



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of Lesotho WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2024

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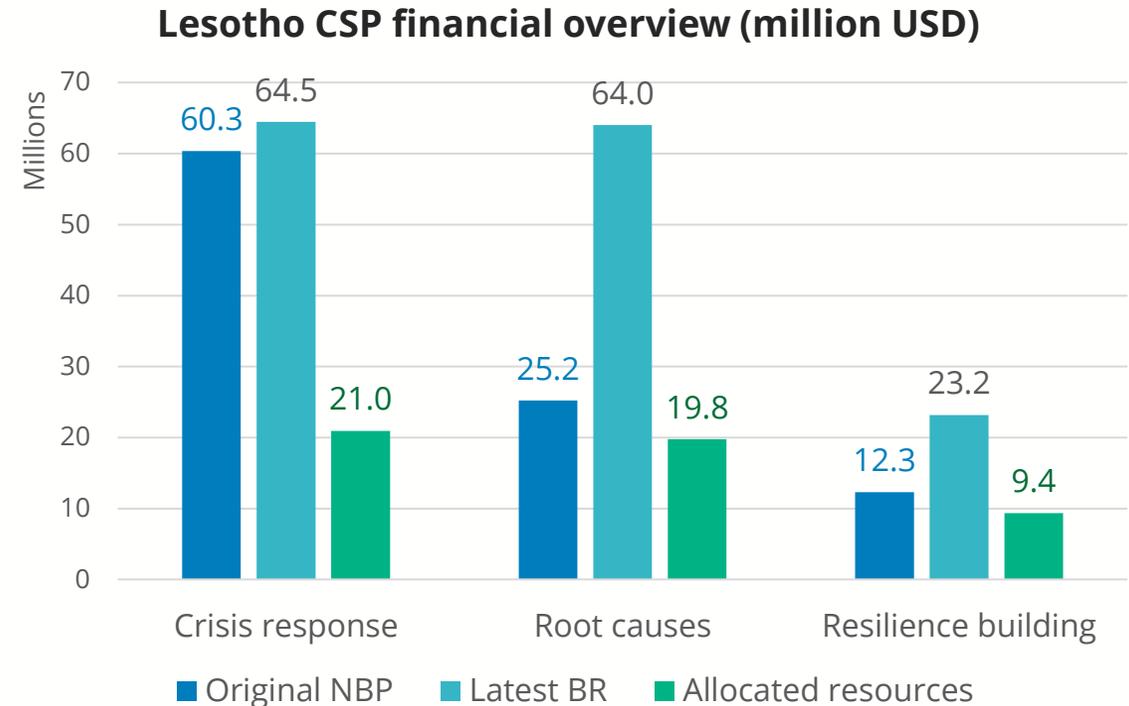


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CSP Overview

- Strategic focus on responding to crises, addressing chronic vulnerability and building resilience. **Continued shift towards capacity strengthening.**
- Lower Middle-Income Country. Several **unanticipated events during CSP implementation.**
- CSP NBP: USD 168 million; **35 percent funded.**



Strategic positioning and alignment



Aligned to national priorities and UNDAF, challenges in operational coordination



Evidence-based design; limited analysis of Lesotho's unique livelihood challenges



Grounded on WFP's comparative advantage on crises response but challenges in internal coherence



Room to strengthen humanitarian-development nexus

Key contributions to change



Improved food security outcomes among crisis-response beneficiaries, but benefits not sustained



Increased school attendance resulting from school feeding programme, but most vulnerable not always reached



Enhanced data quality and availability for evidence-based policy making



Enhanced food production and consumption from focus on household assets but limited success in linking smallholder farmers to school feeding programme



Progress towards strategic reorientation to capacity strengthening, however limited effectiveness and sustainability

Key areas for improvement



Reinforce and diversify approach to capacity strengthening across the new CSP



Reconsider approaches to resilience building and the humanitarian-development nexus in Lesotho



Strengthen targeting and prioritization at the national level by supporting the Lesotho Vulnerability Analysis Committee and community-based approaches



Strengthen engagement with the national social protection system to reinforce humanitarian-development nexus

Systemic issues for consideration

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Underfunding, high earmarking and short grants duration

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Limited utility of monitoring data to inform strategic decision-making

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Understaffing