

Project Portfolio

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| Project title | Funding Partners | Time Scale | Total Budget | Description |
| I. PROJECTS RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED | | | | |
| Highland Water 1B Project | World Bank | 04/06/1998-31/12/2006 | Commitment amount: US\$ 45 million | The components include: (a) main project works including the construction of a concrete face rockfill dam at Mohale, a concrete line tunnel from Mohale to Katse, concrete weir at Matsoku and associated infrastructure; (b) engineering supervision; (c) implementation of a full environmental action plan including resettlements and compensations and (d) administration and capacity building. |
| Lesotho Highlands Water Project - Phase 1A | World Bank | 23/07/1991-31/03/1999 | Commitment amount: US\$ 110 million | The project is the phase 1A of a 30-year scheme to export water from Lesotho to the industrial heartland of the Republic of South Africa (RSA). It includes facilities to permit water transfer and install 72 MW capacity of hydropower. |
| Soil and Water Conservation and Agroforestry Programme | IFAD, Government | 1989-1997 | US\$ 8.5million | The programme assisted farmers in building and repairing erosion control structures such as terraces and waterways and water harvesting structures for supplementary irrigation. The programme promoted controlled livestock grazing, simple biological methods of soil conservation, and traditional sharing arrangements so that women and landless people could have access to land. |

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| II. ON-GOING PROJECTS | | | | |
| Lesotho Water Sector Improvement Project | World Bank | 26/10/2004-31/12/2009 | Commitment amount: US\$ 14.1 million plus GoL US\$ 1.5 million | Water supply and support adequate sanitation services for consumers living in the Lowlands areas. Component: 1) It will provide support for policy analysis and capacity building. 2) will include selected civil works to augment water treatment and extensions to the distribution system. 3) pilot component to provide an opportunity for the stakeholders involved to test different service options and delivery mechanisms for the delivery of water to six peri-urban communities. |
| Special Programme for Food Security (SPFS) | Responsible institutions: MAFS and FAO | | M 700 000; US\$140 000. US\$1=Maloti7 | The objective is to Increase crop and livestock production. |
| South-South cooperation | Responsible institutions: MAFS and Indian Team | | India: M 951 000. FAO: M 1 505 000. GoL: M 900 000 | The main goal of the programme is to enable delivery of Technical Assistance from advanced developing countries to specific countries participating in SPFS. |
| TCP/LES/3102 | TCP Facility | 2007-2007 | US\$ 88 141 | |
| TCP/LES/3201 | TCP Facility | 2008-2009 | US\$ 65 549 | |
| National Programme for Food Security | EC, UK | 2007-2017 | US\$ 435 million | The main objective is to improve the adequacy and stability of access to food at household level. Further objectives are to improve the utilisation of food at household level; and to improve adequacy and stability of food supplies at national level. |
| Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Programme | IFAD, Government, Beneficiaries | 2005-2011 | US\$ 12.0 million | The programme comprises three components, namely: (i) agricultural diversification and intensification; (ii) land and water management; and (iii) local capacity-building. Through the land and water management component, the programme will promote the construction of small earth dams to retain runoff for small-scale irrigation and livestock, header tanks to provide micro-scale irrigation for homestead gardens and rain storage tanks utilizing roof catchments. |

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| III. PIPELINE PROJECTS | | | | |
| Crop Production Project: Small-scale Irrigation Development (BIPP) | FAO-NEPAD | | US\$ 65 074 800 | The specific objective of the project is to improve overall agricultural land productivity through harnessing of run-off and application of rainwater in the form of irrigation and through holistic soil moisture management by trained and capable farmers supported by equally empowered extension staff. The project covers all ten districts of the country but it focuses on the central District of Maseru as well as the four northern Districts of Berea, Leribe and Butha Buthe. |
| Conservation and Land Improvement Project | FAO-NEPAD | | US\$ 38 711 200 | The project aims at improving the productivity of cropland and rangeland through rehabilitation and protection from further erosion using physical and biological means as part of the normal farming practice. Moreover, it concentrates on the sustainable production and harvesting of wood for fuel, poles and other uses as well as other forest resources, as well as on the development of fruit trees in accordance with the agro-ecological zones. |
| Irrigated Crop Production | Responsible institutions: Farmers MAO and several donors (Japan, Canada, India, etc.) | | Canada: M 200 000. GoL: M1.1m. India: M2m | The main objectives of the project are: to make the estimated 9 percent (300 000ha) of land that is suitable for cropping as efficiently productive as possible to enhance household food security; and to expand irrigated crop production in order to counteract frequent drought impact and facilitate year round production. |
| Water Control of SPFS-I | Responsible institutions: MOA/FAO Farmers | | US\$ 236,342 | The project aims at demonstrating how vulnerability to drought can be minimize using 255 ha through water resources harnessing. |
| Soil Fertility Improvement in Lesotho | Responsible institutions: MOA, Farmers | | M2.6m | The main objective of the project is to raise productivity in crop production by improving the soil fertility of crop land. |
| Metolong dam and Water Supply Programme | Kuwait Fund, Saudi Fund, OPEC Fund, BADEA, MCC, World Bank, EC. | 2007 to 2013 | US\$ 157.16 million | To augment Maseru water supply and en-route areas. |
| Lesotho Lowlands Water Supply Scheme. | Being solicited | 2009 to 2020 | US\$ 430 million | To address chronic water shortage in the lowlands areas. |
| Lesotho Highlands Water Project Phase II. | Bi-Lateral cooperation between Lesotho and South Africa | 2009 to 2020 | US\$ 1 000 million | To augment water transfer to the Republic of South Africa and generate hydropower for Lesotho. |

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