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CAADP



INTRODUCTION

- New name of the Ministry (MAFSN)
- Mission

We, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition, are committed to provision of dynamic and pro-active leadership in participatory development and implementation of policies and programs with farmers, provision of expert advisory agricultural services to the farming community and agro-businesses leading to sustainable agriculture for the achievement of food security

- CAADP Commitments in line with NSDP 11

INTRODUCTION CO'NT...

The Kingdom of Lesotho on September 5 2013 became the 34th African country and the 8th in Southern Africa to sign the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact after a successful roundtable conference culminating into the endorsement of this Compact.

This brief presentation will give a summary of the progress in terms of the 7 commitments that Lesotho pledged to undertake.

Action plan/Activities

1.COMMITMENT TO THE CAADP PROCESS IN LESOTHO:

For the country to achieve on its CAADP objectives, it had to bring on board various stakeholders. These included Farmers, NGO's, Ministers and PS's from the Different Ministries, Input Suppliers who have been part of the CAADP process from the beginning.

This progress report is based on the third BR, the minimum score for a country to be considered on-track to achieve the Malabo Declaration commitments by 2025, was 7.28. Of all the 7 commitments, Lesotho was on track on only 1:Enhancing resilience to climate change

2. INVESTMENT & FINANCE IN AGRICULTURE

- Basotho Enterprise Development Corporation (BEDCO) initiated the Youth Development Project to curb the unemployment rate of youth in Lesotho. The project also responds to pillar 1 of NSDP II: **Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth and Private Sector-led Job Creation**. It focuses on entrepreneurship development of Basotho youth and start-ups through the two main work streams: Access to Finance and Business Incubation

• BEDCO awards M300 000 to young farmers



INVESTMENT & FINANCE IN AGRICULTURE CON'T..

- SADP is a project which improves smallholder farmers access to finance through grants. SADP has been granted extension to SADP II and now the project covers the whole country unlike the first compact which covered only five districts. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition signed a contract with Lesotho Post Bank to be a credit guarantor for farmers

3. ENDING HUNGER

- MAFSN and WFP have a joint venture where they implement the Nutrition Sensitive Interventions such as Positive Deviance, Establishment of Nutrition Clubs & Establishment of Nutrition Sensitive Technical Working Groups to implement and monitor the above mentioned interventions
- Department of Nutrition goes on National Radio every Tuesday to talk about nutrition issues and others on National TV

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- NUA 45 cooking demonstrations where extension personnel and farmers were trained from the different Resource Centres in all the 10 Districts of Lesotho.



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Input Subsidy Budget Allocation

YEAR	BUDGET ALLOCATION (M)
2013/14	138 000 000.00
2014/15	102 000 000.00
2015/16	102 000 000.00
2016/17	112 000 000.00
2017/18	128 000 000.00
2018/19	84 000 000.00
2019/20	58 251 804. 66
2020/21	67 56 106.74
2021/22	104 734 823 (Supp: 87, 704 335)
2022/23	107 114 784.10

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- Nutrition Clubs:



4. ERADICATING POVERTY THROUGH AGRICULTURE

- The contribution of agriculture towards Lesotho's GDP has dwindled over the years as shown below:

ERADICATING POVERTY THROUGH AGRICULTURE CON'T...

YEARS	PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION
2012	4.9
2013	5.06
2014	3.96
2015	3.78
2016	4.92
2017	4.96
2018	4.25
2019	4.43
2020	4.78
2021	4.95

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- **Radio Programme:**

A recorded programme of young farmers (80) who were interviewed after getting grants from SADP and the information was aired on both National Radio and TV.

5. INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE IN AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES AND SERVICES

Even though this commitment talks about intra-AFRICA ,we thought it would be worthwhile to mention this very important activity that is currently happening in Lesotho. The Chinese Gvt is training Ext. Workers on poultry and red meat production in order to reduce imports of these commodities. This bilateral strengthening is called **China-Maseru** and it is expected to take 6 months.

INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE IN AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES AND SERVICES CON'T...

- MAFSN Minister, Chinese Ambassador to Lesotho & Ext. Personnel



6. RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE VARIABILITY



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- FIELD DAYS



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PROGRAMME

CCARDESA

Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa



CHALLENGES

- Lack of coordination among stakeholders to achieve set objectives and to provide information
- Limited transport facilities and internet connectivity.

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to sensitize stakeholders on ICKM and the CAADP process
- Trainings on articles writing to produce more knowledge products
- Continuous meetings with other focal persons in the Ministry for information sharing.
- Digitization of Agriculture

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