

## INTERIM EVALUATION OF POVERTY REDUCTION PROJECT JUNE 2005- September 2007

Intended outputs	Output Targets	Indicative Activity	UNDP Inputs	Status	Comments
Establishment of a Poverty Monitoring System	Operationalisation of the Poverty Monitoring Unit (PMU) by end 2007	Support the finalisation of the TOR for PMU and recruitment of Unit Staff	UNV (Social Statistician)  Consultative workshop  Training	The Advisor for the National Monitoring and Evaluation System has been recruited since September 2006.	The advisor was on a four month – contract supported by the World Bank. Funding request has been made to UNDP for a period of three years through this project which is tasked with the sustainable establishment of the M&E System.
		National Monitoring and Evaluation Strategic Plan		The draft poverty Plan document has been endorsed by Government, donors and Development Partners	This document clearly identifies the caliber of professionals to be recruited for the Monitoring System and its linkages with the relevant stakeholders. The recruitment process has progressed and the eligible candidate will be notified once the RR approves the APP's recommendations
	Finalisation of Capacity Assessment and Capacity Development Strategy for PMU, Bureau of Statistics, key line ministries and civil society organizations by 2007.	Support preparation of capacity assessment		This activity will be implemented by the newly recruited Technical coordinator	
		Support the formulation of strategy for capacity development		This is a follow-up activity to the capacity assessment	
		Assist in translating of Capacity Development strategy into annual work plan			

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Support the Bureau of Statistics to formulate and implement the National Strategy for Development Statistic (NSDS) in line with the 2004 Marrakech declaration		Assist key stakeholders including the Bureau of Statistics to prepare a national plan for household based survey for 2001/02 – 2004/05	International Consultant Travel/DSA Consultative Workshops	A user/producer workshop was held in 2005 to sensitize the stakeholders and key actors.	However the formulation of the strategic plan for 2007 – 2012 and the finalization of the recommendation of this workshop have been delayed due to the preparation for the 2006 population and Housing Census. The project will support the BoS in developing their National Strategy for Development Statistics.
		Design a system for data storage and filing within the PMU, BoS, line ministries and Lesotho Council of NGOs.	Training Equipment	DevInfo has been adopted as the database for the country. The process of developing this database is spearheaded by the BoS under the technical and financial supported by the UNCT.	Plans are being finalized to launch the database in January 2007.  A country wide training plan has been developed. Implementation is scheduled for November 2007
Finalisation of 2002/03 Household Budget Survey (HBS)	Training on analysis of poverty analysis using the HBS 2002/03	Training Staff of PMU and BoS in poverty analysis of 2002/03 HBS  Train staff of the BoS, relevant ministry and the National University on SPSS data analysis for the 2006 Census.	Training	The report has been disseminated in Maseru and the nine districts. A lot of skills have been transferred to staff of the BoS and relevant ministries and department who were hands on during the analysis phase	A proposal for PPA is being developed to conduct in-depth assessment to examine the unexplainable findings of the study.
Report on the Millennium Development Goals and other national indicators and targets within the context of the National Vision 2020 and PRSP process		Compile data and generate baseline indicators base on relevancy to national priorities outline in the National Vision 2020 and PRSP consultative process		The process of identifying baseline indicators and targets for the PRS was an arduous task. The priorities outlined during the consultative process forms the backbone of the strategies for poverty reduction in Lesotho	Development of a popular version in the local language is still outstanding. This should be finalized to coincide with the launch of the two MDG Reports.