



Snapshots Data Note



Lesotho

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Poverty rate	Unemployment
billions) (2017)	(millions)	capita (current	(2010)	rate (2014)
	(2017)	US\$) (2017)		
2.7	2.2	1,246.3	59.6	26.2

Macro Indicators

Macro indicators	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP growth (annual %)	4.1	3.6	2.2	2.6	2.8	4.5
Current account balance	5.6	-11.4	-12.1	-19.8	-18.1	-19.2
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	1.9	-2.5	2.9	-7.0	-10.3	-6.6
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	37.9	20.9	17.4	_	_	_
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	94.5	77.4	74.3	73.6	71.3	69.4
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	7.5	5.6	2.6	4.1	5.0	5.0



Investment indicators

	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	29.6	31.5	34.1	34.2	34.7	34.6
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	25.7	33.1	_		_	_
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	4.8	2.3	2.2		_	_
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	20.2	NA			_	



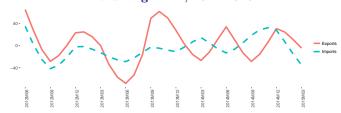
Trade Indicators

Trade Indicators	Avg 2003-2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	176.9	178.5	183.7	189.7	197.7	198.4	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-77.2	-85.5	-90.2	-96.3	-102.3	-105.7	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	8.8	1.3	2.8	2.4	5.0	1.6	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	3.5	14.6	6.0	7.1	7.8	6.0	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	4.7	5.4	_	_	_	_	



Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, NA

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

Data not available

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, NA

Data not available

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	173	172	1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	110	114	-4
Enforcing Contracts	85	85	0
Getting Credit	150	152	-2
Getting Electricity	146	147	-1
Paying Taxes	108	109	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	98	99	-1
Registering Property	107	108	-1
Resolving Insolvency	117	117	0
Starting a Business	107	112	-5
Trading Across Borders	35	36	-1

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS) Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

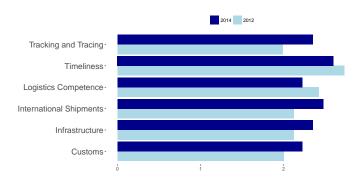
WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)

Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency. Technol. Readiness 4. Macroec. environment Pin. mrkt development 2. Institutions Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training Lesotho Innovation Market size Sub-Saharan Africa Infrastructure

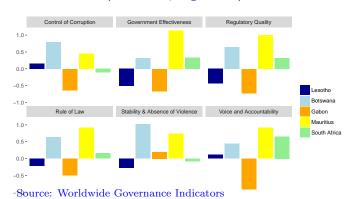
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	10.7	3.3
Binding (%)	100	100
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	15	13.1
Import duties collected [1]	_	
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	8.9	9.1
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	7.6	7.5
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	7.7	7.7
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	_	80

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2009

	Sub-Saharan Africa	Lesotho	All Countries	
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	8.30	4.10	6.30	
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	23.10	32.20	34.30	
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	9.90	23.30	14.30	
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	76.70	50.90	71.80	
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	8.20	5.60	9.90	

Source: Enterprise Survey 2009

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2009 (% respondants)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2009

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondants among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015





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Lesotho

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Most Recent

Product	Document Date
Lesotho - Systematic country diagnostic	2015-07-02
Lesotho - Country assistance strategy progress report for the period FY2010 -	2013-05-28
FY2014	

Planned

Product	Concept Review Date	Board Date
Lesotho Systematic Country Diagnostic	2014-06-24	2015-07-02

WB Lending Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval	Lending	Begin	Commitment	Latest	FY	Cum	FY Prob
			Date	Inst.	Appraisal	(US\$M)	Sort	Expenses	Expenses	
				Type			Overall	(US\$K)	(US\$K)	
							Risk			
							Rating			
None										

WB Portfolio

Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment U (US\$M)	ndisbursed Balance (US\$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	Overall Risk	Months in Prob- lem Status
P144933	LS-Second Pvt. Sector Competitiveness	Maria Paulina Mogollon	2013-10- 31	IPF	2019-04- 30	13	6	S	S	M	0

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	Approval Date	Lending Inst. Type	Closing Date	Commitment (US\$M)	Project Rating DO	Project Rating IP	IEG Outcome Rating
P125780	LS:TFF Lesotho-RSA	Austin Francis	_	IPF	2014-06-	2	_	_	_
	CustomsCollaboration	Louis Kilrov			30				

WB ASA

Active

Task ID	Task Name	Team Leader	Management Approval	Product Line	RAS (Y/N)	Current Expendi-	Current Expendi-	Lifetime Expendi-	Lifetime Expendi-
			Date	<u> </u>	(1/11)	ture BB (US\$K)	ture Total (US\$K)	ture BB (US\$K)	ture Total (US\$K)
None									

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Task ID	Task Name	Team Leader	Management Approval Date	Product Line	RAS (Y/N)	Current Expenditure BB (US\$K)	Current Expenditure Total (US\$K)	Lifetime Expenditure BB (US\$K)	Lifetime Expenditure Total (US\$K)
P128116	LS-Economic	Smita Kuriakose	2013-06-17	TA	N		0	71	71
	Diversification								
P082135	LS-IF Follow up	Ian John Douglas	2007-11-19	TA	N	_	0	308	308
	(FY08)	Gillson							
P076655	Lesotho-Integration	Leendert Solleveld	2002-12-02	$_{\mathrm{EW}}$	N	_	0	177	385
	& Comp. Study								

IFC ASA Active

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval	Expected	Approval	Total	Current FY
-	-		Date	End Date	Value (in	Expenditures	Expenditure
					US\$K)	(in US\$K)	(in US\$K)
None							

Pipeline

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval	Expected	Approval	Total	Current FY
			Date	End Date	Value (in	Expenditures	Expenditure
					US\$K)	(in US\$K)	(in US\$K)
None							

Closed

Project ID	Project Name	Team Leader	IP Approval Date	Expected End Date	Approval Value (in US\$K)	Total Expenditures (in US\$K)	Current FY Expenditure (in US\$K)
591907	Lesotho Tourism PPPs	O'Farrell, Catherine C.	2012-04-13	2014-07-31	1,304	1,085	0
545284	Implementation of Business Registration and Licensing reforms	Pepper, Roy	2006-05-09	2007-06-15	112	62	0
545645	Sectoral Study of the Effective Tax Burden	Stern, Richard	2006-03-16	2007-07-19	100	51	0
542884	Competitiveness and CSR in Lesotho's Apparel Industry	Meisling, Annemarie	2006-01-23	2007-04-30	206	196	0
538806	Reform of the Company Registration and Enterprise Licensing Systems	Pepper, Roy	2005-08-22	_	0	0	0