



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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UPDATE ON WEEK 37 OF FMD RESPONSE

FMD VACCINATION UPDATE

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the FMD control activities for the week 23rd February to 27th February 2026. The activities include FMD vaccination, awareness activities and sanitary controls.

2. WEEK 37 HIGHLIGHTS/ REPORTS :

In week 37, a total of 18 037 out of 18 462 cattle were vaccinated in 26 dip tanks. 3 748 cattle vaccinated in 3 Nhlanguano dip tanks were getting booster shots and the rest were being vaccinated for the first time. Though vaccination progressed well, two vaccination teams at Mpisi camping had to break camp a day earlier than planned because there were no food supplies for these teams.

FMD outbreak cases were reported in Mgobodzi area and Mayflower in RSA; and in Mozambique. These outbreaks are a threat at Zinyane, Lundzi and Fyves dip tanks in Hhohho and Mambane dip tanks in Lubombo.

More dip tanks in Lubulini, Hluthi and Lavumisa have no clinical cases in more than 5 months.

2. VACCINATION REPORT

Seven vaccination teams were deployed to 26 dip tanks. Two teams camped in Nhlanguano Training Centre, Two teams camped at Mpisi, two teams camped at Manyonyaneni and one team camped at Gesawu. In total, 18 037 cattle were vaccinated. 3 748 cattle in 3 Nhlanguano dip tanks were given booster FMD vaccine shots and 14 289 cattle in 23 dip tanks were being vaccinated for the first time.

Total FMD vaccine used in the reporting week - 18 200 doses

Table1: Summary of vaccination Report

Week	No. of Dip Tanks	Cattle population	Total Vaccinated	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose	Vaccine Doses used	Vaccine Doses Left
37	26	18 462	18 037	14 289	3 748	18 200	101 800

3. NEW INFECTIONS

New infections were reported at Mpatsa and Esifutfweni dip tanks in Malandzela sub-region. The spread was as a result of illegal grazing of cattle from these dip tanks in Dumisa Farm in Luve. Because of these new infections, Nsakane, Lagobisa and Ntima dip tanks (*contacts of Dumisa Farm*) will be inspected this week.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Because of the FMD threat in Zinyane, the following activities were done;

- Awareness and sensitization meetings at Zinyane and Nhlanguyavuka dip tanks
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- Awareness and sensitization meetings at Bublani Royal Residence conducted Tuesday last week, another will follow at Hlane Royal Residence early next week.
- Inspection of four cordon camps from Mananga to Zinyane conducted (Mananga, Zintatjane, Shumi and Zinyane camps).

5. CHALLENGES

- Unavailability of food for the two teams that had camped at Mpisi. Both teams had to leave camp one day earlier than planned when the VOs could not provide the food anymore.
- Shortage of cars which resulted in the inability to deploy the full complement (11 teams) of vaccination teams in week 37. However, cars are being delivered as of today and this will enable a full 11 team complement to vaccination.
- Inability to do surveillance in week 37 because all available cars had to be redeployed to vaccination teams.

5. NEXT WEEK ACTIVITIES

i. Vaccination Program

Date	Day	Dip Tank
2.03.2026	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabela, Magidza, Dlovunga • Phuhlaphi, Mpolonja • Nhlambeni, Sigombeni
3.03.2026	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwababa, Lamatimbane • Godogodo, Ndlela, Mbanjane • Makhateni, Mdlebeni
4.03.2026	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahlabane, Ntima, Mahamba • Spitzkop, Dvumbe, Kholwane • Nyakeni
5.03.2026	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fyves, Masakasaka, Zibondeni • Nhlangano, Nyakeni, Pienaar, • Bhonyongo

ii. Inspection of Malanzela dip tanks in the Hhohho region- Bulandzeni locality.

iii. Awareness and sensitization

- A sensitization meeting for Malanzela community on Wednesday 4th March 2026

iv. Rehabilitation of cordon fences

- Shiselweni
- Zinyane

v) A check point locations in the Hhohho region

Inspection team has identified four strategic points at the following sites:

1. **Siganganyeni** (Mpofu) just before Buhlani, this check point has been established.
2. **Lozimvu** just before Mayiwane from Buhlani, this check point establishment is still in progress.
3. **Mdvosa** along the road to Ndzingeni and **Herefords**- these check points are pending established, the Ministry has submitted request for resources allocation from NDMA to erect them.