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# Lesotho Country Strategic Plan 2024-2028

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# Context Analysis



## HIGH LEVELS OF POVERTY

**50%** of people live in poverty, coupled with high malnutrition rates (**34%** stunting)



## HIGH FOOD INSECURITY

**15%** of the population is chronically food insecure



## COORDINATION

Humanitarian and development challenges



## LANDLOCKED COUNTRY

The landlocked nature of the country magnifies its vulnerability, as it relies heavily on external trade routes



## SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE

**70%** of the rural population engages in subsistence rain-fed agriculture and **90%** of the national food supply is imported



## HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION

**24%** of the land is degraded and only **10%** of the land is arable



## HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**22.5%** unemployment rate, highest among youth, standing at **33%**

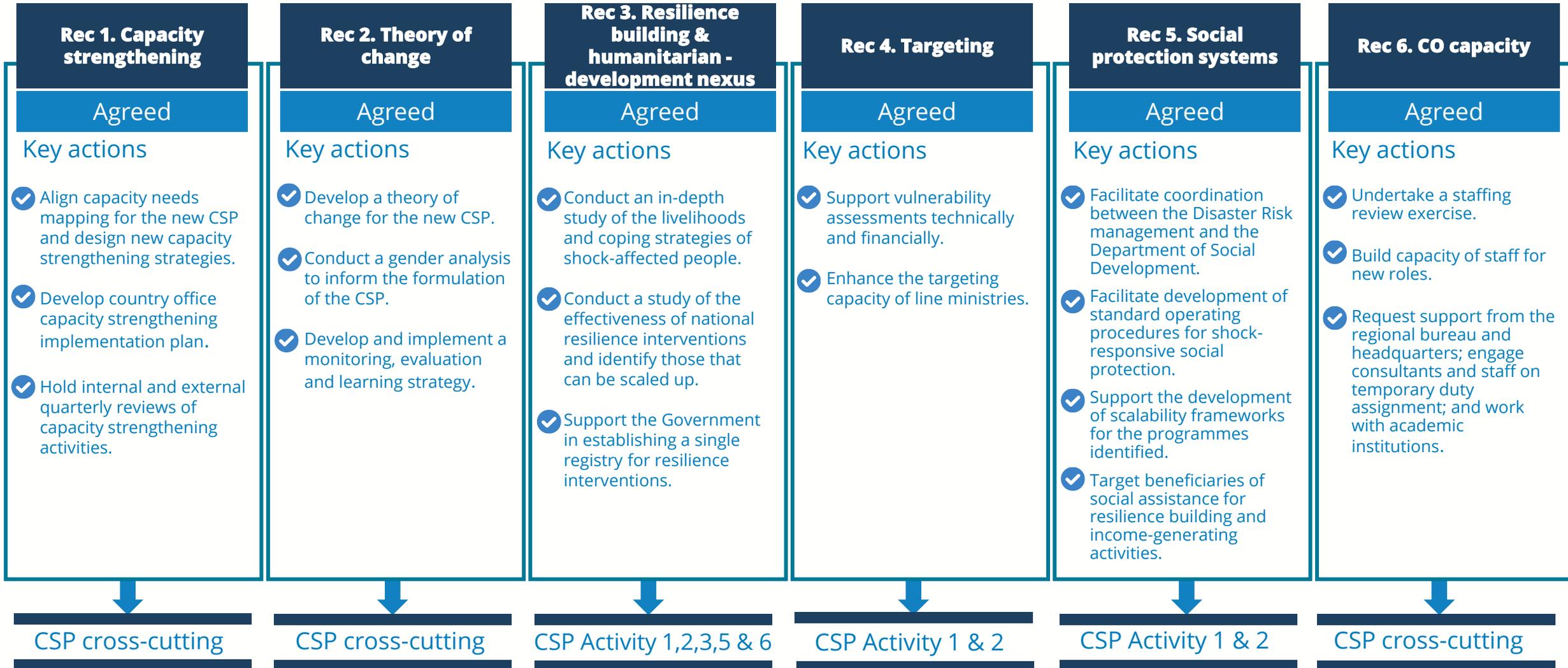


## GENDER INEQUALITY

Women earn **40%** less than men, one of the highest gaps in the world

# Evaluation & Learning: Use of CSPE evidence in CSP design

## Management Response to the CSP Evaluation of Lesotho Country Office



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation CSP Alignment

## NATIONAL PRIORITIES

- National Development Plan
- National Strategy/policy for:
  - Disaster risk management
  - Climate change & early warning
  - Resilience & social protection
  - School feeding & nutrition
  - Gender protection

## UNSDCF PRIORITIES

- Strategic Pillar 1: Good Governance and social equity
- Strategic Pillar 2: Equitable food systems, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience
- Strategic Pillar 3: People's wellbeing and economic development

Strategic Outcome 1

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Food-insecure and crisis-affected people in Lesotho are able to meet their essential needs before, during, and after crises, including through anticipatory actions and shock-responsive national social protection programmes.

Strategic Outcome 2

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By 2029, national systems and programmes for nutrition security and school-based programming in Lesotho are strengthened.

Strategic Outcome 3

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By 2029, populations at risk in Lesotho benefit from strengthened, climate-resilient food systems and sustainable livelihoods.

Strategic Outcome 4

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The Government, development partners, civil society and private sector organizations in Lesotho have improved access to innovative, effective and cost-efficient on-demand WFP services by 2029.

# 2G Strategic & Programmatic Shifts

## Strategic Vision

Enhance climate-resilient & equitable food systems, environmental sustainability, human capital development, social protection and emergency preparedness and response

### Emergency Preparedness

Assist the Government in:

- ✓ Disaster Risk Management
- ✓ Capacity strengthening
- ✓ Direct implementation of assistance, focusing on scaling up anticipatory action
- ✓ Improving shock-responsive social protection and mitigating the impact of shocks

### Human Capital Development

Strengthen and support the Government's capacity to/with:

- ✓ Address all forms of malnutrition
- ✓ Implement school-based programme/ transition strategy and HGSF
- ✓ Improve policy frameworks to implement and monitor nutrition programmes
- ✓ Implement food fortification legislation, monitoring and testing

### Resilience

Assist the Government to:

- ✓ Adopt an integrated package of rural-urban assistance on transformational practices
- ✓ Implement multi-year integrated strategies to enhance resilience to climate shocks
- ✓ Strengthen capacities to address depletion of natural resources and chronic food insecurity

### Food Systems

Support the Government in:

- ✓ Promoting increased adoption of ecosystem restoration practices
- ✓ Improving decentralized food aggregation and storage facilities
- ✓ In addressing issues related to food safety and quality



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