

# LESOTHO

This country profile highlights trends in poverty, domestic public resources and international finance based on the latest available data.

## Overview

HOW MANY OF THE POOREST 20% OF PEOPLE GLOBALLY LIVE IN LESOTHO?

**1.4m**

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Domestic public

**US\$1.2bn**

International

**US\$685.6m**

HOW MUCH DOES THE GOVERNMENT SPEND PER PERSON?

**PPP\$1,410**

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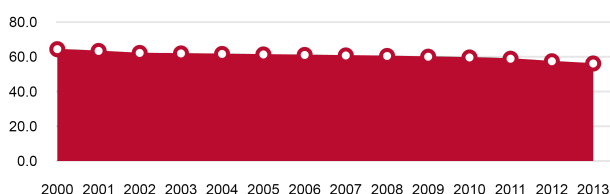
HOW DEEP IS POVERTY?

**29%**

Depth of poverty

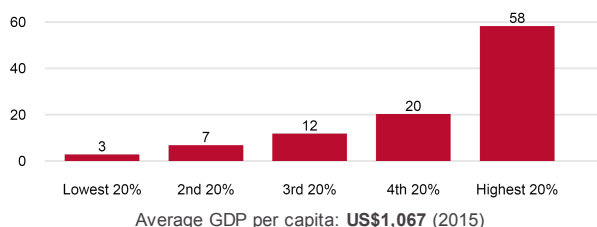
## Trends in extreme poverty

% of population living on under \$1.90 per day



## The distribution of income

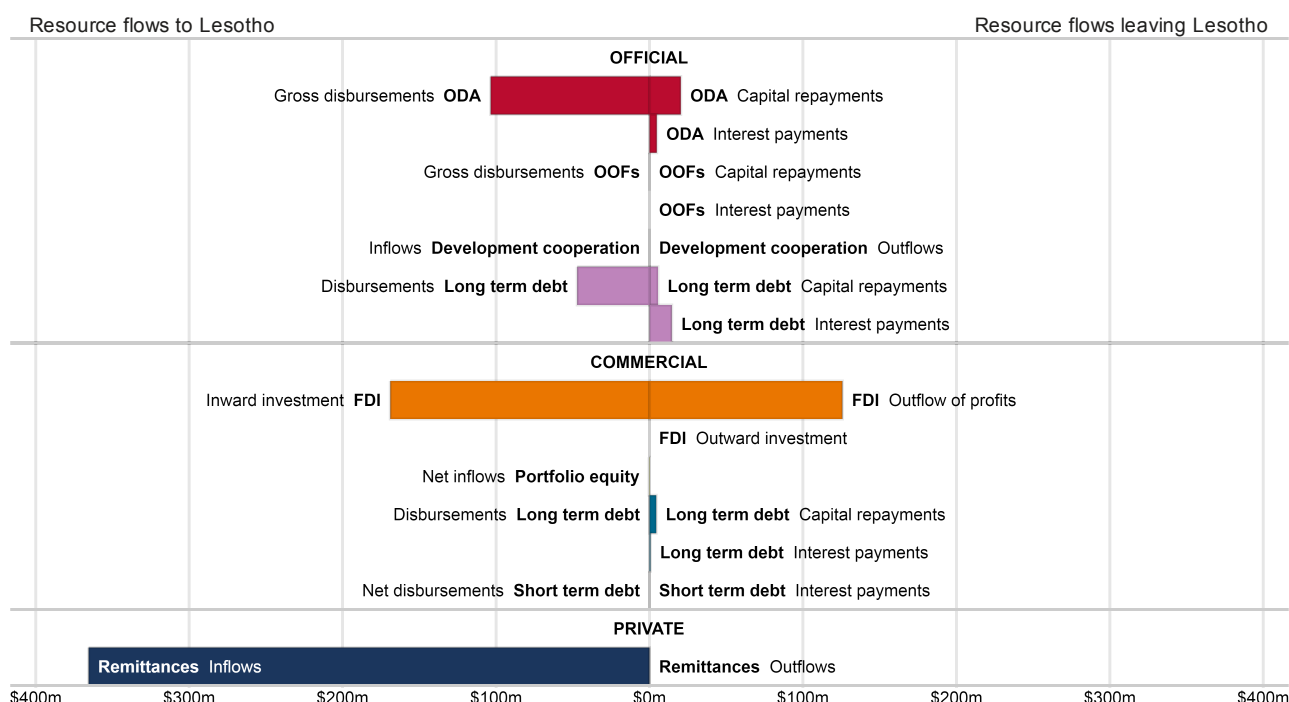
2010, share of income by quintile of population



## Resource flows to and from Lesotho

### Official, commercial and private flows

2015, international resource inflows and outflows (US\$ billions, constant 2015 prices)



Notes: We define extreme poverty as measured using the 2011 PPP\$1.90 extreme poverty line. Purchasing power parity (PPP) prices are the rate at which a country's currency would have to be converted into that of another country to buy the same amount of goods and services in each country. PPPs are constructed by comparing the cost of a common basket of goods in different countries. Depth of poverty is a measure of the average gap in incomes for people living below the poverty line spread across the population of the whole country, expressed as a percentage of the PPP\$1.90 a day poverty line. Poverty data in the overview boxes is for the year 2013. 'Domestic public resources available' refers to the total non-grant revenue either collected or projected to be collected by the government in the financial year 2015. Data on 'international resources available' also refers to the year 2015. Data on government spending per person is expressed in 2015 PPP\$, as estimated by the IMF, and refers to the year 2015 or most recent year prior. Acronyms: ADB: Asian Development Bank; GDP: gross domestic product; IDA: International Development Association; IMF: International Monetary Fund; ODA: official development assistance.

## Government finance

### Revenue and grants

2013, latest year of actual revenue (US\$ billions, constant 2015 prices)

Total Revenue And Grants 100% of total   US\$934m	Grants 9% of total   US\$84m	Program Grants 7% of total   US\$63m	
	Revenue 91% of total   US\$850m	Tax Revenue 38% of total   US\$351m	Taxes On Income Profits And Capital Gains 20% of total   US\$189m
		Southern African Customs Union 46% of total   US\$426m	Taxes On Goods And Services 14% of total   US\$132m
		Non-Tax Revenue 8% of total   US\$73m	Sales Of Goods And Services 7% of total   US\$62m

### Financing

2013, latest year of actual financing (US\$ billions, constant 2015 prices)

Financing 100% of total   US\$20m	Net Domestic Finance -166% of total   US\$-33m	
	Net External Finance 266% of total   US\$52m	Disbursements 377% of total   US\$74m
		Amortization -111% of total   US\$-22m

### Expenditure

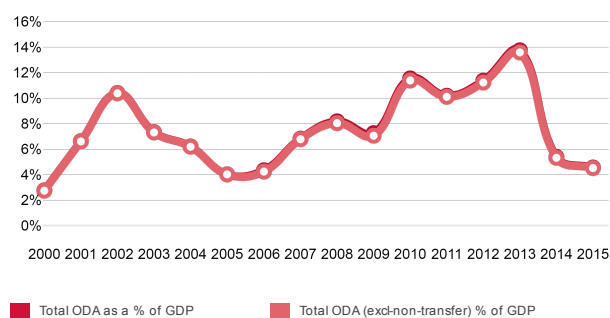
2013, latest year of actual expenditure (US\$ billions, constant 2015 prices)

Total Expenditure 100% of total   US\$954m	Capital Expenditure 24% of total   US\$231m		
	Recurrent Expenditure 76% of total   US\$722m	Other Recurrent 6% of total   US\$54m	
		Grants 7% of total   US\$63m	
		Social Benefits 6% of total   US\$57m	
		Compensation Of Employees 33% of total   US\$316m	Wages And Salaries 28% of total   US\$271m
		Goods And Services 21% of total   US\$199m	Social Contributions 5% of total   US\$48m

Notes: Year of data refers to the fiscal year 2013 running from January to December. The pink boxes represent negative values, typically showing repayments of loans under financing. Some labels have been omitted from these visualisations; for these, and those that are too small to read, please refer to the online country profile page on the Development Data Hub. For the specific source information see here: <https://github.com/devinit/digital-platform/blob/master/user-data/domestic/csv/domestic-sources.csv>

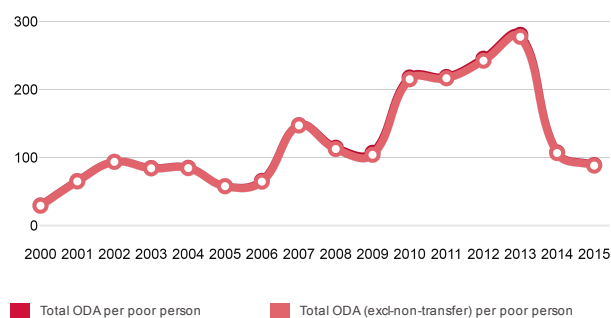
## ODA and national income

Gross ODA % of GDP



## ODA per poor person

ODA per person living under \$1.90 a day



## The bundle of ODA

2015, gross disbursements

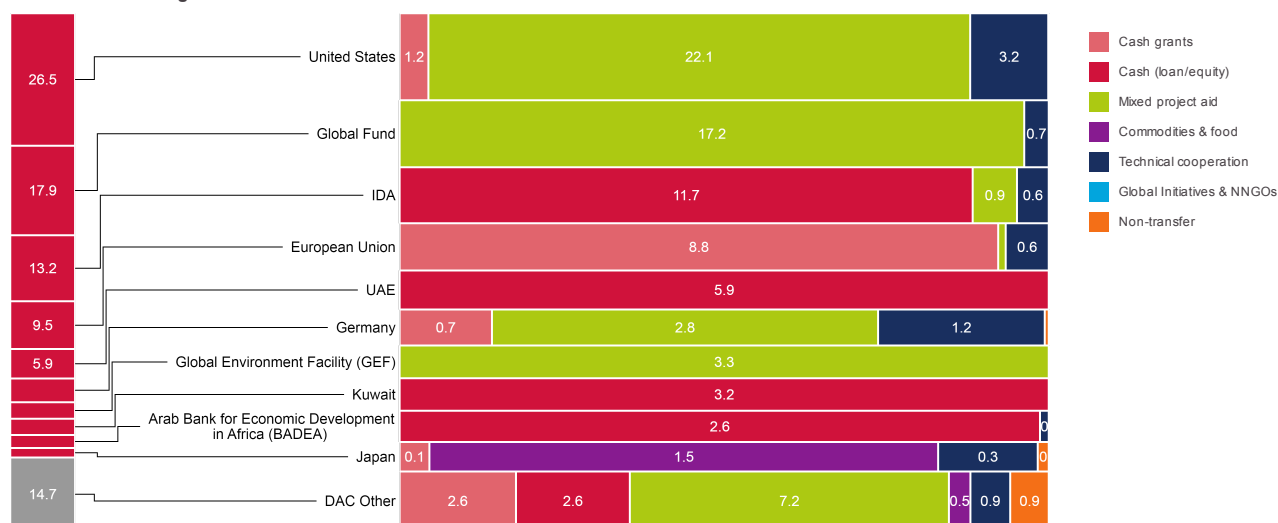


Note: NNGOs, Northern non-governmental organisations.

## The bundle of ODA from the 10 largest providers

2015, US\$ millions, gross disbursements

Aid from the ten largest donors



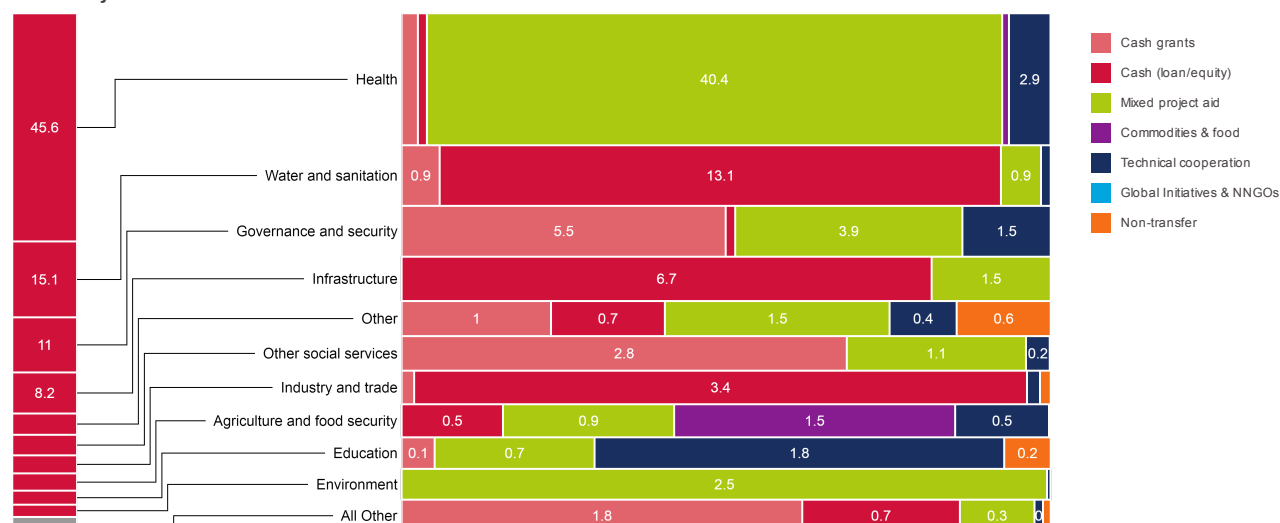
Note: ODA is equivalent to 0.48% of GDP in all developing countries. Acronyms: NNGOs: northern non-governmental organisations.

## What is aid spent on?

### The bundle of ODA to the 10 largest sectors

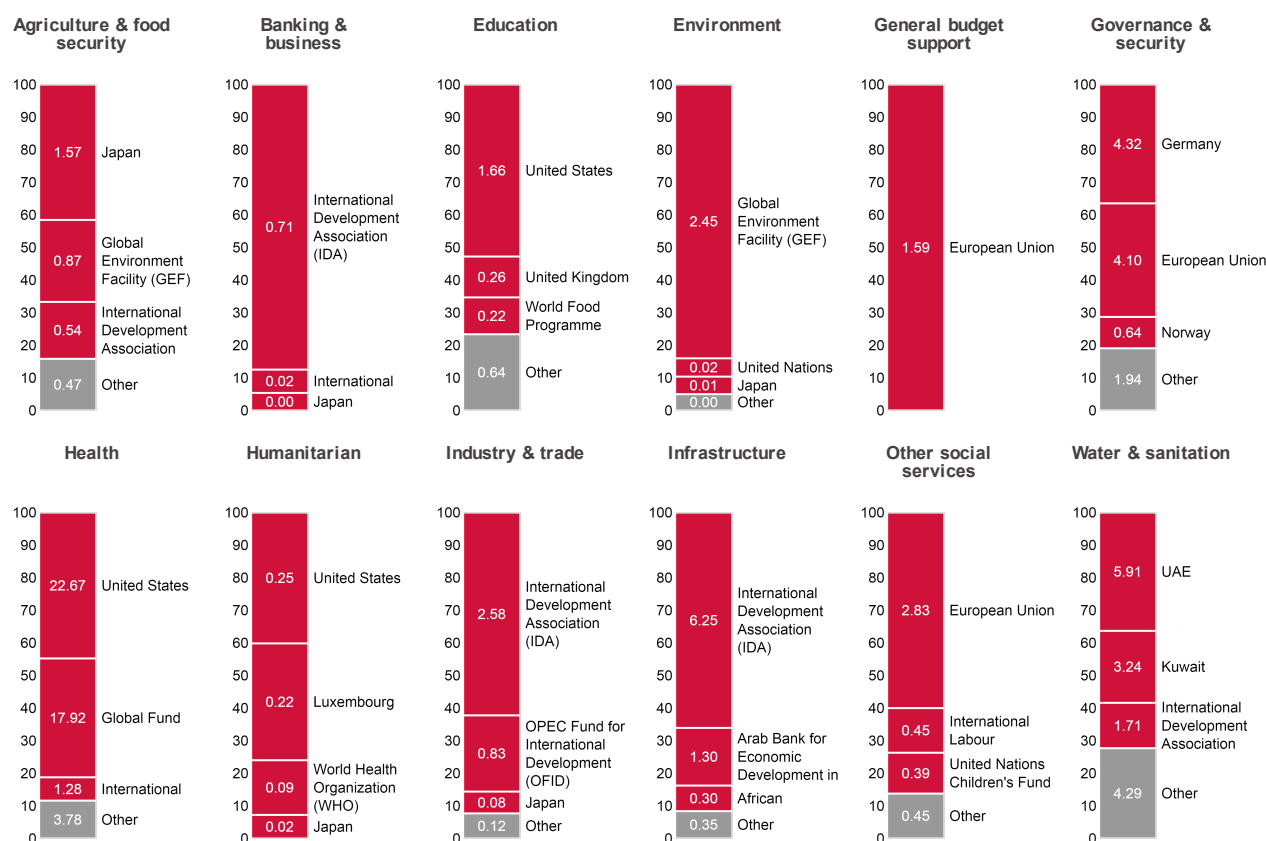
2015, US\$ millions, gross disbursements

Total aid by sector



### The largest providers to each sector

2015, gross ODA, % of total (US\$ millions disbursements in columns)



Notes: Data is from the OECD Development Assistance Committee (ODA and other official flows data), the World Bank (long-term debt, remittances, gross national income (GNI) and poverty), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (FDI), IMF article IV publications (domestic revenue and expenditure). Other official flows (OOFs) are typically loans that are either not sufficiently concessional to count as ODA, or are mainly in support of commercial objectives, such as donor exports. All data in US\$ is in 2015 prices. 'Other' sector aid includes multisector ODA, administrative costs, support for refugees in the donor country and unallocated or unspecified ODA. Acronyms: FDI: foreign direct investment; OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.