

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

What is FMD?

A highly contagious acute viral infection, almost exclusively of domestic and wild ruminants (such as cattle, goat, sheep and pigs. Buffalo and other cloven-hoofed wildlife can also be affected).

Signs and Symptoms:

- **Cattle:** fever, blisters/vesicles in the mouth, tongue and between or above the hooves, excessive drooling, loss of appetite, lameness, sudden drop in milk production.
- **Sheep and Goats** (mild to not evident): lameness, blisters/vesicles in the mouth and hooves, excessive salivation, drop in milk production.
- **Pigs:** Fever, blisters (on the feet, snout, tongue and legs), reluctance to walk.

How FMD spreads:

- Direct contact between infected and susceptible animals. Nose to nose contact and sharing of grazing and water resources.
- Contact with contaminated hands, footwear, clothing, vehicles.
- Feeding untreated contaminated meat products to pigs (swill feeding).
- Calves may be infected through milk from an infected cow.
- Artificial insemination with genetic material such as semen and embryos from infected animals.
- Inhalation of infectious aerosols may be risk factors.

Prevention and Control:

- Avoid illegal movements of animals and animal products.
- Only acquire animals from known reputable sources.
- Control movement of vehicles and people into the farm.
- Enforce biosecurity measures, such as hand washing, disinfection of tyres, footbaths etc, when entering the farm/establishment.
- Isolate any suspected FMD case on the farm and report to the state veterinary office.

Do not:

- Hide the animal
- Sell sick animals
- Move sick animals
- Slaughter sick animals
- Smuggle vaccines or vaccinate animals in the FMD Free zone

Economic Impact:

FMD is a notifiable disease of economic importance that can disrupt access to local and international markets as it is a transboundary animal disease.

Prevention saves livelihoods.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
STATE VETERINARY OFFICE

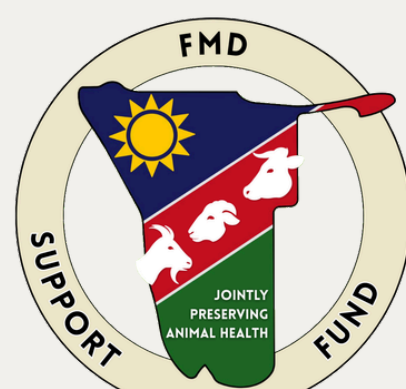
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