



Project Highlights

LESOTHO

“FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE RURAL HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY HEAVY RAINS IN LESOTHO”

Project code: OSRO/LES/102/IRE

Donor: Ireland

Contribution: EUR 285 646

Implementation: 4/10/11 – 30/4/12

Target areas: Botha-Bothe and Leribe Districts

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Objective:	To contribute to the recovery and strengthening of rural livelihoods affected by heavy rains.
Key partners:	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, WFP, Temo 'Moho Agricultural Group and NGOs.
Beneficiaries reached:	3 600 farming households (18 000 people) received agriculture inputs through FAO and 4 500 chronically food insecure people received food assistance through WFP.
Activities implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provided beneficiary households with about 30 tonnes of maize seed, 17 tonnes of bean seed and over 150 tonnes of fertilizer.▪ Organized six input trade fairs with the participation of 2 868 farmers in the districts of Botha Bothe and Leribe.▪ Provided a 2-day training course for 641 households on the basic principles of crop management.▪ Conducted post-planting surveys to monitor and evaluate the area planted, including the growth stage and condition of the crops.
Impact:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provided 3 600 farming households with access to quality crop production inputs for the 2011/2012 summer cropping season.▪ Increased access to sufficient food for 20 000 food-insecure individuals living in the highlands during the lean season.▪ Input trade fairs brought quality inputs closer to remote and hard to reach communities.▪ Helped beneficiaries to extend their cropped area for the current planting season and improve the quantity and quality of seed reserves for the following season.

Please note that this focuses on FAO's component of the Embassy of Ireland-funded FAO-WFP programme.