



## Bhutan's Fortnightly Animal Disease e-information



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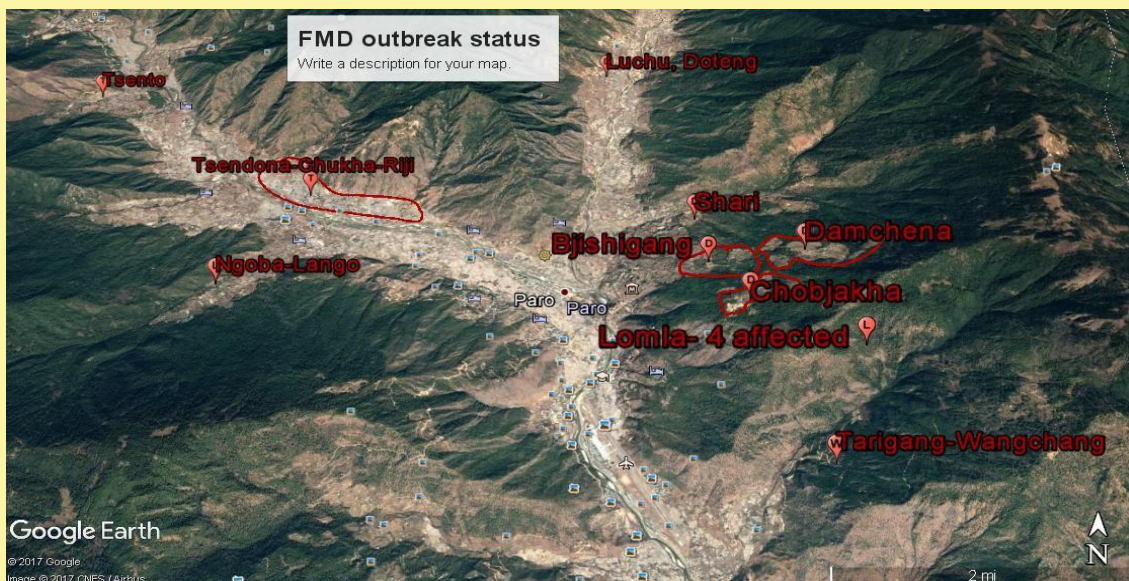
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### ***Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in Paro***

***June - July, 2017***

Paro Dzongkhag is experiencing one of its worst Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks in years. FMD is a severe, highly contagious viral disease of livestock with significant economic impact and it is a notifiable disease in Bhutan. Since the first case was reported from Chukha village of Lamgong geog in Paro on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017; a total 356 animals belonging to 81 households in 6 geogs are affected of which 15 cattle (4 adults and 11 calves) died from the disease as of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.



Areas affected in Paro Dzongkhag. Courtesy – Dr Chendu Dorji, RRT

For effective control of the outbreak and prevention of disease spread to unaffected areas, Rapid Response Team (RRT) consisting of members from the Department of Livestock, Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA), National centre for Animal Health, Regional Livestock Development Centre, Tsimasham and Paro Dzongkhag Livestock sector was activated as per National FMD Prevention and Control Plan 2016.

Ring vaccination, treatment of affected animals, movement control of livestock and dairy products out of the affected areas and advocacy are implemented by the team to control the outbreak and prevent its spread to unaffected areas.



**Sanam Lyonpo interacting with livestock owners in Doteng geog during one of the advocacy campaigns**

(Photo : Advocacy team, RRT)

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