

# EU-Lesotho partnership



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## Water

- Building or rehabilitating water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities in 250 rural communities, 110 schools, and 15 clinics
- Support of the ReNOKA programme, focussing on soil and water conservation in the Orange-Sengu River Basin
- Providing safe drinking water to 280,000 people and improving sanitation for 20,400 individuals by 2027 through the Lesotho Lowlands Water Development Project Phase II
- Providing technical support to the water sector, including water diplomacy

## **Renewable Energy**

- Providing technical support to the public and private energy sector, including regulatory advice and financial assistance for energy projects
- Offering a results-based grant facility for initiatives like mini-grids, pay-as-yougo solar systems, solar home systems, and efficient cooking stoves
- Establishing a lending facility to support private projects expanding electricity access and sustainable energy generation
- Contributing to large-scale energy infrastructure projects, in the solar and wind sector, through the Africa Investment Platform

#### **Education & Youth**

- Enhancing education, employability and creating opportunities for youth
- Making the processes around the AU-EU Partnership more youth responsive and inclusive

### **Governance & Civil Society\***

- Boosting social protection, also through digital payments, and enhancing data capabilities.
- Updating the voter registry, expanding civic education, supporting election monitoring, and providing technical assistance to the Independent Electoral Commission
- Assisting in justice sector reform and improving citizens' access to justice by decentralising and strengthening justice institutions and oversight bodies, and providing technical assistance for drafting national reforms and the consultation process
- Strengthening civil society and promoting the equitable participation of all individuals in policy- and decision-making at all levels, with a focus on youth CSOs

#### **Private Sector & Business Climate \***

- Enhancing MSME export capabilities in regional value chains, focusing on indigenous herbs and feather processing, and increasing Ministry of Trade and private sector capacity to benefit from support in these areas
- Providing technical assistance to the Central Bank to develop a financial sector strategy and expand digital payment systems
- Working to improve the investment climate, with a focus on gender sensitivity
- Supporting the Ministry of Finance and Revenue Authorities in reforming Lesotho's public financial management
- \* This domain is outside Global Gateway but complementing engagement under it.
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