

WOOL AND MOHAIR PROMOTION PROJECT (WAMPP) IN LESOTHO

The goal of the project is to boost resilience to the adverse effect of climate change and economic shocks among poor rural people across the country.

WAMPP is national in scope covering all of 10 Lesotho's administrative districts, with a focus on the rangelands that cover more than two thirds of the country's surface. The project pays special attention to poor rural women and young people with more emphasis on the foothills because there are more incidences of food insecurity.

Three components of the project

- **Component A: Climate smart rangeland management** is designed to establish sustainable system of communal grazing and rangeland management with the objective of improving livestock nutrition and maximizing production and returns for smallholder wool and mohair producers. The component focuses on building climate change resilience of those involved in the rangeland sector.
- **Component B: Improved livestock production and management** is planned to increase the quantity and quality of wool and mohair produced by smallholder farmers in Lesotho.
- **Component C: Wool and Mohair Processing and Marketing** supports the capacity of women and men livestock owners to adopt a more commercial approach to improving market returns through more effective and efficient handling of wool and mohair to improve the quality, thereby raising returns for livestock producers. Intervention includes promoting sharing sheds association enterprise development, strengthening fibre handling and grading at sharing sheds, conducting improvement of sharing shed facilities and investing in access (Feeder). Particular attention will be paid to supporting small stock owners including the disadvantaged and youth, access to market opportunities and for women to be actively encouraged into rural cottage enterprises.

Project Implementation

On the project the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security is working with the Ministry of Forestry, Range and Soil Conservation in implementation of the rangeland management component. It is also supported by the Ministry of Small Business Development Cooperatives and Marketing on wool and mohair processing and marketing component. WAMPP is funded by the government of Lesotho, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the adaptation for Smallholder Agricultural Programme (ASAP)the OPEC Fund for International Development(OFID) and the Lesotho National Wool and Mohair Growers Association(LNWMGA). When complete, the project is estimated to cost around M100million.

Project Expectations

It is expected that if the objective is met, the farmers will be able to conserve their rangelands and environment. Produce quality wool and mohair and be able to meet market requirements for their production and Increase their income



