

AAP QUARTERLY PROGRAMME REPORT

Country: Lesotho Period: April to June, 2011 (Quarter 2)

Expected Results	Rating/% of achievement		Achievements, specific issues or constraints, and justification of the rating
	Quarter	Overall	
Outcome 1. Countries have introduced dynamic, long-term planning mechanisms to manage the inherent uncertainties of climate change			
1.1 Technical studies and databases have been completed	Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the Program Document of AAP Lesotho, this outcome is going to be achieved by the National Adaptation Programs of Action (NAPA) implementation project supported by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). - NAPA implementation project document was signed on April 12, 2011, and the Cooperation agreement between the Government of Lesotho (GoL) and UNEP is expected to be signed in Q3 so that the implementation can be started. The project is going to improve the Early Warning System (EWS) and help integrate Climate Change (CC) aspects to various national policies. - At the same time, AAP Lesotho has made a decision to explore potentials of Threshold 21 (T21 - one system dynamics modelling for policy analysis) with support from IRTSC (Inter-Regional Technical Support Component) so that GoL can benefit both from NAPA implementation project and AAP to achieve the targets illustrated by Outcome 1. <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weak information exchange between NAPA implementation project and AAP, which hindered harmonization of the two. This will be solved during Q3 as NAPA project is now approved and its implementation starts at the beginning of Q3. AAP

			Lesotho Project Management Team (PMT) will increase communication with NAPA project focal point at Lesotho Meteorological Service (LMS).
<i>1.2 National planning mechanisms are established</i>	N/A	N/A	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan - Ditto as illustrated at 1.1.</p> <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints - Ditto as illustrated at 1.1.</p>
1.3 Technical capacity is developed	N/A	N/A	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan - Ditto as illustrated at 1.1.</p> <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints - Ditto as illustrated at 1.1.</p>
<p>MILESTONES FOR NEXT QUARTER & RELATED NEEDS</p> <p>1) Enhance discussions between AAP PMT and NAPA implementation project team, and realize harmonization to achieve the targets illustrated by Outcome 1.</p> <p>2) Make efforts to introduce T21 to Lesotho and prepare the Terms of Reference (ToR) for this service with support from IRTSC so that GoL can integrate CC/CCA aspects into various national policies together with other initiatives under NAPA implementation project.</p>			
<p>Outcome 2. Countries have built leadership capacities and developed institutional frameworks to manage climate change risks and opportunities in an integrated manner at the local and national levels</p>			
2.1 Awareness and action on climate change adaptation have increased.	Partial Achievement (PA)	Limited Achievement (LA)	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan - AAP Lesotho is focusing on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) capacity development in the energy and health sectors.</p> <p>- One consultant is going to analyse and propose the best platforms to enhance CCA capacity including clarifying unsatisfied needs at present. Capacity development measures will be taken based on the work, and CCA awareness will also be built by the result. The contract with the consultant will be signed by the first week of July and the consultant is expected to complete the work between July and September (AR 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of 2011 AAP Lesotho Annual Work Plan (AWP)).</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Another consultant is going to conduct CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment. The contract with the consultant will be also signed by the first week of July and the work is going to be completed between July and September (AR 1.2 and 1.3 of AWP). - AAP Lesotho team participated in the two workshops including cluster meetings to discuss next National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) organized by the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, and shared importance of CCA to participants (AR 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of AWP). - 4 people from GoL and academia participated in RISOE 10-day training in Denmark to master wind-atlas software usage (AR 1.1 of AWP). - 10 people from GoL, PMT, and academia joined 5-day intensive training on GIS (Geographical Information System) (AR 1.1 of AWP). - Participation was made from GoL, PMT, UNDP Lesotho, and academia to join the Africa wind power conference in Cape Town to obtain technical knowledge on wind power generation (AR 1.1 of AWP). - AWP is going to be revised during Q3 based on no-cost extension of AAP up to end-2012 (this information is common to all other AAP outputs/outcomes). - It is agreed with PMT that indicators and targets set by the Result-Based Management Framework (RMF) under the original AAP Lesotho program document are difficult to measure and they need to be improved into more quantitative and measurable ones (this information is common to all other AAP outputs/outcomes). - Therefore, achievement rating for this Quarterly Programme Report (QPR) is rather qualitative. But PMT understands that there is about 50% of achievement compared to Quarter 2 (Q2) work plan at Outcome 2.1 and about 30-40% of overall achievement from AAP Lesotho commencement. <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific numerical figures/data that are specific to Lesotho are still very limited to persuade stakeholders of importance to take measures for CCA. For example, currently, there is no data available in Lesotho that simulates financial damage caused by CC compared to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Lesotho. This kind of information is essential to make all stakeholders including decision-makers understand seriousness of CC and importance of dealing with CC (some stakeholders are still sceptical about CC risks).
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<p>2.2 <i>Institutional structures and mechanisms have been established</i></p>	<p>PA</p>	<p>LA</p>	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The above CCA platforms analysis and CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment conducted by two consultants (cf. 2.1) are expected to provide concrete recommendations about how to establish the institutional structures and mechanisms. The procurement processes of the two will be completed by the first week of July (AR 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of AWP). - A process is ongoing to recruit another consultant to analyse relationship between CCA and women/youth and to recommend how to realize overall community outreach on health/energy CCA. The recruitment advertisement is planned at the beginning of July, and the work will be completed by mid-October (AR 1.4 of AWP). - As illustrated at 2.1, achievement rating is rather difficult at this moment. But PMT understands that there is about 50% of achievement compared to Quarter 2 (Q2) work plan at Outcome 2.2 and about 30-40% of overall achievement from AAP Lesotho commencement. <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With support from IRTSC to finalize ToR for recruitment of the above consultants, most key consultant works are arranged as planned in AWP.
<p>MILESTONES FOR NEXT QUARTER & RELATED NEEDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To receive final reports from the consultants on CCA platforms and CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment. 2) To organize a workshop to seek scientific data to concretely illustrate social/economic/environmental impacts by CC and CCA costs to Lesotho. This will be realized by technical support from IRTSC and UNDP Lesotho. As the first draft of NSDP is scheduled to be prepared by the end of August, the workshop needs to be realized within August so that the accumulated scientific data can influence the national policy draft (cf. the results of the workshop will also be applied to mid- and long-term future analyses done by T21 or other initiatives (cf. Milestone 2) of Outcome 1)). 3) To prepare ToR and organize first meetings of a) HECCA (Health and Energy Climate Change Adaptation) management team and b) National CC steering committee for their establishment. 4) Investigate an opportunity to link the Climate Action Intelligence (CAI) service provided by IRTSC with the CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment. 			

Outcome 3. Countries are implementing climate resilient policies and measures in priority sectors			
3.1 Climate change adaptation policies have been approved	PA	LA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One consultant is going to support to establish the national renewable energy policy. The contract will be made by the first week of July and the final work will be provided by end-September (AR 2.1 of AWP). - CC/CCA integration into other national policies will be realized through the above CCA platforms analysis and CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment (cf. Outcome 2). Also, a potential of T21 introduction to Lesotho will be sought (cf. Outcome 1). - Q2 targets are mostly achieved by finalizing the contracting process of the renewable energy policy consultant (60-70% of achievement). But overall target rating is still low as CCA platforms analysis and CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment are not yet commenced (30-40% of achievement). <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With support from IRTSC to finalize ToR for recruitment of the above consultants, most key consultant works are arranged as planned in AWP.
3.2 Development policy and plans address adaptation	Full Achievement (FA)	PA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular participation to meetings of NSDP development by PMT and CC/CCA stakeholders is creating a positive momentum to integrate CC/CCA aspects into NSDP (cf. 2.1). - The above efforts can be reinforced by the planned workshop to seek scientific data to concretely illustrate social/economic/environmental impacts by CC and CCA costs to Lesotho, and consultant works on CCA platforms analysis and CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment (cf. Outcome 2). - No activity was planned in Q2 for this element, but negotiations with the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning has already begun and consensus has been made to integrate CC/CCA aspects into the process to develop NSDP. Thus, the achievement of Q2 is high (70-80%). However, although necessary momentum is created but the integration of CC/CCA into NSDP is not yet achieved. Thus, the overall rating is less than Q2 achievement (60-70%).

			<p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weak availability on country-specific and scientific data on CC impacts and CCA costs. This will be tackled with the workshop explained at Milestone 2) of Outcome 2.
<p>3.3 Adaptation measures are implemented in various sectors.</p>	PA	LA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community irrigation project to convert a diesel pump into a solar pump in Thabong, Mokhotlong (one of mountainous districts in Lesotho) is completed as a demonstration activity (AR 2.2 of AWP). - A demonstration activity to introduce a solar-hydropower hybrid system in Ketane community is under development (AR 2.2 of AWP). - Five masts to measure wind power potential in various sites of Lesotho is in process to be procured (AR 2.2 of AWP). - Another pilot activity to apply solar pumping and solar lighting systems for drinking water and irrigation is under a process of conceptualization (AR 2.2 of AWP). - Activities planned in Q2 in the field have been mostly implemented (60-70% of achievement). But many remaining activities are not yet completed overall (30-40% of achievement). <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some procurement processes are taking too long time. The target communities have high expectations of the demonstration activities and this issue needs to be solved immediately in order to maintain general support from the communities on CCA measures.
<p>MILESTONES FOR NEXT QUARTER & RELATED NEEDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Realization of the workshop illustrated at Milestone 2) of Outcome 2. 2) Integration of CC/CCA aspects into NSDP first draft to be prepared by end-August. 3) Completion of the three consultant works: a) CCA platforms analysis, b) CCA stakeholders' capacity needs assessment, and c) National renewable energy policy. 			

Outcome 4. Financing options to meet national adaptation costs have been expanded at the local, national, sub-regional and regional levels			
4.1 A variety of climate change adaptation financing options are available.	No Achievement (NA)	NA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An idea to recruit a consultant in Q2 to conduct an analysis to measure financial impacts (both positive and negative) by CC to Lesotho (AR 3.1 of AWP) has been cancelled and it is decided to integrate the work into the workshop illustrated at Milestone 2) of Outcome 2 and T21 exercise (cf. Milestone 2) of Outcome 1). - After obtaining the financial value information from the above works, AAP Lesotho plans to conduct 1) Framework setting of private sector participation and 2) Establishment of CC/CCA financing strategy based on the value information. - No activity was implemented in Q2 (0% achievement), and overall achievement is also very limited (5% achievement). <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to speed up implementation of planned activities is a challenge. More specifically, PMT needs to receive clear schedule information from IRTSC about T21 exercise.
4.2 Adaptation financing mechanisms are being utilized.	NA	NA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be achieved after realizing 4.1. <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ditto as illustrated at 4.1.
<p>MILESTONES FOR NEXT QUARTER & RELATED NEEDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Obtaining information about time schedule of T21 exercise from IRTSC. 2) Obtaining CC financial impacts information through the workshop illustrated at Milestone 2) of Outcome 2. 3) Commencement of drafting ToR of recruiting consultants for a) Framework setting of private sector participation and b) Establishment of CC/CCA financing strategy. 			

Outcome 5. Knowledge on adjusting national development processes to fully incorporate climate change risks and opportunities is being generated and shared across all levels			
5.1 Knowledge products on mainstreaming climate change into development are accessible.	LA	LA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN Volunteer (UNV) who is expected to mainly handle this Outcome has arrived in Lesotho during the last week of June. An immediate discussion is needed between the UNV and PMT to create knowledge sharing strategy linked with ALM (Adaptation Learning Mechanism) and CCA platforms (cf. 2.1). - CC/CCA information has been shared to NSDP stakeholders by AAP Lesotho team during the drafting workshops (cf. 2.1). - As the UNV arrival delayed, both Q2 and overall achievements are limited (10-20% of achievements). <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long process of recruiting a UNV. As the UNV is finally arrived, PMT needs to use full capacity of the UNV and speed up to implement this component.
5.2 Countries are sharing experiences on climate change adaptation.	PA	LA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delegates joined a conference in Cape Town on wind power to obtain the relating knowledge (cf. 2.1). This is the main activity planned for Q2. - Joining other workshops and training sessions is also helping participants to have better knowledge on CC and CCA (cf. 2.1). - Other activities will be fully executed after establishing a knowledge sharing strategy together with the UNV (cf. 5.1). - Main activity to join the Cape Town conference is made (80% of Q2 achievement). But the overall achievement level is still low (20-30%). <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long process of recruiting a UNV. As the UNV is finally arrived, PMT needs to use full capacity of the UNV and speed up to implement this component.
5.3 Project results and experiences are being	N/A	NA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is planned to be realized after seeing some concrete results by AAP Lesotho.

widely disseminated.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No activity was planned for Q2. ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is expected that the UNV will help quickly produce the knowledge sharing strategy and speed up to commence to produce materials to share AAP results and experiences widely.
<p>MILESTONES FOR NEXT QUARTER & RELATED NEEDS</p> <p>1) Establishment of knowledge sharing strategy linked with ALM and CCA platforms (cf. 2.1).</p>			
<p>Outcome 6. AAP projects are being effectively managed in accordance with UNDP standards</p>			
<p>6.1 Management processes operate effectively and efficiently</p>	FA	FA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steering Committee (SC) meeting is regularly organized (once per quarter). - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting is regularly organized (once per month). - Full members of PMT are now in place (i.e. Project Coordinator, Project Officer, Finance/Administration Officer, Secretary, Driver, UNV, and other supporting staff). - AWP is going to be revised at the next SC meeting by reflecting no-cost extension of AAP period up to end-2012. - PMT has decided that RMF will be revised in order to have more qualitative and measurable indicators and targets for each output/outcome. - 3 representatives from AAP Lesotho team joined the Professional Development Program (PDP) Module 1 training organized by IRTSC and have obtained key leadership skills. - Management processes are satisfactory at this moment (80% achievements in Q2 and overall). ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General overworks of implementing partners, which are making it difficult to have regular physical meetings and communications between PMT and the partners. - As for how to manage multiple consultants smoothly by PMT, PMT will first check the works by the consultants (cf. most consultants begin their works in July)

			and ask IRTSC's support if PMT faces management challenges.
6.2 Reporting and communication conform to programme requirements	PA	LA	<p>i. Activities implemented and how they contribute to expected results and justification on the rating against the Quarterly Work Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarterly reports are produced and regularly shared to SC and TAC members. - Risks/issues update by UNDP Atlas management system is done on quarterly basis at present. But the update frequency will be increased on monthly basis from Q3 in close coordination between PMT and UNDP Lesotho on regular basis. - The regular reporting has been improved in Q2 compared to previous quarters. Thus, the rating for Q2 is about 70% while overall there are more improvements possible (40%). <p>ii. Overall challenges/lessons learned/issues/constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AAP Lesotho appreciates IRTSC support to check some ToR drafts for AAP implementation and give technical inputs, but some responses are very quick and others are rather slow. AAP Lesotho team will make efforts to communicate with AAP Helpdesk together with each topic's focal point at IRTSC in order to increase a chance to receive a quick response.
<p>MILESTONES FOR NEXT QUARTER & RELATED NEEDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Revision of RMF (i.e. to have more quantitative and measurable quarterly/overall indicators and targets for each output/outcome). 2) Revised AWP up to end-2012 approved by SC. 3) Continue to produce quarterly reports regularly and share them to SC and TAC. 4) Monthly risks/issues update of UNDP Atlas management system in close coordination between PMT and UNDP Lesotho on regular basis. 			

Note: Refer to *AAP Programme Outcome Results and Indicators* for details on each Expected Result and the core indicators of achievement.

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