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# World Food Programme Lesotho

## 2021 Annual Country Report



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### Highlights

- WFP supported over 117,000 people through commodity vouchers and injected USD 2,849,990 in the economy through engagement of local retailers.
- WFP continued to advocate for and support the Government in the design and implementation of social protection systems that are shock responsive and nutrition sensitive and contribute to gender equality.
- WFP collaborated with different UN agencies, government ministries and partners in support of the Government of Lesotho's efforts towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17. Partnerships were crucial to achieving meaningful impact across the sustainable development agenda.

### 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS IN NUMBERS



**323,062** total beneficiaries

Female  
**52%**



Male  
**48%**

**652 mt**

FOOD DISTRIBUTED

**US\$ 3,619,998**

CASH TRANSFERRED



**USD 25.16 Received**

**USD 18.08 Planned**

### Cross cutting results



WFP continues its efforts towards advancing gender equality and women's empowerment, recognising it as key to ending poverty and achieving zero hunger. In all aspects of work in Lesotho, WFP advocates for inclusion of both men and women in decision making and leadership roles.



Accountability to affected populations (AAP) remains a priority whereby during implementation of activities, WFP operationalizes three components of AAP namely information provision, consultation and establishment of complaints and feedback mechanisms.



WFP Lesotho is implementing nutrition sensitive assets creation activities that enhance communities' adaptive capacities and resilience to climate change and shocks.

### Our Partners

Government of Lesotho through different Ministries (Agriculture and Food Security, Health, Education, Gender, Social Development, Forestry), Government Institutions (Food and Nutrition Coordinating Office, Disaster Management Authority, Meteorological Services), Government donors, UN Agencies, Non-governmental Organizations and private sector

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### Strategic outcome 1: Shock-affected people in Lesotho are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs during times of crisis



About 40 percent of Lesotho's population was facing acute food insecurity between October 2020 - March 2021



226,880 people received assistance through cash and commodity vouchers



52,500 people received cash-based transfers under the urban response programme

### Strategic outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in Lesotho benefit from strengthened social protection systems that ensure access to adequate, safe and nutritious food all year round



52,856 learners, aged 24-59 months, received nutritious meals during school days



100,000 people reached through radio broadcast on climate and weather risks



15 laptops provided to the Disaster Management Authority to ensure regular and timely food security assessments

### Strategic outcome 3: Vulnerable populations in Lesotho have improved nutritional status, at each stage of the lifecycle, in line with national targets by 2024



50 government staff and partners trained to enhance their capacity for improved nutrition outcomes



WFP supported the government to develop a nutrition dashboard that will report on food and nutrition activities



WFP purchased testing equipment for vitamin A, iodine and iron, for the Government, to facilitate testing

### Strategic outcome 4: Communities in targeted areas, especially women and youth, have resilient and diversified livelihoods, and increased marketable surplus by 2024



43,326 beneficiaries (52 percent women) engaged in food assistance for assets activities received cash transfers



WFP held a market linkages forum for 116 producers and buyers to enhance their access to formal markets



WFP procured 18,000 fruit trees for establishment of orchards in shock affected areas.

### Strategic outcome 5: Government and partners in Lesotho have access to efficient and reliable services throughout the year



WFP supported UNDP with provision of cash transfers for 2,000 households



77 percent of the beneficiaries were satisfied with WFP's cash transfer services