

Using SDG 6 Policy Support System (SDG-PSS) in Lesotho

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Overall status of SDG 6 at the national level

- Overall status of SDG 6 achievement (Achievements, key water- and sanitation-related challenges). Potential impact (how many people may benefit) if SDG 6 targets and indicators are achieved in your country by 2030?
- The current status of SDG 6 is not promising, however,
- If SDG 6 targets are achieved, over 80% of Lesotho's population could benefit from improved access to clean water and sanitation

The challenges:

- Management and Governance
- Coordination
- Monitoring and Evaluations

National agencies involved in SDG 6 achievement

- Names of the ministries, national institutions, any other relevant entity
- Ministry of Natural Resources (Water)
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship Affairs
- Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA)
- Water and Sewerage Company (WASCO)
- Lesotho Meteorological Services
- Disaster Management Authority (DMA)

SDG 6 target(s) and indicator(s)

- Most important target(s) and indicator(s) and why
- Target 6.1: and Target 6.2:
- Rural communities still lack piped water access
- Sanitation facilities are often basic or non-existent in some institutions such as Schools & health centers.
- These directly impact health outcomes and educational attendance, especially for girls
- Least important target(s) and indicator(s) and why
- SDG 6: Immediate priorities focus more on basic service access than on ecosystem preservation, though the latter is still important in the long term.

Reflections on SDG-PSS and its online course

- Contribution of SDG-PSS online course in using SDG-PSS and navigating its main features? Was the course helpful in using SDG-PSS or not? What is needed to improve the course further?

The course helps introduce users to:

- Navigating the SDG-PSS platform.
- Understanding components like Capacity and Finance Assessments.

Areas for improvement:

- A provision for note-taking.

Relevance of SDG-PSS Components

- Most relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context and why?
 - Capacity Assessment
 - Finance Assessment
 - Gender Mainstreaming
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- Least relevant components of SDG-PSS in the national context and why?
 - Integrity component of the SDG-PSS remains important, it may be considered less immediately critical for Lesotho at this stage.

Summary

- SDG-PSS remains a highly valuable tool, particularly for data-poor and resource-constrained contexts like Lesotho.
- Again, the platform's flexibility and emphasis on collaboration are critical strengths.
- Integrating the SDG-PSS with national development frameworks would enhance uptake
- Lesotho must prioritize reliable data collection to effectively use SDG-PSS