


Project Evaluation Series

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**Terminal evaluation of the project
“Strengthening capacity for climate
change adaptation through support to
integrated watershed management in
Lesotho”**

**Project code: GCP/LES/049/LDF
GEF ID: 5124**

Follow-up report

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<p>Recommendation 1.</p> <p><i>To future GEF project developers:</i></p> <p>Ensure that the Project Indicators take gender into account.</p>	Accepted	This message is reinforced in all programmatic meetings within the country and region.		Excellent	<p>This recommendation has been useful in guiding the design of the current and future projects. All the new projects that included gender markers specifically ensured that the project indicators take gender into account. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. (TCP/LES/3902): Support towards green development of the potato value chain in Lesotho under the One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) Initiative. ii. (GCP/LES/052/GER) Land Cover Data for Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) in Lesotho. iii. (TCP/LES/3802) AgrInvest Lesotho: Catalyzing Investment for Transformative Agricultural Value Chain Development in Lesotho. iv. (GCP/LES/802/LDF) Building climate resilient livelihoods and food system.
<p>Recommendation 2.</p> <p><i>To the Project Team:</i></p> <p>Develop case studies to showcase how women’s circumstances were improved through the project, examining their livelihoods, and socio-economic and environmental factors.</p>	Accepted	This is appropriate and relevant to the work of the project in building resilience to climate change. The final PIR (2020–2021) has depicted a success story showcasing women’s improvement by the project. In addition a booklet is going to be published showcasing human interest stories from women that benefited from the project.		Good	<p>This recommendation has helped the project and the country office to lift up the stories of women and other marginalized groups out of the maze of activities and associated generalization. A story on Water tanks helping rural women in Lesotho withstand climate change has been published highlighting the access to water that has relieved the women of the burden of collecting water far from their homes, and has increased farms production.</p> <p>Please see the link: https://www.fao.org/gender/success-stories/success-stories-detail/Water-tanks-helping-rural-women-in-Lesotho-withstand-climate-change/en</p> <p> FINAL BOOKLET.pdf</p>

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<p>Recommendation 3. <i>To Project Management:</i> Showcase local conflict management strategies on natural resource management so that they may be replicated and upscaled.</p>	Accepted	Policy advisory note on conflict management to be drafted based on lessons learnt from implemented strategies and their associated success stories.		Excellent	<p>A number of development partners that are supporting similar projects have drawn lessons on how the project managed group dynamics and related conflicts relating to management of natural resource.</p> <p>Government’s Rangeland Resources Management Bill (2021) seeks to improve administration and rangeland resources, reduce Biodiversity degradation, desertification, and the impact of climate change, while enforcing grazing control by deterring transgressors.</p> <p>The link to the report on the Bill is provided here: https://nationalassembly.parliament.ls/2021/05/03/report-on-rangeland-resources-management-bill-2021-2/</p>
<p>Recommendation 4. <i>To FAO:</i> For future projects, FAO/the GEF should consider providing funds for a socio-economic survey involving the project’s participants to track changes in sample beneficiaries’ lives</p>	Accepted	True, socio-economic surveys are important to track positive changes and impact of the project on the livelihoods of the target beneficiaries. Ideally such studies could be done during the project preparatory stages (using PPG resources). That way they will inform both project design and implementation.		Good	<p>This advice was taken on board for the development of new projects in general.</p> <p>A new project on building climate resilient livelihoods and food systems (GCP/LES/802/LDF) has been prepared and approved by GEF. The project has activities related to livelihood analysis of the targeted beneficiaries.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 5.</p> <p><i>To government partners:</i></p> <p>Alternative livelihood activities promoted by the project should be followed up by relevant project partners to ensure their sustainability and verify whether they require any additional inputs.</p>	Accepted	<p>What is key is for the project activities and initiatives to be mainstreamed into regular government programmes. This message has been relayed in all exit meetings with different structures and levels of government.</p>		Good	<p>The message is continually relayed to government and also development partners working in lowlands, foot hills and mountain ecosystems.</p> <p>Nevertheless, FAO is integrating alternate livelihood activities in many projects, and one such recent example is the project on building climate resilient livelihoods and food systems (GCP/LES/802/LDF), which targets livelihoods as the primary objective.</p>

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