



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 47 OF FMD OUTBREAK RESPONSE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 47 (4th May 2026 to 8th May 2026) of the FMD outbreak response. The activities include FMD vaccination, awareness activities and sanitary controls in the country.

2. WEEK 47 HIGHLIGHTS/ REPORTS

In week 47, 5 000 doses of vaccine was received from BVI on the 7th May 2026. Receipt of this vaccine increased the vaccine stores to 7000 doses.

In the past week, only one team vaccinated Ntsakane dip tank where booster vaccination was done. The other teams were conducting surveillance in the Hhohho (Mgobodzi and contact dip tanks and in the Gangakhulu and contact dip tanks). Surveillance was also done in the Luve/ Mliba TDL farms and in the Zombodze area in Shiselweni. In all the inspected dip tanks, no cases of FMD were seen.

It was noted that some cattle from the Ndzevane area graze across the border in the RSA. The community was sensitized on the risks associated with this practice, particularly the potential spread of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), and was strongly advised to desist from allowing cattle to cross the border for grazing.

NDRMA reported that the budget allocation for the FMD outbreak response was no longer sufficient. It further transpired that most of the budget had been intended for vaccination activities. As vaccination activities slowed down, some of the resources, including vehicles, were to be withdrawn.

FMD checkpoints were also to be reviewed with the aim of optimizing the limited resources. This review would consider:

- Decommissioning some checkpoints that were no longer strategic;
- Relocating certain checkpoints to higher-risk areas; and
- Reducing staff numbers at selected checkpoints based on workload and risk assessment.

These measures were intended to ensure continued disease control while operating within the reduced budget allocation.

2. WAY FORWARD

a. Vaccination – the meeting decided that even though the FMD cases were declining, vaccination will continue. Vaccination will continue in the areas that were planned (demarcated areas). Also dip tanks in the frontier line (periphery of the country) will all be vaccinated.

b. Resource Management – of the 37 rented vehicles, 19 will be returned to service providers and the 18 will remain in the response. The remaining vehicles will be distributed as follows; 8 for vaccination teams, 1 for PVM team, 1 for communication team, 5 for surveillance teams and 3 for checkpoints.

c. Awareness and sensitization - this will continue throughout the country. High risk areas will be prioritized.

3. PLANS FOR THE COMING WEEK

i. Vaccination Program

Date	Day	Dip Tank
12.05.2026	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sokhondzaphi• Ndzevane• Cota
13.05.2026	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cota• Mpofu• Mahlabaneni• Nhlangano• Ludzibini• Ntungeni

ii. Surveillance and PVM

iii. Awareness and sensitization

