



VACCINATION EFFORTS IN JOZINI YIELDED GOOD RESULTS ON EASTER FRIDAY

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Vaccination efforts against the Foot-and-Mouth Disease outbreak are progressing well, having yielded good results on Easter Friday with vaccination of 19 Diptank in Jozini in the northern part of the province. The teams inoculated nearly 11 thousand vaccines to cattle, bringing the total to nearly 66 thousand since the start of the vaccination campaign in the uMkhanyakude District on Monday, March 30, 2026. The vaccination campaign in UMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality has concluded at just 30 233, pending the compilation of final figures and reports as they are tallied.

Following the visit to Mpeshane Diptank, today, April 4th, the MEC for the Department, Mrs. Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa, commended the operational management of the facility, saying there's a great deal of cooperation between the department's veterinary services personnel and the livestock farmers.

"Today, I paid a visit to oBhokweni Diptank in Jozini, where we vaccinated over 900 cattle in the morning. I then engaged with the local communities including livestock farmers, who expressed satisfaction with our efforts and they also pledged to cooperate with the Department. They expressed that they are happy that the Department has improved in terms of consistently providing them with dipping chemicals (acaricides) and that they hold monthly meetings with our veterinary services personnel, said MEC kaMadlopha-Mthethwa.

The teams are still in Jozini until the April 09th before they proceed to two remaining local municipalities under uMkhanyakude District - Big 5 Hlabisa and Inkosi Mtubatuba.

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