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## **FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE UPDATE**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's MEC, Mrs. Thembeni KaMadlopha-Mthethwa, has praised the foot-and-mouth disease vaccination team, led by veterinary services, for successfully administering vaccines on schedule in Zululand District. "Despite encountering heavy rainfall in certain areas, the teams have effectively inoculated nearly 260 thousand vaccine doses to cattle," that's according to MEC kaMadlopha-Mthethwa.

She added that the programme remains on track to finish as scheduled, "Though there has been some challenges posed by difficult terrain we are well on course. The next destination is the uMgungundlovu District, where vaccinations are set to commence on Monday, May 25th. Currently, mop-up vaccinations are being conducted in Nongoma, where nearly 60 thousand cattle have been vaccinated since May 13th. Today, we are marking the final operations and tomorrow we will be doing mop vaccinations for cattle that may have missed vaccinations," she said.

KaMadlopha-Mthethwa also announced that the 60 newly recruited Animal Health Technicians will be part of the uMgungundlovu District's vaccinations.

To date, the province has administered nearly a million vaccinations.

Below are FMD vaccination figures in each municipality.

1. Ulundi: 65 791
  2. Pongola: 30 152
  3. EDumbe: 21 689
  4. Nongoma: 63 344
  5. AbaQulusi: 79 000
- Total: 259 976

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