



Republic Of Botswana

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

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To: All Media Houses

PRESS RELEASE

CONFIRMATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) IN JACKALAS NO. 1 VILLAGE, NORTH EAST DISTRICT (ZONE 6B) AND SUSPECTED CASES IN KGARI AND MOROKA CRUSHES (ZONE 3C)

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are informed that;

- (i) Laboratory investigations have confirmed an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) at Jackalas No. 1 village crush in the North East District (Disease Control Zone 6B).
- (ii) In addition, ongoing disease surveillance has detected suspected cases of FMD at Moroka and Kgari village crushes in the neighbouring Disease Control Zone 3C, also within the North East District. Further investigations are ongoing.
- (iii) To prevent the spread of infection, vaccination will be carried out in Disease Control Zones 6B and 3C, starting February 3rd, 2026.
- (iv) Disease prevention measures announced in the Press Release of the 28th January 2026 **remain in place until further notice**. Additional prevention measures include prohibition of transportation, movement or slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals, including for personal consumption or social events (such as weddings, funerals, and megoga etc) countrywide except in zones 1 (Chobe) and 2 (Ngamiland).

Farmers are urged to cooperate fully with government officials conducting disease surveillance nationwide and implementing vaccination programmes in the affected zones.

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are urged to **STRICTLY** comply with all the imposed disease prevention measures, and to remain vigilant and report any signs of illness in livestock to the nearest Department of Veterinary Services or the Police.

For more information, please contact the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC); Telephone 3934505 and 3934510 or Toll free – 0800600130 or WhatsApp: 77702971 or email – fmdneoc@gov.bw

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