccination, Teams had to assist rebuild the holding facilities before vaccination could start. For example at Elangeni dip tank, vaccination started at 10am on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

### 5. NEXT WEEK ACTIVITIES

#### i. Vaccination Program

Date	Day	Dip Tank
30.03.2026	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mpolonja, Ntima, Gabela, Madlabazi</li><li>• Magonigoni, Makhateni, Webber</li><li>• Nhlambeni, Mdlebeni, Magidza</li><li>• Dlovunga, Phuhlaphi, Mphelave</li></ul>
31.03.2026	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laborah, Esifutfweni, Gwababa</li><li>• Dondolo, Kholwane, Mbanjane</li><li>• Sigombeni, Godogodo, Nhlango</li><li>• Lamatimbane, Mbangamadze</li><li>• Saldevco, Sikhonkwane</li></ul>
01.03.2026	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mgubhane, Masakasaka, Fyves, Nyakeni</li><li>• Mpofu(TA29), Mpofu(TA143), Pienaar</li><li>• Dumbe, Bhonyongo, Mncitsini</li><li>• Zibondeni, Spitzkop, Sokhonzaphi</li><li>• Vlakhoek, Bantwabami, Experimental</li></ul>
02.04.2026	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ekugoneni, Nyakeni, Mahamba, Ndlela</li></ul>

- ii. Finalization of SOP for feedlot cattle will start in the coming week. The input of VA and AHIs are yet to be incorporated in the document before they are forwarded to the Ministry's administration for approval.