



Strengthening Community Resilience through provision of critical food and nutrition, water and child protection services in Lesotho!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name: Strengthening Community Resilience to Respond, Cope, and Recover from Humanitarian Shocks

Lead Organization: World Vision in collaboration with UNICEF

Funding Partner: Government of Japan

Duration: [7 Months]

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The Strengthening Community Resilience Project in Lesotho is a collaborative effort between UNICEF and World Vision International Lesotho, with the generous support of the Government of Japan. The project aims to build resilience in the most deprived rural communities in Mohale's Hoek and Thaba Tseka districts, which have been severely affected by the compounded humanitarian crises. The project's primary objectives are:

1. Strengthen community structures for an integrated, multi-sectoral response to humanitarian shocks.
2. Build the capacity of service providers in the communities, focusing on nutrition, WASH, and child protection.
3. Install rainwater harvesting systems in households and schools to enhance food production, nutrition, and hygiene while reducing GBV related to humanitarian shocks.

KEY FEATURES

The Strengthening Community Resilience Project is characterized by several key features:

1. Multi-Sectoral Approach: This project recognizes the interconnectivity of food, water, and child protection. By addressing these areas simultaneously, it ensures comprehensive support for the target communities.

2. Community-Centric: The project prioritizes community involvement and ownership by strengthening community structures, engaging local stakeholders, and equipping community members with the knowledge and tools they need to respond to shocks.

3. Sustainability Focus: A critical element of this project is the long-term sustainability of the interventions. By imparting knowledge, skills, and green technologies, we ensure that the benefits extend beyond the project duration.



PROJECT COMPONENTS

The project is structured around three main components:

1. Strengthening Community Structures: Developing and enhancing the capacity of community councils in the target districts to respond effectively to climate shocks.

2. Capacity Building for Service Providers: Training local service providers on nutrition, WASH, and child protection, including early identification of malnutrition, hygiene practices, and GBV prevention and response.

3. Rainwater Harvesting Systems: Installing rainwater harvesting systems in households and schools to provide safe water for food production and hygiene, thus reducing GBV related to humanitarian shocks.

PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the lead organizations, UNICEF and World Vision, this project collaborates closely with relevant government departments and community leaders. Key partners include the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs, Police, Education and Training, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition.

Gender and Equity Considerations

The project is designed with a significant emphasis on gender equality and social inclusion (GESI). It seeks to ensure that women, girls, men, and boys have equal access, decision-making, and participation at all levels. By promoting fairness, equity, and balance in communities, this project aims to empower individuals to achieve their full potential.

Sustainability

Sustainability is a critical element of this project. The capacity building and green technologies introduced will enable communities to maintain the gains made during the project's duration without the need for ongoing external support.

The Strengthening Community Resilience Project in Lesotho is a vital initiative that will not only provide immediate relief to vulnerable communities but also equip them with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in the face of future humanitarian shocks. We are committed to making a lasting impact, promoting resilience, and fostering sustainable change in these communities.