

National Indicative Programme 2014-2020

LESOTHO

11th EDF 2014-2020

General overview of the programme

Intervention Area	Budget (MEUR)
Water	78
Energy	28
Governance	22
Civil Society	7
Other support measures	7
Total	142

Sector 1: Water

General objective: Developing the water infrastructure, is a necessity to enable Lesotho's long-term growth. The EU's support to the water sector is derived from the specific objectives identified in the NSDP. The latter considers as the overall objective for the water sector the expansion of water and sanitation distribution services to industries, commercial centres, households and other institutions.

Specific objective:

- ✓ The development and management of Lesotho water resources in order to maximise socioeconomic benefits, without compromising its sustainability;
- ✓ Rural, peri-urban and urban areas have access to secure, affordable water supplies and improved sanitation;
- ✓ Effective adaptation to climate change, mitigating or preventing any negative consequences that it may have on the people of Lesotho.

Expected results:

- The sustainable management of Lesotho's water resources through a process of water resource management based on integrated catchment conservation and management;
- The further development of a secure, safe and affordable water supply for human consumption, commercial and industrial development;
- The development of water and sanitation infrastructure in areas where bulk water supply methods are not a practical or economically feasible option
- The national climate change strategy addressing the impact emanating from climate change through the implementation of mitigating measures is approved and implemented according to milestones set.

Sector 2: Energy

General objective: to provide Lesotho's people and productive sectors with access to a modern, clean, affordable, sustainable and reliable energy supply.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ Effective and sustainable governance of the energy sector at the national level;
- ✓ A more sustainable and cleaner energy sector providing universal access to modern, affordable and reliable energy with a reduced reliance on biomass.

Expected results:

- An effective governance and regulatory framework that allows the sector to exploit Lesotho's potential for clean and renewable energy production in an equitable, responsive and accountable way thereby contributing to Government's strategy for increased economic growth;
- Increased secure supply and access to affordable, reliable and high quality electricity for domestic, industrial and agricultural uses.
- Increased use of energy saving methods (cooking etc.) in those areas without access to electricity.

Sector 3: Governance

General objective: support in the area of governance will be the more efficient and cost effective provision of public goods and services.

Specific objectives:

- ✓ To establish effective public financial management practices leading to fiscal discipline and fairness, the effective targeting of resources; operational cost efficiency and the delivery of services that is governed by evidence-based, results-oriented management;
- ✓ To improve public service delivery through reforming and strengthening public sector administration and the introduction of modern management processes to the Lesotho public service;
- ✓ To ensure a well-functioning internal system of capacity building (LIPAM) targeted to the needs of an efficient and effective modern administration.
- ✓ To improve the performance of the justice sector in terms of the fair, timely and efficient delivery of justice and the fight against corruption;
To enhance the oversight and scrutiny of the performance of the public service and its institutions;

Expected results:

- Improved public finance management will result in a credible and compliant budget and financial management process in which the business of government is managed through efficient revenue collection, transparent procurement, efficient financial administration and result-based budgeting within medium term fiscal and expenditure frameworks
- Both the Agenda for Change and the NSDP emphasise the rule of law as a key factor in strategies targeting economic growth, the protection of human rights and the eradication of poverty. In support of a professional, accessible and impartial justice Sector, the 11th EDF will expand and consolidate activities that strengthen the rule of law. In this context and given that sustainable capacity building is a long-term process, the 10th EDF targets of an independent, accountable and transparent Judiciary fairly and efficiently dispensing justice and combating corruption remain valid.

Civil Society

An indicative amount of 7 MEUR may be set aside for support to civil society organisations. The strategies elaborated in Vision 2020 and NSDP consider that a strong partnership between Government and civil society is a necessity. Civil society can make an effective contribution to Lesotho's development through advocacy and in the fight against poverty.

Other support measures

An indicative amount of maximum 7 MEUR will be set aside for support to the identification and formulation of actions that will be implemented under the 11th EDF. To meet this requirement and to examine the opportunities for regional cooperation, North-South and South-South cooperation or "twinning" arrangements, the blending of implementation modalities and greater private sector involvement, 11th EDF funds would be made available through a Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF) and through support to the Office of the National Authorising Officer.