

## RESULTS:

**Total beneficiaries reached: 339,500**



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Logistics:** All food deliveries were completed by the end of October 2014 despite earlier disruptions to some pre-schools. The delays were caused by heavy rains experienced in some parts of the country, which left some roads impassable.

**New Contribution:** In the first week of October, the Country Office received a USD one million contribution from the People's Republic of China for the support of two components of its Country Programme, namely: Nutrition and Disaster Risk Reduction. The contribution will cover some of the shortfalls that are expected in 2015.

**Achievement:** In October, WFP reached 41,595 pregnant and nursing mothers, children under five, people on ART and TB patients under Nutrition. The Disaster Risk Reduction Food For Assets component reached 25,000 people in Mafeteng, Maseru, Mohale's Hoek and Quthing.

**School Feeding:** WFP will continue supporting the feeding of 200,000 pupils under the School Meals Programme and the 50,000 children in pre-schools under the Country Programme. The procurement of food for pre-school requirements in 2015 started in October, 2014 to allow timely deliveries before the schools open.

**The United Nations Day:** WFP participated in the UN Day held in Maseru on 24 October 2014. The event marked the UN's 69th birthday. More than 500 people who included Lesotho's senior Government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, partners, the private sector and local communities were part of the celebration. WFP and one of its partners, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security took this opportunity to educate the public of the importance of good nutrition practices and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

**Rainfall Outlook:** Erratic rains associated with thunderstorms and hailstorms were experienced in October 2014. This followed a warning of prolonged dry conditions and strong destructive winds by the Disaster Management Authority (DMA).

**Measuring Impact:** WFP and partners started a countrywide Community and Household Surveillance Survey on 27 October. The survey will measure the impact of WFP food assistance in the targeted households.

## Overview

In October 2014, WFP continued working with its various partners with the objective of enhancing the support for the targeted groups throughout the country. WFP has strengthened its partnership with the Ministry of Education and Training in the school feeding programme. Efforts to finalise the National School Feeding Policy are underway with the view of strengthening the capacity of the Government to implement and manage school feeding in 2018. Under the Disaster Risk Reduction component of the Country Programme, WFP is working closely with the Ministry of Forestry and Land Reclamation. The partnership will ensure the sustainability of the land rehabilitation activities beyond the WFP initiative. WFP also continued to work with the World Vision in the distribution of food and Phelisanang Bophelong and GROW in the livelihood projects for beneficiaries on ART and those on TB treatment.

**Focus on Climate Change**

- Villagers of Ha-Damane and Ha-Tjamela in Rothe, rural Maseru District, are working together to build their resilience against weather-related shocks. WFP visited the villagers to assess the status of the activities aimed at rehabilitating eroded land since the beginning of the programme in August 2014. Under WFP's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Food For Assets programme, the 80 villagers are building stone-lines in steep terrain, silt-traps in gullies and planting trees. The Food For Assets initiative provides maize meal, vegetable oil and split peas to the villagers who are also food insecure. A total of 25,000 people are benefitting from Food For Assets in the districts of Maseru, Mafeteng, Mohale'Hoek and Quthing.

**School gardens' harvesting**

- The schools supported by WFP to grow vegetables in their gardens in Qacha's Nek district have started harvesting. WFP provided seeds to the 104 schools under the school feeding programme. The schools are now harvesting and eating the vegetables. The gardens initiative is helping schools to diversify their food basket.

**Anti-EBOLA Campaigns**

- WFP participated in the various Anti-Ebola campaigns held in October, 2014. These were part of the global awareness campaigns organised by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation.

**Micronutrient Deficiencies Pilot:**

- WFP has finalised a roadmap for the Micronutrient Powders Pilot to be implemented in Thaba-Tseka in 2015. The pilot to be funded by the Irish Aid, will improve the overall nutritional status in 2,050 children aged between 6-23 months and 2,200 pre-school children. Thaba-Tseka is a mountainous district with the highest stunting rate of 52 percent.

**WFP Country Programme (CP200369)**

The objectives of the Country Programme are to: i) Improve food security through measures that reduce risks associated with disasters; II) Support human and increase pre-primary enrolment; and III) Invest in people's physical wellbeing to reduce the care and economic burden associated with chronic illness; and improve the nutritional and well-being of vulnerable groups.

**The School Meals programme (DEV200199)**

Under the School Meals Programme (DEV 200199) WFP is reaching 200,000 primary school children countrywide. The main objective of the programme is to enhance regular attendance and retention. Through the provision of fortified meals, WFP seeks to tackle micronutrient deficiencies amongst children.



Villagers of Ha-Sankoe are working together to rehabilitate eroded land.

**October Output Results**

Programme	Project	Beneficiaries Reached (individuals)	Food Delivered (metric tons)
Country Programme (CP 200369)	Nutrition and HIV	41,595	297
	Enhancing Resilience and Responsiveness (DRR)	25,000	377
	Support to Education (ECCD/Pre-Schools)*	50,000	220
School Meals Programme (200199)	School Meals*	200,000	828

School Meals	Total (USD)
South Africa/DIRCO	5,379,000
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>5,379,000</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>10%</b>

Country Programme	Total (USD)
<b>South Africa DIRCO</b>	<b>4,564,057</b>
Japan	3,752,003
Russia	1,000,000
World Bank	490,000
Curry Me Home	3,228
ECHO	580,686
China	1,000,000
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>11,389,974</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>54%</b>