

Tororo starts vaccinating animals

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Following the reported outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Tororo district, local authorities have embarked on vaccinating all the cattle against the disease.

The acting district veterinary officer, Dr Boniface Obbo, confirmed the exercise, saying they had dispatched a team to all the 21 sub-counties to vaccinate the animals beginning on Monday.

A number of farmers braved the Monday morning downpour and took their cattle to various vaccination centres. In Malaba, the exercise was conducted at Ofinya trading centre, Koitangiro Primary School and Kataboi village.

In July, Obbo announced a quarantine both on the movement and slaughter of the cattle in Iyolwa sub-county, following the reported outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

Obbo said this followed a spot visit to six farmers with 48 head of cattle, 24 of which were discovered to have been attacked by the disease. He asked the public to abide by the restriction in order to contain the spread of the disease. The quarantine targets all cloven-hoofed animals.