



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

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## UPDATE ON WEEK 55 OF FMD OUTBREAK RESPONSE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 53 (29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026) of the FMD outbreak response. The activities include FMD vaccination, awareness activities and sanitary controls in the country.

### 2. WEEK 53 HIGHLIGHTS/ REPORTS

Vaccination resumed in week 55 after arrival of 100 000 doses of FMD vaccine on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Because of the delay in arrival of the vaccine, vaccination of 19 dip tanks with a population of 24 576 cattle which was supposed to be done on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 was postponed to the following Monday (6<sup>th</sup> July 2026).

During vaccination, only one animal found at Mgobodzi dip tank (in Hhohho) had fairly fresh FMD lesions and all the other dip tanks had no cases of FMD. Salivation was seen in some cattle at Mliba and Ntimakati dip tanks in Mliba sub region and in Mawasha dip tank in Ntfontjeni sub region but on inspection all these animals did not have any mouth or feet lesions.

Inspection of Zombodze and Chibidze dip tanks in Ntfontjeni did not have any FMD cases. These two were the last dip tanks to report cases in Shiselweni. Absence of cases in this area mean that the FMD risk in Shiselweni has greatly been reduced.

Ndzingeni checkpoint was relocated to Phophonyane junction on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026. This was done in an effort to contain the FMD infection around the Engweni dip tank in Ntfontjeni.

All wildlife samples which were tested in the laboratory were negative for FMD, this is very encouraging since it indicates that no FMD infection has spread to wildlife.

### 3. VACCINATION

Vaccination progressed well in week 55 a total of **40 541 cattle** were vaccinated in **53 dip tanks**. Of the vaccinated cattle, **25 855 cattle** were vaccinated for the first time and **14 686 cattle** were given booster vaccination shots.

After week 55 vaccination, the total number of cattle vaccinated is **387 822 cattle**.

### 4. AWARENES AND SENSITIZATION

- FMD awareness and sensitization activities continued in selected dip tanks across the country. Livestock owners were reminded of the importance of complying with disease control measures, including movement restrictions, vaccination programs, and reporting suspected disease cases promptly.

### 5. CHALLENGES

The following challenges were encountered in week 55;

- i. High number of cattle on register than those that are presented for vaccination. In some dip tanks, for example Mgumlangi dip tank in Lubombo region had 800 cattle on register yet the actual number present was 135 cattle.
- ii. Very aggressive cattle especially in the TDL dip tanks which delayed the vaccination process.
- iii. There were no crush pens in some dip tanks. In Makhondolwane (TA379) dip tank in Lubombo, the planned Thursday vaccination could not be done because officers had to construct a crush pen, the cattle were then vaccinated on Friday.
- iv. A lot of cattle were not presented to the dip tank for vaccination. For example 384 cattle in Madadeni dip tank in Lubombo were absent during vaccination.

## 6. WAY FORWARD

- Vaccinate a total of **60 259 cattle** in **59 dip tanks** will be vaccinated. Of these, 57 844 animals in 45 dip tanks will be getting first shots and 2419 animals in 14 dip tanks will be getting booster shots using the following vaccination plan;

| Date       | Day       | Dip Tank                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 06.07.2026 | Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gcamzela (220), Mabhuda (249), Carmichael (242), <a href="#">Gege (636)</a></li> <li>Mabuti (407), Mbhonga (820), Lalela (409), Mzinsangu (719)</li> <li><a href="#">Steyns (83)</a>, Lwandle (480), Mliba (412), Mmemo (73)</li> <li><a href="#">Mkhwakhweni (441)</a>, <a href="#">Mpuluzi (435)</a>, Mahleka (907)</li> <li>Lutfombotsini (167), Manzan (63), <a href="#">Magomba (261)</a></li> </ul> |
| 07.07.2026 | Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mabuti (407), Mbondela (651), Sibhoteleni (236) <a href="#">Ekufikeni (869)</a></li> <li>Zibabalane (958), Sivalo (405), Mhlabubovu (257), Mhlamati (502)</li> <li>Mkhutsali (336), <a href="#">Nissi Trust (153)</a>, <a href="#">Parrys (433)</a>, <a href="#">Mphameni (129)</a></li> <li>Mtibalati (271), Mkhalamfene (824), Highpoint (270)</li> </ul>                                               |
| 08.07.2026 | Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mhlamati (502), Lusotini (935), Skonkwane(318), <a href="#">Ludzibini (193)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Bhalekane Prison (14)</a>, <a href="#">Bhalekane Breeding (814)</a>, Palata (256)</li> <li>Makhewu (462), Khuphuka (408), Bantwanyana (457)</li> <li>Machobane (932), Masundvwini (855), Bhlekizwe (597)</li> <li>Ndlandlameni (574), Sitsatsaweni (234)</li> </ul>                                  |
| 09.07.2026 | Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matsafeni (225), Khuphuka (408) , Njojane (817), <a href="#">Lismore (350)</a></li> <li>Bondlandlama (171), Head Quarters (293), <a href="#">Madlangempisi (509)</a></li> <li>Saphumula (13), Siteki (243), Likima (161), Mthonjane (254)</li> <li>Grand Canyon (227), Lukhitsi (584)</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |

NB: [Blue](#): Booster vaccine shots

- Sensitization and awareness campaigns will continue in various dip tanks.
- Coordinated Vaccination with Mozambique will be done in week 56. On the Eswatini side, Saphumula, Mthonjane, Mhlabubovu and Mtibalati dip tanks in Tikhuba sub region will be vaccinated while Mozambique also vaccinate dip tanks along the frontier line on their side.
- Disinfection points will be installed at Buhleni in preparation for the Ludwala walk.