



Lesotho

Summary of country engagement at SWA

Priority country : Multi-stakeholder approaches

Lesotho joined SWA in 2010. The Government developed a Lesotho Water and Sanitation Policy (LWSP) 2007 and the Water Act of 2008, as well as the Long-Term Water and Sanitation Strategy to guide the implementation of the LWSP and the Water Act. The WASH sector has coordination mechanisms between the Government WASH Ministries, Departments and UN agencies, development partners and civil society through quarterly coordination meetings and annual reviews.

Commitments by the government

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Increase access to basic WASH services in schools and health care facilities to 50% by 2023	Ministry of Water and its affiliation authorities/projects, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Finance and NGOs	2023		Government	Reviewing pr
Continuous advocacy for increasing the funding for the water sector 2019/20 budget vs 2018/19	Ministry of Water	2019		Government	Reviewing pr

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Increase national budget for the WASH sector by 5% by 2023 to accelerate progress towards achieving SDG 6.	Ministry of Water	2023		Government	Reviewing pr
End population practising open defecation by 2030 and improve hygiene practices in schools, health facilities and selected rural communities.	Ministry of Water and its affiliation authorities/projects, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Finance and NGOs	2023		Government	Reviewing pr

Focal Points

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