

# RESIDENT / HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR REPORT ON THE USE OF CERF FUNDS LESOTHO RAPID RESPONSE DROUGHT 2016

RESIDENT/HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR

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	REPORTING PROCESS AND CONSULTATION SUMMARY
a.	Please indicate when the After Action Review (AAR) was conducted and who participated.
	During the implementation period of the CERF grant, the RC/HC called for regular meetings to monitor progress of the implementation and to discuss arising challenges. The last meeting with all partners took place on September 27. During that meeting final challenges as well as the need for no-cost-extensions were discussed. The meeting was also used to review the CERF process and to discuss challenges and lessons learnt.
	On 29 November, the members of the UNCT conducted an AAR to deliberate on challenges, achievements as well as lessons learnt.
b.	Please confirm that the Resident Coordinator and/or Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC) Report was discussed in the Humanitarian and/or UN Country Team and by cluster/sector coordinators as outlined in the guidelines.  YES  NO
C.	Was the final version of the RC/HC Report shared for review with in-country stakeholders as recommended in the guidelines (i.e. the CERF recipient agencies and their implementing partners, cluster/sector coordinators and members and relevant government counterparts)?  YES  NO
	The CERF report has been shared for review with the humanitarian country team for review and comments. The completed report has also been shared with the Disaster Management Authority to report on the activities completed and the number of people assisted.

### I. HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

TABLE 1: EMERGENCY ALLOCATION OVERVIEW (US\$)								
Total amount required for the humanitarian response: US \$54 million								
	Source	Amount						
	CERF	4,782,918						
Breakdown of total response funding received by source	COUNTRY-BASED POOL FUND (if applicable)							
,	OTHER (bilateral/multilateral)	32,333,622						
	TOTAL	37,116,540						

TABLE 2: CERF EMERGENCY FUNDING BY ALLOCATION AND PROJECT (US\$)										
Allocation 1 – date of of	Allocation 1 – date of official submission: 29 March 2016									
Agency	Project code	Cluster/Sector	Amount							
UNICEF	16-RR-CEF-033	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	174,031							
UNICEF	16-RR-CEF-034	Nutrition	123,578							
UNICEF	16-RR-CEF-035	Food Security (including Social Protection top-ups)	2,121,810							
FAO	16-RR-FAO-009	Agriculture	1,128,270							
WFP	16-RR-WFP-016	Nutrition	106,418							
WFP	16-RR-WFP-017	Food Security (including Social Protection top-ups)	1,000,011							
WHO	16-RR-WHO-013	Health	128,800							
TOTAL			4,782,918							

TABLE 3: BREAKDOWN OF CERF FUNDS BY TYPE OF IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY (US\$)								
Type of implementation modality	Amount							
Direct UN agencies/IOM implementation	2,666,053							
Funds forwarded to NGOs and Red Cross / Red Crescent for implementation	53,029							
Funds forwarded to government partners	2,063,836							

### **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

In 2015/6, Lesotho experienced a severe El Nino-induced drought, that prompted the Government of Lesotho (GoL) to declare a drought emergency in December 2015. Following the development and adoption of the emergency response plan in January, the government appealed to the international community for humanitarian assistance in February 2016, pledging M 155 million (ca. USD 11 million) to the response. Within this context, the UN and NGOs have submitted funding requests to humanitarian donors. CERF funding has allowed humanitarian programmes to start in March 2016 and has been complemented by financial assistance by the European Commission (EUR 2 million from ECHO). Subsequently, the humanitarian funding situation has been increased to reach ca. USD 37 million in November 2016. Most of the funding is targeting food security and agricultural recovery.

The consequences of the worst drought in 35 years have particularly affected the rural population, as around 70% rely on subsistence agriculture and were prevented from planting due to lack of rain. The drought followed a poor agricultural season in 2015 and has been compounded by a weak South African Rand, overall food shortages in the region resulting in increased food prices, and severe food insecurity. The humanitarian needs assessments conducted in January/February and May/June 2016 found 534,000 people (38% of the rural population) and 679,437 people (48% of the rural population) to be food insecure. Particularly concerning health and nutritional needs, women and children below the age of 5 as well as people living with HIV and AIDS (PLHIV) have been found to be most vulnerable. Most food insecure people are found in the lowlands, while harvest failures and water scarcity have been reported all across the country. In comparison to the last humanitarian situation in 2012, the loss of livestock and as well as a cold and snowy winter (June-August 2016) aggravated the food insecurity.

The drought exacerbates a number of chronic vulnerabilities: With around 25% prevalence rate, Lesotho is the second most affected country globally in terms of HIV and AIDS. 57% of its 1,9 million population are living in poverty with 34% in extreme poverty. Income inequality indicated by Gini coefficient is high at 0.57.

According to the Ministry of Water, more than 302,000 people have been identified to be in need of water supply. Due to the late onset of the rainy season by up to 40 days, most farmers did not plant for the agricultural season 2016. This resulted in a 68% decrease of maize production in comparison to 2015. Water scarcity and rationing are still reported in November 2016 with continuously low water levels in the national dams.

CERF funds have been crucial to start humanitarian interventions in targeted areas and various sectors and catalytic in gathering further humanitarian funding. In particular, the food security and agriculture sectors have been able to reach large portions of their targeted population.

### II. FOCUS AREAS AND PRIORITIZATION

The geographic and thematic prioritisation of CERF funds has been built on a joint inter-sectoral needs assessment conducted in January/February 2016. Subsequently, further assessments have been conducted to establish humanitarian needs and to inform the response. A joint nutrition and HIV screening, a second food security assessment, various crop forecasts, a livestock, seed security assessment, a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assessment in schools as well as a market assessment were undertaken.

The results of the initial joint humanitarian assessment informed the original CERF proposal, while the subsequent assessments influenced geographic changes in the response.

In terms of food security, the joint rapid assessment conducted in January 2016, predicted that the El Niño phenomenon would affect around 534,000 people across the country. Out of the 534,000 people affected, 377,900 people currently benefitting from existing safety nets will require further assistance while the remaining 208,088 would be in need of urgent aid. The assessment found the southern lowlands (Mafeteng, Mohale's Hoek and Maseru) to be the most affected districts with more than 50% of the population becoming food insecure. These figures have subsequently been confirmed by the Lesotho Vulnerability Assessment (LVAC) conducted in May/June 2016, while seeing the overall number of food insecure people increase to around 679,000. Further, two other districts in the lowlands have been identified as being increasingly food insecure with around 50% of people having either a survival or livelihood deficit (Quthing and Butha Butha).

The CERF funds have assisted 10,450 beneficiaries in Mohale's Hoek and Mafeteng in terms of food security, the two most affected areas. The complementary nutritional assistance has been granted to 300 pregnant and lactating women and 1,700 children out of the same set of beneficiaries and also targeted areas that have the highest level of food insecurity.

In terms of nutrition, Lesotho, is confronted with high levels of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies in particular iron deficiency and anaemia among children 6 to 59 months which is currently at 33 percent and 51 percent respectively (DHS, 2014). According to the 2014 Demographic Health Survey (DHS), the global acute malnutrition (GAM) is estimated at 2.8 percent with 0.6 percent reported as severe acute malnutrition (SAM). In 2014 Mohale's Hoek reported a GAM prevalence of 3.3 percent and SAM of 1.7 percent, both above the national prevalence.

The June 2016 LVAC findings for nutrition show acute malnutrition is still within acceptable ranges (less than 5% nationally). However, chronic malnutrition is widespread among children under five years with higher rates of severe stunting in children aged 18 to 29 months. National figures for children in rural areas are 2.7% for wasting, 42.7% stunting and 12.2% underweight, based on the most recent LVAC findings. These results indicate poor dietary intake and diversity, potentially due to lack of access to affordable quality food, resulting from food insecurity and poverty. 90% of children sampled in the LVAC had poor dietary diversity, which was linked to limited nutritional knowledge and to families purchasing mainly staple foods. Relatively low incomes versus high costs of maintaining a diverse diet are compounding the impact of the drought emergency. This is layered on top of a situation of chronic poverty and very high HIV prevalence.

It was estimated that nationally 3,550 children are hungry and at risk while 2,445 of these children are already in need of treatment for SAM. Therefore, targeting for treatment of acute malnutrition was nation-wide. Commodity and technical support was provided for integrated management of acute malnutrition for children under five using CERF funds in all health facilities providing inpatient and outpatient treatment for SAM in all 10 districts of Lesotho. According to the 2014 LDHS, HIV prevalence among females (29.7%) remains higher compared to HIV prevalence among men (19.6%). The emergency response therefore focused on nutrition screening in pregnant women in five priority districts with the highest levels of food insecurity.

Geographical targeting was informed by the emerging situation and other planned assessments, including LVAC that integrated nutrition. UNICEF and partners decided to conduct mass screening for Nutrition and HIV in the Southern lowlands and Senqu River Valley that were most affected by food insecurity (indicated by the Multi-Sectoral Assessment Team, MDAT). This informed the decision to focus on five districts namely Maseru, Mohale's Hoek, Thaba Tseka, Qacha's Nek and Quthing. Mass nutrition and HIV screening therefore took place in five instead of three initially targeted districts. Village health workers carried out community based nutrition campaigns and after screening, referred children under the age of five identified with acute malnutrition to health facilities for the appropriate treatment.

The health related interventions, particularly the disease outbreak control and treatment of cases has taken place country wide. While the effects of water shortages in health centres and related response activities have mainly been reported in the southern lowlands, SAM in-patient treatment has been assisted nationwide.

For the WASH interventions, the principal implementing partners targeted areas in 5 districts; Maseru, Berea, Leribe, Botha Bothe and Thaba Tseka for the distribution of water purification tablets. The Ministry of Health (MoH) targeted a different area within Thaba Tseka and part of Mokhotlong. The Lesotho Rapid Drought Impact Assessment (January 2016) reported the following percentages of communities accessing unsafe water, by district: Berea 36%, Butha Buthe 23%, Leribe 45%, Maseru 33%, and Thaba Tseka 56%.

While the selection of UNICEF cash beneficiaries has not been based on the needs assessment, the humanitarian programme assisted 23,000 vulnerable households that are already enrolled in the Child Grant Programme (CGP) (approximately 115,000 individuals, including 69,000 children: 34,500 boys and 34,500 girls) with life-saving food assistance. The CGP assists the most vulnerable households living with children below the age of 18. However, currently the programme does not have full geographic coverage in Lesotho. Thus, WFP food security interventions have focussed on areas and families that have not yet been assisted. While the CGP covers 36 out of 38 community councils, the remaining geographic areas are supported by other agencies.

### III. CERF PROCESS

Following the declaration of the state of emergency, humanitarian partners have established the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) as the highest humanitarian coordination structure. The HCT and the Disaster Risk Management Team (DRMT) at technical level consist of all international and the biggest national NGOs to provide inter-sectoral coordination. The GoL has set up a Cabinet Sub Committee to coordinate the humanitarian response that met regularly with HCT representatives under the leadership of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Resident Coordinator. The Cabinet committee provides guidance to the Disaster Management Authority (DMA) that provides the platform for technical sectoral and inter-sectoral coordination.

The CERF funded projects as well as all other humanitarian assistance programmes are in line with the national drought response plan and have been agreed with the GoL.

The CERF funded activities have been prioritised in accordance with the drought response plan and the priorities and comparative advantages of the respective humanitarian partners. Humanitarian activities have been coordinated to ensure the complementarity of interventions and the avoidance of duplications. Within and between sectors interventions are complementary, including within the CERF activities in the nutrition sector (prevention, provision of supplies, in-patient and out-patient treatment) as well as in the food security and agricultural sector. The prioritisation of funds and activities, in particular for the CERF funds have jointly been deliberated.

All CERF projects have been implemented in collaboration with government counterparts. While the DMA together with the District Disaster Management Teams (DDMTs) as well as the Food and Nutrition Coordination Office (FNCO) have facilitated the implementation of the WFP projects. The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS) and the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) have supported the targeting and implementation of the other CERF projects. The agriculture as well as the health and nutrition programmes included close collaboration with the ministries to ensure complementarities with the GoL's contribution to the drought response. The Ministries of Agriculture and Food Security, Health and Water have been allocated M155 million (US \$11 million) by the government to respond to the drought.

The request of funds by HCT partners was made in line with the GoL's priorities. CERF was the first donor to provide funding. At this point all sectors had been underfunded. The identified activities were selected to ensure that the most urgent humanitarian needs in various sectors could be met. Additional funding made available complemented the CERF interventions, while particularly the food security and agriculture sector were able to gather considerable funds allowing for further geographic coverage.

The CERF funded activities have taken a set of vulnerability criteria into account and particularly assist vulnerable women as well as children below the age of 5 that have particularly been affected. While food/cash assistance programmes have targeted vulnerable women, orphan or grandparent headed households. Thus assistance has in particular been granted to children and women, supplementary nutritional support schemes have purely addressed women and children.

Health services, particularly the provision of delivery kits have targeted women. Further, the provision of home-gardening kits for vulnerable households benefit women in particular, as traditionally women are in charge of the provision of food for the household.

### IV. CERF RESULTS AND ADDED VALUE

3,122

24,500

TABLE 4: AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS AND REACHED DIRECT BENEFICIARIES BY SECTOR <sup>1</sup>									
Total number of individuals affected by the crisis: 679,000									
		Female			Male			Total	
Cluster/Sector	<b>Girls</b> (< 18)	<b>Women</b> (≥ 18)	Total	<b>Boys</b> (< 18)	<b>Men</b> (≥ 18)	Total	Children (< 18)	Adults (≥ 18)	Total
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	18,184	13,168	31,352	17,471	12,652	30,123	35,655	25,820	61,475
Nutrition	2,877	32,562	35,439	3,225		3,225	6,102	32,562	38,664
Food Aid	38,870	28,701	67,571	36,517	27,507	64,024	75,387	56,208	131,595
Agriculture	24,140	26,045	50,185	25,092	30,598	55,690	49,232	56,643	105,875

### BENEFICIARY ESTIMATION

Health

The establishment of the number of beneficiaries of the CERF projects has been very clear concerning the cash transfers and all related programmes.

2,600

20,500

23,100

5,722

45,000

50,722

27,622

Because WFP and UNICEF through the DMA and the MoSD have very precise lists of beneficiaries and their household situations, the information is very accurate. The WFP nutrition as well as the FAO agricultural projects piggy-backed on the UNICEF and the WFP project and therefore have very reliable data concerning beneficiaries. For UNICEF and FAO, the selection and targeting of the ultrapoor and poor beneficiaries is done through the National Information System for Social Assistance (NISSA). The system also contains demographic information of all households contained in NISSA. The system is therefore able to generate disaggregated (by sex, age, councils etc.) information, thus, the numbers are from the database.

The surveillance and reporting systems of health centres have encountered challenges and require strengthening. However, through the engagement of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) consultant within the WHO project, higher accuracy in terms of number of people assisted with treatment has been reached. This equally applies to the provision and use of nutrition supplies. While WHO has supported health centres in responding to outbreaks and SAM cases, UNICEF supported MOH in providing therapeutic nutritional support to treat SAM cases both in patient and out-patients. Through the complementary assistance, double counting has been prevented.

In terms of beneficiary estimation of the WASH project, the distribution of water purification tablets has been done by the implementing partner that entertains regular projects in the areas and ensure accuracy of the beneficiary counting. Regular progress reports have been submitted by the implementing partners.

Due to piggy-backing and complementary activities, overlap between different schemes double counting has been avoided, as FAO beneficiaries automatically also benefit from UNICEF assistance.

TABLE 5: TOTAL DIRECT BENEFICIARIES REACHED THROUGH CERF FUNDING <sup>2</sup>									
Children (< 18)									
Female	72,012	91,162	163,174						
Male	68,804	68,891	137,695						
Total individuals (Female and male)	140,816	160,053	300,869						

### **CERF RESULTS**

Overall, the CERF projects have been able reach or to exceed the targeted number of beneficiaries. The cash assistance programmes through social protection top-ups and food consumption based cash transfers have reached 131,595 people for the period of six months. This represents almost 25% of the people found to be severely food insecure in the first vulnerability assessment. The WFP post distribution monitoring has highlighted that the support has been able to widely generate acceptable food consumption (75% of households) and increased nutritional diversity for the first part of the lean season.

Agricultural activities have largely complemented cash assistance schemes and have reached 105,875 people with sufficient vegetable inputs for around two years. The programme has therefore not only contributed to immediate relief through the availability of vegetables, but also to the recovery from the drought.

The therapeutic nutritional support reached 4,402 children with SAM. Out of all children discharged from treatment during the year, 79% were cured, 6% died, 4% defaulted and 12% were classified as non-recovered. The CERF support enabled documentation and improved treatment outcomes for SAM. Lesotho has performed successfully and surpassed SPHERE minimum standards for treatment of SAM. In addition, UNICEF supported 2 rounds of Nutrition and HIV rapid assessments in five priority districts in Lesotho. The assessments helped to determine the magnitude of the effects of El Nino on acute malnutrition and inform the emergency response. All children identified with SAM during the mass screening exercise were referred to health facilities for treatment.

The health related interventions have been successful overall and beneficiary numbers have been exceeded (at least 50,700), however the distribution of some of the commodities were adapted to changing needs. Particularly the distribution of supplies related to water shortages were delivered to health facilities that still required assistance even after the first onset of rains. Therefore, around 40% of the 216 health centres have been assisted with supplies.

Despite limited funds for commodities and limited human resources within the MOH, WHO and UNICEF continue to assist in- and outpatient treatment of patients to ensure the use of updated protocols and registration of patients to improve reporting and documentation of treatment outcomes for SAM. Based on reports and assessments, the health partners are working to improve the delivery of health and nutrition services.

Moderate malnutrition prevention has been successfully implemented and commodities distributed. The monitoring of the nutritional status and the global acute malnutrition rates in the concerned areas has shown a reduction from 5.1 per cent with boys affected more than girls at 6 per cent and 4.2 per cent respectively to 0 per cent. During the distribution of nutrition commodities, health and WASH messages have been communicated in collaboration with the MOH. Counselling services and testing for HIV and AIDS have been offered to the 300 concerned mothers. HIV positive beneficiaries have been referred to the health centres for treatment.

The distribution of water purification tablets has allowed 12,295 households (61,475 beneficiaries) to increase their access to potable water. While the onset of rains has refilled water sources in some areas of the country, water is still rationed in other areas and water trucking is still reported to take place. All WASH targets have been met and education sessions have been carried out. The number of planned beneficiaries has been exceeded.

CERF'S ADDED VALUE
a) Did CERF funds lead to a fast delivery of assistance to beneficiaries?  YES  PARTIALLY  NO
The CERF funding was critical to allow for a fast delivery of assistance. Particularly the provision of cash to vulnerable households was very timely. CERF funds have helped to start humanitarian activities in Lesotho.
Malnutrition is multifaceted by nature and requires a multi-sectorial approach in tackling it. The CERF project provided an opportunity for the provision of a comprehensive package to beneficiaries at the time of need for nutritional inputs.
CERF funds were used to support the first round of the nutrition and HIV assessments during which 6,806 children under five years were screened and 41 girls and boys were identified with SAM and 150 children were identified with MAM. Children identified with SAM and referred to health centers by village health workers during the mass screening exercise constituted more than 50% (41 out of 78) of admissions to health facilities in the five priority districts from January to March 2016. The mass screening contributed significantly to timely access of treatment for children with SAM who may not have otherwise gone to the health facility in time.
CERF funds assisted the vulnerable households to access food in the markets. During the drought period, the prices of food increased significantly making it difficult for vulnerable households to buy food. Therefore, CERF added value to the response through timely delivery.
b) Did CERF funds help respond to time critical needs¹? YES ☑ PARTIALLY ☐ NO ☐
CERF provided very time critical support. The assistance started during the lean season in which 535,000 people were in need of food assistance. Food insecurity is very time critical. The assistance to over 135,000 people has been crucial.
Equally the timely provision of agricultural inputs has been key in allowing vulnerable farmers and families to meet the planting window. Food security was fostered during the implementation phase through the provision of agricultural inputs.
The water scarcity was likely and had caused water borne illnesses. Through this project beneficiaries' awareness on clean and safe water was done well on time. One of the critical health issues was the provision of measles vaccines. Furthermore, the provision of fortified blended food curbed the deterioration of micronutrient status of the children and women in time.
Screening for HIV was carried out simultaneously during the first round giving an opportunity for pregnant and lactating women to establish both their nutrition and HIV status. Pregnant mothers identified as HIV positive were then able to access services for prevention of mother to child transmission. The assessment revealed, that though SAM prevalence is low (0.2%) among pregnant and lactating women, the prevalence of MAM is at 10%, which, if combined with un identified and untreated HIV, could result in increased mortality, morbidity and low birth weight. Timely access to supplementary feeding and services for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV was enhanced by the exercise.
Emergency purchase of therapeutic feeding commodities using CERF funds enabled the replenishment of commodities after stock outs were reported in a few health facilities mainly in April and May 2016. Without CERF funds, most health facilities would still be experiencing gaps in supplies delaying access to treatment for children identified with SAM.
c) Did CERF funds help improve resource mobilization from other sources?  YES PARTIALLY NO

The CERF funds have been instrumental in starting the emergency response and have been catalytic in raising further donor funds. While initially only CERF and ECHO (EUR 2 million) contributed to the drought response, subsequent funding has allowed for the continuation and scale up of activities.

Until November 2016 donors have contributed US \$37 million to the drought response in Lesotho. Particularly the food security interventions, through the top-up of social protection schemes (such as CGP) as well as through humanitarian cash and in-kind distributions have received sufficient funding to cover around 75 per cent of the needs. The agricultural interventions started with CERF

<sup>1</sup> Time-critical response refers to necessary, rapid and time-limited actions and resources required to minimize additional loss of lives and damage to social and economic assets (e.g. emergency vaccination campaigns, locust control, etc.).

and ECHO funding and have subsequently been able to assist 39,000 vulnerable families already with agricultural inputs during the planting season. Additional funds have allowed for a high and timely coverage to foster relief and recovery.

Further, WASH and nutrition interventions have received further funding.

# d) Did CERF improve coordination amongst the humanitarian community? YES ⊠ PARTIALLY □ NO □

CERF has helped to foster coordination between UN agencies and humanitarian partners as well as with the government. CERF interventions have been complementary and have in certain cases been piggy-backing on each other. Therefore, CERF has promoted coordination among UN agencies.

Further, due to the coordinated structure of the submission of the CERF application, extensive deliberation on priorities and funding allocation took place that allowed for an agreement on sequencing of funding requests.

Particularly in the context of the nutrition response and complementarity of social protection cash grant top-ups, "traditional" humanitarian cash assistance and agricultural inputs, CERF has been a coordinating factor.

Further, through the deliberation of priorities under in the CERF application process, sectoral coordination has been fostered, including line ministries and implementing partners.

### e) If applicable, please highlight other ways in which CERF has added value to the humanitarian response

CERF has added value in a number of fields, particularly through the structures and information it provided that are currently used by humanitarian partners.

Through the implementation of the CERF project, food distribution points (FDPs) were established at community level in consultation with Local councils and the Chiefs. The FDPs were established centrally and close to beneficiaries. These FDPs are being used for other programmes that followed such as general food distribution and education campaigns. Further, a combination of cash and supplements showed a positive impact on nutritional status of vulnerable children below 5 years.

The nutrition and HIV assessments enabled community engagement through focus group discussions held in the five priority districts. The nutrition assessments also revealed differences in malnutrition rates between the districts and that two of the districts assessed had GAM rates near to or above the recommended thresholds for emergency response.

The CERF funded nutrition and HIV assessments also availed a multisectoral platform for discussion on what should be done to improve the national response to the drought. This information has been shared with other development partners working in the field of HIV and AIDS.

Post distribution monitoring has shown that households benefitting from cash grants (including top-ups) have reduced negative coping mechanisms. It has been reported that children are able to attend school and need to contribute less to income generating activities. Further, cash grants reportedly have allowed households to engage in saving and debt reduction. Therefore, beyond the life-saving dimension of the grant, vulnerabilities have been reduced.

### V. LESSONS LEARNED

The preparation and submission process of the CERF concept note and the application have encountered challenges due to an initial lack of evidence in the absence of countrywide assessments. The strong focus and demand for evidence by the CERF secretariat has led to the establishment of the joint inter-sector vulnerability assessment that ensures a needs informed approach to response planning. Geographic targeting as well as thematic priorities have been based on the assessment results. The assessment results have also been critical for the application for further donor funds.

In this regard, the CERF application process has been critical to foster humanitarian needs assessments. However, the multidimensional assessment has not been able to provide information concerning all sectors all across the country. Due to a lack of funding, not all sectors have been able to conduct assessments and to gather the necessary evidence for the whole country. Nutrition and WASH assessments have only followed later. Due to the fact that all submissions need to be made at the same time, some sectors lack evidence and "held the application process back".

TABLE 6: OBSERVATIONS FOR THE CERF SECRETARIAT								
Lessons learned	Suggestion for follow-up/improvement	Responsible						
CERF funds have allowed agencies to start humanitarian activities and allow to sequence interventions. Funds have been delivered timely.	N/A	N/A						
Importance of evidence during the drafting and submission of the CERF application. Not all information is necessarily available at the same time. Assessments are sequenced but this shall not prevent some activities from taking off. Insisting on evidence has been helpful and is right from an accountability perspective but might hamper other projects from starting.	Clear communication on the requirements in terms of information for the submission of the CERF application. Potentially sequenced payments by CERF, depending on the availability of information.  Potentially acceptance of information even if not available globally across the country (water levels, negative coping mechanisms etc.)  In case of the absense of full assessment data in the early stage of the humanitarian situation, satellite imagery, price monitoring and other data sources may be compared to historic information to determine the severity of the crisis.	CERF secretariat/ UN agencies						
The project for prevention of acute malnutrition was complementary to the cash transfer project. However, the two projects were not confirmed at the same time. This resulted in the cash transfer project taking off without the nutrition component and caused challenges.	Clearer communication with the CERF Secretariat on the complementary nature of the two projects.  Potentially approval of projects at the same time.	RCO/WFP						

TABLE 7: OBSERVATIONS FOR <u>COUNTRY TEAMS</u>								
Lessons learned	Suggestion for follow-up/improvement	Responsible						
High level commitment and buy-in are required for projects to be implemented effectively.  Logistical and operational issues have only been unblocked through the involvment of senior	Strengthen capacity in the Ministries is required to facilitate the implementation of humanitarian programmes.	All UN agencies						
management.	Engagement of government senior management to ensure buy-in and facilitation in case of challenges.							
Logistics shall be included in the programme due to low capacity in the logistics sector in Lesotho	Cooperation agreements with logistics partner required. Storage of commodities in UN warehouses to allow for swift delivery and storage	UN agencies						
Need to strengthen surveillance data systems and information management structures	Collaboration with humanitarian partners to strengthen early warning unit and other surveillance data systems to inform about anomalies and upcoming needs.	UN agencies, EWS						
A lot of actors have been in a development mode. Change of working rhythms is required.	High-level engagement and advocacy required.	нст						
The majority of challenges occuring during the emergency situation are linked to development gaps.	Need for resilience building activites (policy and implementation)	DMA, GoL, UN agencies, humanitarian						

		partners
There is need to better understand the major drought induced aggravating factors for acute malnutrition (between water and sanitation, access to health services and mother/child caring practices) to target the response acurately.	<ul> <li>Advocate for in-depth nutrition survey prioritising high food insecurity districts with high rates of malnutrition</li> <li>Identify the most appropriate and effective community based interventions, community mobilization and advocacy activities for the most affected communities and prevent further deterioration of the situation</li> <li>Ensure that all health facilities are familiar with treatment procedures and have access to national protocols for attending to victims of gender based violence</li> </ul>	MOH UNICEF WFP WHO UNFPA
Most communities appear to be resilient to	Prioritise food security interventions (strengthening community-based small scale income generating	MAFS
increases in acute malnutrition even during the time of drought	activities/projects) to maintain resilience of communities	FAO
Low overall national GAM rates may mask high malnutrition rates in individual districts	<ul> <li>Disaggregated data required to identify needs better</li> <li>Funding is still required to improve preventative efforts starting with districts with GAM rates above or near to 5%.</li> </ul>	UN agencies for data collection Donors for funding

### **VI. PROJECT RESULTS**

	TABLE 8: PROJECT RESULTS										
CER	RF project inform	ation									
1. Agency: UNICEF						5. CEF	RF grant period:	08/04/2016-	- 07/10/2016		
2. CERF project code:		16-RR-CE	F-033			6. Stat	tus of CERF gran	☐ Ongoin	g		
3. C	luster/Sector:	Water, Sa	nitation a	ınd Hygi	ene			⊠ Conclu	ded		
4. P	roject title:	Water and	l Sanitation	on							
	a. Total funding requirements:			ι	JS\$ 2,40	00,000	d. CERF funds fo	orwarded to imple	ementing partner	S:	
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:				US\$1,29	91,804	<ul> <li>NGO partners Cross/Cresce</li> </ul>			US\$ 29,229	
7.	c. Amount recei	ived from			US\$ 17	74,031	■ Government	Partners:		US\$ 4,709	
Ben	eficiaries										
	Fotal number (pl ling (provide a b		_		•	lividuals	s (girls, boys, wo	men and men) <u>c</u>	lirectly through	CERF	
Dire	ct Beneficiaries				Planned				Reached		
			Fen	nale	M	ale	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Chile	dren (< 18)			11,600		11,600	23,200	18,184	17,471	35,655	
Adu	lts (≥ 18)			8,568		8,232	16,800	13,168	12,652	25,820	
Tota	nl			20,168		19,832	40,000	31,352	30,123	61,475	
8b.	Beneficiary Profi	ile									
Cate	egory			Numb	er of pe	ople (P	lanned)	Number of p	Number of people (Reached)		
Refu	ıgees										
IDP	3										
Host population											
Other affected people				40,000			61,475				
Total (same as in 8a)				40,000 61,4			61,475				
In case of significant discrepancy between planned and reached beneficiaries, either the total numbers or the age, sex or category distribution, please describe reasons:						ions have been ab e targeted areas.	le to reach addit	ional people due	to increased		

	•									
CERF Result Framework										
The main objectives of the Water and Sanitation programme are to increase access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, as well as equipping the communities with good hygiene practices.										
10. Outcome statement	Children and women access sufficient water of appropriate quality and quantity for drinking, cooking and maintaining personal hygiene									
11. Outputs										
Output 1  40,000 people will have access to at least 7.5 - 15 litres of clean water per day and child caregivers will have hygiene education / information pertaining to safe and hygienic child care and feeding practices										
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached							
Indicator 1.1	Number of households receiving water treatment tablets	8,000	12,295							
Indicator 1.2	Number of hygiene and sanitation education campaigns administered to communities/Households	8,000	12,295							
Output 1 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)							
Activity 1.1	Procurement and distribution of water purification tablets and water testing kits	UNICEF								
Activity 1.2	Household water treatment and safety – provision of House Hold chemicals, plus messaging and monitoring under overall UNICEF supported coordination	MOH/RWS, WVL, and Red Cross	MoH & CRS							
Activity 1.3	Hygiene education in communities (campaigns)  MOH/RWS, WVL and Red Cross  MoH									
	I information on project's outcomes and in case of a tputs and activities, please describe reasons:	nny significant discrep	ancy between							
	o CERF activities under the programme by changing the notlong (original districts were Mokhotlong, Qacha's Nek		the-Buthe, Leribe,							
The changes were due to lack of im	plementing partner coverage on the ground in one of the	e initial CERF districts, (	Qacha's Nek.							
13. Please describe how accounts and monitoring:	ability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensur	ed during project desi	gn, implementation							
Implementation has been carried out through local implementing partners and the Ministry of Health. CRS the main local implementing partner has a previous presence in each of the communities targeted.										
14. Evaluation: Has this project b	een evaluated or is an evaluation pending?	EVALUATIO	N CARRIED OUT							
	intervention and time constraints, a plan was not made tt. However close monitoring ensured the delivery of t	.0.	ATION PENDING							
a separate evaluation of the project. However close monitoring ensured the delivery of the project.  NO EVALUATION PLANNED [										

	TABLE 8: PROJECT RESULTS								
CER	CERF project information								
1. A	gency:	UNICEF		5.	CERF grant perio	d:	06/04/2016- 0	05/10/2016	
2. Code	ERF project e:	16-RR-CEI	<del>-</del> -034	6.	Status of CERF g	rant:	Ongoing		
3. C	uster/Sector:	Health and	Nutrition		<b>3</b>		⊠ Conclude	ed	
4. Pı	oject title:	Drought No	utrition Support				1		
	a. Total funding requirements:			US\$ 976,89	90 d. CERF fund	ds forw	arded to implen	nenting partners:	
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:			US\$ 148,5	78 NGO part Cross/Cre				
7.1	c. Amount recei	ved from	U	S\$ \$ 123,5	78 Governm	ent Pai	rtners:		US\$ 10,839
Ben	eficiaries								
	Total number (pla vide a breakdow		•	of individu	als (girls, boys, v	omen/	and men) <u>dire</u>	ctly through CER	RF funding
Dire	ct Beneficiaries			Planned			Reached		
			Female	Male	Total		Female	Male	Total
Chile	dren (< 18)		1,775	1,7	775 3,55	50	2,011	2,391	4,402
Adul	ts (≥ 18)		16,035		16,03	35	32,262		32,262
Tota	ı		17,810	1,7	775 19,58	35	34,273	2,391	36,664
8b. I	Beneficiary Profil	le						,	
Cate	egory		Number of pe	Number of people (Planned)			Number of people (Reached)		
Refu	gees								
IDPs	}								
Host population									
Other affected people				19,585			36,664		
Total (same as in 8a)				19,585 36,664				36,664	
In case of significant discrepancy between planned and reached beneficiaries, either the total numbers or the age, sex or category distribution,			children w as admiss	Coverage for treatment of SAM for children under five has exceeded targets (180%) because children with MAM were also treated with Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and recorded as admissions for SAM.					

please describe reasons:	•	200% of planned beneficiaries for accessing Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling
		have been reached. This may have been due to under estimation of the initial target.

CERF Result Framework					
To improve and protect the nutritional status of girls, boys and women to reduce or avoid excess mortality and morbidity due to undernutrition in the humanitarian situation					
10. Outcome statement	Malnourished women and children are protected against	st malnutrition			
11. Outputs					
Output 1	2,445 children are provided with therapeutic nutrition fe malnutrition	eding to treat acute severe	and moderate		
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached		
Indicator 1.1	Proportion of severely acutely malnourished under- five children admitted to therapeutic feeding programmes	70%	180%		
Indicator 1.2	Proportion of SAM (severely acutely malnourished) under-five children recovered under treatment	75%	79%		
Indicator 1.3	Cured rate for SAM >75% (target)	80%	79%		
Indicator 1.4	Percentage of health facilities with therapeutic commodities	100%	40%		
Indicator 1.5	Number of pregnant and lactating women in affected areas receiving iron and folic acid supplements	80%	0%		
Output 1 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)		
Activity 1.1	Procure and distribute therapeutic nutrition supplements (F75, F100, RUTF, ReSoMal) to health facilities	UNICEF	UNICEF		
Output 2	The 3 target districts have adequate number of skilled	YCF counsellors (now five)			
Output 2 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached		
Indicator 2.1	Number of health facility workers and nutrition extension workers who conduct routine monitoring and IYCF counselling	100%	60%		
Output 2 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)		
Activity 2.1	VHWs and nutrition service providers conduct routine emergency case monitoring and referral from community to health facilities	MOH/CHAL /WVL MOH/CH			
Activity 2.2	Service providers conduct community IYCF awareness raising and counselling sessions	MOH/CHAL/WVL	MOH/CHAL		
Output 3	3 target districts have nutrition surveillance systems that	at monitor and report on nuti	rition situation		
Output 3 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached		
Indicator 3.1	Percentage of health facilities which submit quality	100%	80%		

	nutrition screening reports conducted and disseminated as per agreed-upon timeline		
Output 3 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)
Activity 3.1	Percentage of health facilities which submit quality nutrition screening reports conducted and disseminated as per agreed-upon timeline	100%	80%

Five districts were prioritised instead of the initially planned three. This may contribute to the 32,000 (200%) access to IYCF counselling by caregivers out of a targeted 16,000.

Gaps in RUTF (only 40% of facilities have stock as at the end of October 2016) which had been resolved by the third quarter have now arisen due to higher than anticipated admission rates and lack of sustainable funding sources for purchase of RUTF. Iron and folate tablets for pregnant and lactating women were not purchased using CERF funding, instead, therapeutic commodities were prioritised. Only 60% of health facility workers and nutrition extension workers conducted routine monitoring and IYCF counselling during the emergency period because of insufficient funds for capacity development.

# 13. Please describe how accountability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensured during project design, implementation and monitoring:

Existing community structures were involved in the implementation of the emergency response through sensitisation efforts by Ministry of Health officials and village health workers during the nutrition and HIV screening exercise. During focus group discussions community members were asked to propose solutions to problems that they had identified resulting from the drought. These proposed solutions have been incorporated into recommendations of the Nutrition and HIV screening reports.

14. Evaluation: Has this project been evaluated or is an evaluation pending?	EVALUATION CARRIED OUT
Given the emergency nature of the intervention and time constraints, a plan was not made for a separate evaluation of the project. However, UNICEF conducted a monitoring assessment	EVALUATION PENDING
in the nutrition sector to establish the impact of all nutrition programmes and the relevant needs.	NO EVALUATION PLANNED 🖂

			Т	'ARI F 8· PR∩	JECT RESULTS				
CERF project information									
	1. Agency: UNICEF			5. CERF grant period:			)4/2016- (	05/10/2016	
2. C	ERF project e:	16-RR-CE	F-035		6. Status of CER		Ongoing		
3. C	luster/Sector:		urity and Agricul Social Protectio		grant:		Conclude	ed	
4. Project title: Cash transfer top-ups du			sfer top-ups dur	ing food emerge	ncy				
a. Total funding requirements:			US\$ 6,062,472	d. CERF funds fo	orwarded	to imple	menting partners:		
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:	funding		US\$2,435,065	<ul> <li>NGO partners</li> <li>Cross/Cresce</li> </ul>		d		
7.	c. Amount received from CERF:			US\$ 2,121,810	■ Government	Partners.	:	US\$ \$2,048,2	88
Ben	eficiaries								
(pro	vide a breakdow			Planned	ıls (girls, boys, wo	men and	ı inlen) <u>u</u>	Reached	EKF luliding
Dire	CL Denenciaries		Female	Male	Total	Female		Male	Total
Chile	dren (< 18)		34,500				7,070	35,617	72,687
Adu	ts (≥ 18)		23,000	23,000	46,000	2	4,231	24,227	48,458
Tota	il		57,500	57,500	115,000	6	1,301	59,844	121,1452
8b. l	Beneficiary Profi	ile							
Cate	egory			Number of people (Planned)			Number of people (Reached)		
Refu	ıgees								
IDPs	3								
Hosi	population								
Othe	er affected people	ļ		115,000			000 121,145		
Total (same as in 8a)			115,000 <b>121,145</b>						
In case of significant discrepancy between planned and reached beneficiaries,				-,				121,170	

 $<sup>^2</sup>$ This number exceeds the target of 23,000 households; and was possible by savings made from exchange rate fluctuations.

either the total numbers or the age, sex or category distribution, please describe reasons:

Each household was provided with the cash top ups of LSL 500 (US\$38) in each quarter to meet emergency food needs. This exceeds the target of 23,000 households; and was made possible by savings made from exchange rate fluctuations. In total, around 8 per cent more households and vulnerable children were assisted with the CERF funds.

CERF Result Framework						
9. Project objective	To provide life-saving assistance and strengthen national capacity to fulfil the survival and development rights of vulnerable families with children in areas affected by the current food crisis in Lesotho					
10. Outcome statement	<b>Outcome statement</b> To improve access to adequate food for approximately 23,000 households caring for over 69,000 vulnerable children from the poorest-of-the-poor segment of the population in the affected areas through a cash transfer.					
11. Outputs						
Output 1	Output 1 Number of households receiving cash transfer in the targeted districts					
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target Reached				
Indicator 1.1	Number of households receiving cash transfer in the targeted districts	23,000	24,229			
Output 1 Activities	Activities Description		Implemented by (Actual)			
Activity 1.1	Targeting and identification of vulnerable households from those already receiving cash grants	MOSD MOS				
Activity 1.2	Provision of cash transfer top-ups of M 500 in one quarter (\$38) will be provided to over 23,000 ultrapoor and very-poor households	MOSD MOSI				

# 12. Please provide here additional information on project's outcomes and in case of any significant discrepancy between planned and actual outcomes, outputs and activities, please describe reasons:

The project supported approximately 24,227 households with 72,687 children for two quarters. Each household was provided with the cash top ups of LSL 500 (US\$38) in each quarter to meet emergency food needs. This exceeds the target of 23,000 households; and was possible through savings made from exchange rate fluctuations. In total, around 8 per cent more households and vulnerable children were assisted with the CERF funds. A total of 22,573 households were paid in the first payment, and 24,229 households in the second. The payments were bundled together with the regular transfer using the Child Grant Programme (CGP) system. The NISSA was used in the selection and targeting of the ultra-poor and poor households. In order to use the NISSA processes, UNICEF engaged the MoSD to use all the NISSA modalities for case management, payment and community mobilization.

### 13. Please describe how accountability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensured during project design, implementation and monitoring: NISSA was used for targeting the eligible households. Eligible households were provided with information on targeting, the amount to be provided, duration of the support, date and modality of the disbursement and the place of disbursement. UNICEF staff along with emergency staff monitored the whole process of payment and maintained continuous contact with the officials of the MoSD. 14. Evaluation: Has this project been evaluated or is an evaluation pending? EVALUATION CARRIED OUT Formal evaluation has not been conducted, however, routine monitoring was done during payment of beneficiaries and focus group discussions were carried out following a format. **Key findings** The cash top up helped beneficiary families reduce hunger and send children to school; Beneficiaries spent the money on buying food (50kg mealie-meal), and school uniform for the benefit of the children. Households stopped begging as they made savings available for their family's needs. Beneficiaries started building positive self-esteem and self-confidence, whereby children stopped begging for food from neighbours and other children at school. Beneficiaries also received seeds and shade nets from FAO, which resulted in households working more on their own gardens and worked less for wages on others'. The use of government structures for targeting and payment was instrumental to provide a quick and straight response to needy households: The main lesson learned from the CERF funding, is that emergency responses can and should make use of existing government structures to reach the most vulnerable. By attaching the top-up payments to the CGP grant, it EVALUATION PENDING was possible not only to reach those in need in a speedy manner, but also to ensure that the NO EVALUATION PLANNED way in which they were targeted was pro-poor. Synergies between emergency response and regular social protection programmes are critical to promote resilience: UNICEF went in a partnership with FAO and the Ministry of social development to provide homestead gardening implements. As a result, the majority of the CGP beneficiaries have used the seeds to produce vegetables. Finally, the CERF intervention also served to highlight existing gaps in the government's capacity to fully undertake the management and leadership of project implementation. Existing gaps in administrative, and human resources support functions within the Ministry have translated into day to day operational challenges. Key positions within the CGP's management unit were vacant for a large portion of the year, pending structural approval. Moreover, existing staff have seen the coverage of the programme multiply within the last year, as well as the introduction of new initiatives like emergency support, but have received no extra helping hands. Thus, poor logistical planning, delay of payments, weak case management and a lack of systematic monitoring have ensued. In a nutshell, the rapid and wide expansion of both the programme's coverage, but also of the scope of the responsibilities the CGP management unit takes on, has created the need to review and increase the system's capacity for efficient management of both old and new responsibilities.

	TABLE 8: PROJECT RESULTS									
CERF project information										
1. Agency: FAO			5. CE	RF grant period:	30/03/2016-	30/03/2016- 31/10/2016				
2. C	ERF project e:	16-RR-FA	O-009			atus of CERF	☐ Ongoin	9		
3. C	luster/Sector:	Agriculture	)		gran	:	⊠ Conclud	ded		
4. P	roject title:	FAO Eme	rgency R	esponse to	the Drough	t caused by El Niño	Weather Pheno	menon		
	a. Total funding requirements:	]		US\$	11,000,000	d. CERF funds for	orwarded to imple	ementing partners:		
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:	I		USS	9,623,351	<ul> <li>NGO partner Cross/Cresce</li> </ul>				
7.	c. Amount rece CERF:	ived from		USS	\$ 1,128,270	■ Government	Partners:			
Ben	eficiaries									
	Total number (pl ovide a breakdov		_	•	of individua	als (girls, boys, wo	omen and men) <u>(</u>	directly through CE	ERF funding	
Dire	ect Beneficiaries			Planned				Reached		
			Fen	nale	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Chil	dren (< 18)			18,144	19,656	37,800	24,140	25,092	49,232	
Adu	lts (≥ 18)		;	33,905	33,905	67,810	26,045	30,598	56,643	
Tota	al		;	52,049	53,561	105,610	50,185	55,690	105,875	
8b.	Beneficiary Prof	ile								
Cat	egory			Number of people (Planned)			Number of p	Number of people (Reached)		
Refu	ugees									
IDP.	s									
Hos	Host population									
Other affected people			105,610			)	105,875			
Total (same as in 8a)			105,610 105,875				105,875			
In case of significant discrepancy between planned and reached beneficiaries, either the total numbers or the age, sex or category distribution, please describe reasons:			foreseen. the num compone HHs while	Overall, the project met its target number of beneficiary household (HHs) as initially foreseen. Owing to savings on the actual cost of inputs; FAO was able to slightly increase the number of beneficiary HHs on both components. Under the Social Protection component, the total amount of beneficiary HHs is 20,015 HHs up from a target of 20,000 HHs while under the livelihoods component, the actual number of HHs reached is 1,160 up from the target of 1,122 HHs.						

The overall number of beneficiary HHs reached is 21,175 (105,875 people).

CERF Result Framewo	ork					
9. Project objective	To improve food security for 21,122 drought-affected household critical and nutrition-sensitive production packages	ls in Lesotho through dis	stribution of time-			
10. Outcome statement Availability and use of food and diversity of diets is improved in a sustainable manner						
11. Outputs						
Output 1	At least 20,000 vulnerable households benefiting from Social Pr homestead food production capacity and diversify their diets	otection cash grants imp	prove their			
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached			
Indicator 1.1	Change in food consumption patterns (improved diversity of vegetable varieties produced)	Minimum of 3	6 different varieties produced per beneficiary HH.			
Indicator 1.2	Quantity of input items distributed as percentage of planned	100%	100%			
Indicator 1.3	Number of beneficiary households receiving agricultural inputs as a percentage of the planned beneficiaries.	100%	100%			
Output 1 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)			
Activity 1.1	Procurement and delivery of diversified agricultural productive package.	FAO	FAO			
Activity 1.2	Distribution of the inputs and information kits.	FAO in partnership with MAFS and MOSD	FAO, MAFS and MOSD			
Activity 1.3	Provision of technical support through sensitization on home gardening and proper nutrition.	FAO and MAFS	FAO and MAFS			
Output 2	1,122 households receive agricultural inputs and technical supp	ort on integrated sustair	nable farming.			
Output 2 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached			
Indicator 2.1	1,122 households receive agricultural inputs and technical support on integrated sustainable farming.	100%	103.4%			
Indicator 2.2	1,122 households receive agricultural inputs and technical support on integrated sustainable farming.	70%	103.4% received inputs (actual reached HHs with training will be established in the Post-Harvest survey to be conducted in July-August 2017)			
Indicator 2.3	1,122 households receive agricultural inputs and technical support on integrated sustainable farming.	100%	103.4% received inputs (actual reached HHs with training will be			

			established in the Post-Harvest survey to be conducted in July- August 2017)
Output 2 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)
Activity 2.1	Procurement and delivery of diversified agricultural production package	FAO	FAO
Activity 2.2	Distribution of the inputs and technical information kits	FAO in partnership with MAFS	FAO and MAFS
Activity 2.3	Provision of technical support and sensitization on integrated sustainable farming	FAO in partnership with MAFS	FAO and MAFS

Overall, the project met its objective of contributing to improved food security of the El Niño affected households in Lesotho. The project has directly provided appropriate inputs for the two beneficiary groups to enable them re-engage in productive agricultural activities in order to improve immediate access to nutritious and diversified foods. Already beneficiaries of inputs for social protection have been consuming different types vegetables from own production as a result of the project (see Human Interest Story attached); while those who benefitted from the livelihood support component (despite having also started consuming vegetables) will only be able to harvest staple crops (maize and beans) from March 2017. A detailed post-harvest assessment (to be conducted in July - August 2017) will provide insights into the contribution these inputs have made to the food security of the beneficiary HHs.

There were no significant discrepancies on what was planned versus the achievements. Beneficiary numbers increased slightly owing to savings made from actual input prices and reduction in costs related to human resources as some staff were charged to other projects that were not operational at the time of submitting this proposal to CERF for funding.

# 13. Please describe how accountability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensured during project design, implementation and monitoring:

The design of the project was inclusive and consultative, proper consultations were held with different stakeholders at all levels in addition to assessments on the affected population. Needs assessments provided a platform on which the affected vulnerable population were able to contribute to the technical design of the project. The decision to include two main components in the response plan (social protection complementarity and livelihood support) was in direct response to the findings of the beneficiary needs assessments and the detailed stakeholder analysis. Each component was responding to the identified needs and capacities to respond of the different target groups.

Beneficiary identification for the livelihood component was conducted by the MAFS frontline extension agents in consultation with community members and community leaders following a very detailed and specific identification criteria agreed by FAO and MAFS management. The criteria included: i) vulnerable active farmers, prioritizing those HHs headed by females, ii) elderly, orphans or HHs with members with special needs such as pregnant women, lactating mothers, elderly, orphans or/and chronically sick. One key aspect of the criteria was that all beneficiary HHs were supposed to be identified through a community forum approach. This approach was aimed at ensuring that all affected vulnerable populations were able to actively participate and be represented.

Furthermore, the project maintained continuous contact with beneficiary HHs during distributions and M&E visits (FAO M&E team) to ensure that they were able to feedback into the implementation process. Generally, the feedback from beneficiary HHs on the package provided was very positive. The baseline assessments provided an opportunity for FAO to understand and appreciate the extent to which affected population was able to actively participate in key decision making processes especially during the identification stages.

14. Evaluation: Has this project been evaluated or is an evaluation pending?	EVALUATION CARRIED OUT
There is no evaluation foreseen specifically for this project, FAO only conducts programme level evaluation on projects. Despite that each project contributes to an evaluation fund;	EVALUATION PENDING
periodically, FAO conducts programme-wide evaluation on sampled projects.	NO EVALUATION PLANNED 🖂

	TABLE 8: PROJECT RESULTS									
CEF	RF project inform	nation								
1. A	gency:	WFP				5. CEI	RF grant period:	01/04/2016-	30/09/2016	
2. C	ERF project e:	16-RR-WF	P-016				tus of CERF	☐ Ongoing	)	
3. C	luster/Sector:	Health and	d Nutritio	n		grant		⊠ Conclud	led	
4. P	roject title:						6 to 59 months old programme	and pregnant a	nd lactating wome	en in
	a. Total funding requirements:				US\$ 54	14,315	d. CERF funds for	warded to imple	ementing partners	:
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:				US\$ 10	06,418	<ul> <li>NGO partners Cross/Crescent</li> </ul>			
7	c. Amount recei	ived from			US\$ 10	06,418	■ Government P	artners:		
Ben	eficiaries									
	Total number (pl ding (provide a b		_		•	dividual	ls (girls, boys, won	nen and men) <u>d</u>	directly through	CERF
Dire	ect Beneficiaries			Planned				Reached		
			Fen	nale	M	ale	Total	Female	Male	Total
Chil	dren (< 18)			850		850	1700	866	834	1700
Adu	lts (≥ 18)			300			300	300		300
Tota	al			1150		850	2000	1166	834	2000
8b.	Beneficiary Prof	ile								
Cate	egory			Number of people (Planned)			Planned)	Number of people (Reached)		
Refu	ugees									
IDP:	S									
Hos	Host population									
Othe	Other affected people			2000			2000			
Tota	al (same as in 8a	)					2000			2000
plan the t	In case of significant discrepancy between planned and reached beneficiaries, either the total numbers or the age, sex or category distribution, please describe reasons:			WFP r	manageo	d to read	ch all planned numb	er of beneficiari	es	

CERF Result Framework								
9. Project objective	oject objective  To provide fortified blended food to children 6 to 59 months and to pregnant and lactating women for the prevention of acute malnutrition in Mohale's Hoek district							
10. Outcome statement	Reduced undernutrition among children aged 6–59 m	Reduced undernutrition among children aged 6–59 months and pregnant and lactating women						
11. Outputs								
Output 1 1,700 children 6 to 59 months and 300 pregnant and lactating women have access to fortified blended food								
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached					
Indicator 1.1	Food distributed in sufficient quantity and quality to target groups of women, men, girls and boys under secure conditions	2,000	2000					
Indicator 1.2	Number of nutrition, hygiene and sanitation education sessions held for targeted beneficiaries	12	8					
Output 1 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)					
Activity 1.1	Procurement of fortified blended food	WFP	WFP					
Activity 1.2	Registration of targeted clients	DMA, WFP, World Vision	DMA, WFP					
Activity 1.3	Provision of education to mothers and caregivers on nutrition, hygiene and sanitation.	World Vision, MoH, MAFS	Lesotho Red Cross, Lesotho Correctional Services, MoH, FNCO, MAFS,					

The project has been implemented according to the plan. While only 8 nutrition, hygiene and sanitation education sessions have been conducted through the CERF funded project, the remaining communities have been trained through development programmes.

The project has worked with all the relevant actors in the nutrition sector, including nutritionists from the Red Cross, the Correctional Services, the Ministry of Health, the Food and Nutrition Coordination Office and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

# 13. Please describe how accountability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensured during project design, implementation and monitoring:

As part of the implementation process, all key stakeholders at all levels were sensitised on the project implementation strategy. In collaboration with DMA, the district health and nutrition cluster was sensitised and encouraged to take up the implementation of the project. The district administrator was engaged and facilitated the sensitisation of local government structures at community level, the councils, chiefs as well as village health workers. These structures were instrumental in mobilising targeted communities to participate in all the services planned for them. Further, the local structures ensure a dialogue platform with concerned population groups.

14. Evaluation: Has this project been evaluated or is an evaluation pending?	EVALUATION CARRIED OUT
There is no planned evaluation of this intervention.	EVALUATION PENDING
There is no planned evaluation of this intervention.	NO EVALUATION PLANNED ⊠

	TABLE 8: PROJECT RESULTS									
CEF	RF project inform	nation								
1. A	gency:	WFP		5. CERF grant period:		18/03/2016	18/03/2016- 17/09/2016			
2. C	ERF project e:	16-RR-WF	P-017			6. Status of CERF		☐ Ongoin	ng	
3. C	luster/Sector:	Food Secu	urity and	Agricultu	ıre	grant:			ded	
4. P	roject title:	Assistance	e to vulne	erable ho	usehold	ds affect	ed by drought			
	a. Total funding requirements:	<u> </u> 		US	S\$ 12,00	0,000	d. CERF funds fo	orwarded to impl	ementing partne	rs:
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:	l		US	S\$ 10,73	39,012	<ul> <li>NGO partner</li> <li>Cross/Cresce</li> </ul>			US\$ 23,800
7.	c. Amount rece CERF:	ived from		U	JS\$ 1,00	)0,011	■ Government	Partners:		
Ben	eficiaries								,	
	Total number (pl ding (provide a b		-			lividual	s (girls, boys, wo	omen and men)	directly through	n CERF
Dire	ct Beneficiaries			Planned				Reached		
			Fem	nale	Ма	ale	Total	Female	Male	Total
Chil	dren (< 18)			1750		1170	2920	1800	900	2700
Adu	lts (≥ 18)			3250	İ	4280	7530	4470	3280	7750
Tota	al			5000		5450	10,450	6270	4180	10,450
8b.	Beneficiary Prof	ile								
Cate	egory			Numb	er of pe	ople (P	lanned)	Number of p	people (Reached	d)
Refu	ıgees									
IDP:	S									
Hos	Host population									
Other affected people						10,450	)		10.450	
Total (same as in 8a)						10,450	)		10,450	
plan the t	nse of significant dis ned and reached be otal numbers or the ibution, please desc	eneficiaries, e age, sex or o	ither category							

<b>CERF Result Framework</b>							
9. Project objective	Address immediate food needs of vulnerable househ	Address immediate food needs of vulnerable households affected by drought.					
10. Outcome statement	Stabilize or improve food consumption over the assis individuals	stance period for targeted	l households or				
11. Outputs							
Output 1	Output 1 Food, nutritional products, non-food items, cash transfers and vouchers in sufficient quantity and quality, provided in a timely manner						
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached				
Indicator 1.1	Number of men, women, boys and girls receiving food assistance	10,450	10,450				
Indicator 1.2	Quantity of food/cash assistance distributed to targeted beneficiaries	US\$ 815,880	USD\$ 815,880				
	Quantity of non-food items distributed to targeted beneficiaries		2500 shade nets				
Output 1 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)				
Activity 1.1	Targeting of beneficiaries for the intervention	Disaster Management Authorities	Disaster Management Authority				
Activity 1.2	Monthly distribution of food/cash to beneficiaries	Standard Lesotho Bank	Standard Lesotho bank				
Activity 1.3	Distribution of non-food items to beneficiaries	WFP	FAO and CRS				

The project activities were implemented as planned for this intervention. There were no discrepancies between the planned and the achieved outcome and output indicators of the project.

# 13. Please describe how accountability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensured during project design, implementation and monitoring:

WFP has put a complaint mechanism in place that allows for the affected population as well as the beneficiaries of the programme to comment on the targeting and the implementation of the programme.

14. Evaluation: Has this project been evaluated or is an evaluation pending?	EVALUATION CARRIED OUT
WFP undertook the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) of the intervention in July 2016. The findings indicated that the majority of the households that received cash support were able to	EVALUATION PENDING
obtain acceptable food consumption (75%). In addition, the PDM also showed that a sizeable number of beneficiaries were able to attain average (55%) to high (24%) dietary diversity. The cash modality allowed beneficiaries to diversify their diets by buying a variety of food items. It is therefore recommended to continue with cash as a transfer modality in humanitarian assistance programmes where possible. Further PDM results showed that nutrition education and behaviour change activities may be incorporated into assistance programmes to improve dietary diversity especially in male headed households.	NO EVALUATION PLANNED ⊠

	TABLE 8: PROJECT RESULTS										
CER	RF project inform	nation									
1. A	gency:	WHO				5. CEF	RF grant period:	01/04/2016-	01/04/2016- 30/09/2016		
2. C	ERF project e:	16-RR-WH	HO-013			6. Status of CERF		☐ Ongoin	g		
3. C	luster/Sector:	Health				grant:		⊠ Conclud	ded		
4. P	roject title:	Response	to the he	ealth effe	ects of dro	ought i	n Lesotho				
D U	a. Total funding requirements:				US\$ 450	),000	d. CERF funds fo	·	ementing partner	S:	
7.Funding	b. Total funding received:				US\$ 162	2,141	<ul> <li>NGO partner</li> <li>Cross/Cresce</li> </ul>				
7.	c. Amount rece CERF:	ived from		l	JS\$ 128	3,800	■ Government	Partners:			
Ben	eficiaries										
	Total number (pl ding (provide a b		_		•	vidual	s (girls, boys, wo	omen and men)	directly through	CERF	
Dire	ct Beneficiaries			Planned					Reached		
			Fem	nale	Mai	le	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Chile	dren (< 18)			1,500		900	2,400	3,122	2,600	5,722	
Adu	lts (≥ 18)		2	25,000	1	8,000	43,000	24,500	20,500	45,000	
Tota	al		2	26,500	1	8,900	45,400	27,622	23,100	50,722	
8b.	Beneficiary Prof	ile									
Cate	egory			Numb	er of peo	ple (P	lanned)	Number of p	eople (Reached	)	
Refu	ıgees										
IDPs	S										
Hos	t population										
Othe	Other affected people			45,400			)	>50,722			
Tota	Total (same as in 8a)						45,400	)		>50,722	
In case of significant discrepancy between planned and reached beneficiaries, either the total numbers or the age, sex or category distribution, please describe reasons:			The in-patient management of severe acute malnutrition reached: 511 children  Deliveries conducted during the period was 7,666  Public awareness during outbreaks (public gatherings), Information, Education and  Communication (IEC) material distribution and population reached through radio slots in two radio stations estimated to be above 40,000 people								

CERF Result Fran	mework						
9. Project objective	To protect the health of 45,400 people affected maternal and child health interventions in ten or		se to outbreaks and implementation of				
10. Outcome statement							
11. Outputs							
Output 1	Outbreaks of anthrax and diarrhoeal diseases	reported and responded to it	n all ten districts				
Output 1 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached				
Indicator 1.1	Proportion of reported outbreaks responded to	100% target population covers the population at risk irrespective of age	5 outbreaks were reported and responded to (100%). The outbreaks were: 5 in Botha Bothe (diarrhoea related in one school, one police camp and three villages); Mafeteng: two villages affected by food poisoning after eating dead cow and Maseru: animal anthrax that affected 16 villages – 134 people (51 females and 76 males) were given prophylaxis while 7 were treated as confirmed human cases.				
Output 1 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)				
Activity 1.1	Procure equipment, materials and medical supplies for outbreak response (antibiotics, personal protective equipment, laboratory reagents, disinfectants)	WHO: Administration	WHO: Administration				
Activity 1.2	Distribute equipment, materials and medical supplies to 10 districts	WHO and Ministry of Health	WHO and Ministry of Health				
Activity 1.3	Support delivery of health education and public awareness sessions and advocacy sessions through printing of IEC materials (pamphlets and posters and engaging with community leaders)	WHO: Health Promotion Officer and Administration Ministry of Health: Health Education	WHO: Health Promotion Officer and Administration Ministry of Health: Health Education and District Health Teams				
Activity 1.4	Equine hire for hard-to-reach areas for district teams involved in outbreak response	District Response Teams	Not done since areas covered did not require equines				
Activity 1.5	Provide allowances for personnel involved in outbreak response	WHO: Health Security and Emergencies and Administration	WHO: Health Security and Emergencies and Administration				
Output 2	Effective case management of all admitted of integrated management of acute malnutrition of		severe acute malnutrition according				
Output 2 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached				
Indicator 2.1	Proportion of hospitals managing severe acute malnutrition according to integrated	100% target population is children < 5 years	All 16 hospitals are managing cases according to existing guidelines				

	management of acute malnutrition guidelines	irrespective of gender	(100%)
Indicator 2.2	Reduction of case fatality rate due SAM	<10% target population in children <5years irrespective of gender	Target not achieved. Overall case fatality rate was 18% which falls under moderate grading. One hospital had the desired case fatality rate of <5% (0%), Scott Hospital. While 3 hospitals (Tebellong, Mokhotlong, and Motebang) had between 8 and 9.5% case fatality rate which is acceptable. The target of <10% was achieved by 40% of the hospitals.
Output 2 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)
Activity 2.1	Conduct 16 clinical working sessions with clinical staff working in 16 children's ward	Ministry of Health: Nutrition and Child Health Programmes WHO: Family Health Officer	Ministry of Health: Nutrition and Child Health Programmes
Activity 2.2	Procure equipment 16 length boards for assessing malnutrition in children's wards)	WHO: Administration	WHO: Administration
Activity 2.3	Procure and distribute materials for managing diarrhoea in children <5 years (100 buckets, 100 spatula, 100 tumblers, 100 basins)	WHO: Administration	WHO: Administration and Ministry of Health (International Health Office)
Activity 2.4	Distribute length boards and materials for managing diarrhoea to the districts	WHO: Administration Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health (International Health Office)
Activity 2.5	Manage SAM according to national guidelines	Clinical Staff in Children's Wards in 16 hospitals	Clinical Staff in Children's Wards in 16 hospitals
Output 3	200 health facilities in 10 districts using under-	buttocks and linen savers (1	6 hospitals and 184 health centres
Output 3 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached
Indicator 3.1	Proportion of health facilities using under- buttocks	100% (target population 7,250 women receiving delivery services)	40% This translates to 3,066 deliveries conducted
Indicator 3.2	Proportion of health facilities using linen savers	100% (target population 7,250 women receiving delivery services)	40% This translates to 3,066 deliveries conducted
Output 3 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)
Activity 3.1	Procure 432 packs of 50 under-buttocks to 200 health facilities (108 per facility)	WHO: Administration	WHO: Administration
Activity 3.2	Procure 432 linen savers to 200 health facilities (108 per facility)	WHO: Administration	WHO: Administration
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		and Ministry of Health	of Health				
Activity 3.4	Use under-buttocks and linen savers	Health facilities	Health facilities				
Output 4	200 health facilities in 10 districts using hand sanitizers (16 hospitals and 184 health centres)						
Output 4 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached				
Indicator 4.1	Proportion of health facilities using hand sanitizers	100% (target population all health care workers in 200 health facilities, irrespective of gender)	40% of health facilities using hand sanitizers				
Output 4 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)				
Activity 4.1	Procure and distribute 7,440 hand sanitizers to 200 health facilities	WHO: Administration	WHO: Administration and Ministry of Health (International Health Office)				
Activity 4.2	Utilisation of hand sanitizers	Health Facility Staff	Health Facility Staff				
Output 5	2 supportive supervisory visits conducted at the their facilities	ne national to district level ar	nd two visits by the districts to each of				
Output 5 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached				
Indicator 5.1	Proportion of 10 districts that received at least 2 supervisory visits from the national level	100%	100%				
Indicator 5.2	Proportion of 200 health facilities that received at least 2 supervisory visits from the district level	100%	100%				
Output 5 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)				
Activity 5.1	Conduct supportive supervision of 10 districts	Ministry of Health: Nutrition, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Health Education, Child Health Programmes WHO: Family Health, Health Security and Emergencies and Health Promotion Officers	Ministry of Health: Nutrition, Child Health and International Health Office WHO: Health Security and Emergencies Officer				
Activity 5.2	Conduct supportive supervision of 184 health centres	District Health Management Teams	District Health Management Teams				
Output 6	End of project evaluation conducted and repor	t disseminated					
Output 6 Indicators	Description	Target	Reached				
Indicator 6.1	Availability of end-of-project evaluation report	1	End of project evaluation report available				
Output 6 Activities	Description	Implemented by (Planned)	Implemented by (Actual)				

Activity 6.1	Engage consultant	WHO: Administration	A WHO: Administration
Activity 6.2	Conduct monitoring visits to the districts	Consultant	Consultant
Activity 6.3	Conduct end-of-project evaluation exercise	Consultant	Consultant
Activity 6.4	Produce and disseminate end-of-project evaluation report	Consultant	Consultant

The project interventions benefitted more than 50,722 people. All the planned interventions and activities were implemented even though funding that was ear marked for hiring horses was not utilised as there were no outbreaks in the areas that required horse hire.

- i. Given the rationale in bullet ii below, the project was able to achieve 7 out of 8 indicators set (87.5%).
- ii. The achievement of 40% of the facilities that were provided with under-buttocks, linen savers and hand sanitizers was as a result of a re-prioritisation that was made when the water crisis in some health facilities subsided. The supplies were, therefore, directed to the facilities that were still experiencing water shortage. The process of selecting the facilities was informed by the interactions with the district health management teams and the Environmental Health Division of the Ministry of Health.
- iii. The reduction of case fatality rate in the management of severe acute malnutrition could not be achieved due to some key health systems issues:
  - a. Hospitals experienced shortage of commodities for managing severe acute malnutrition for some time. The supplies were not available at the national drug service organisation. Those procured by UNICEF arrived in the middle of the project implementation.
  - b. Frequent rotation of staff working in the paediatric ward resulted in patients being managed by staff members that are not conversant with the proper management of SAM.
  - c. New guidelines had not yet reached some of the hospitals.
  - d. Hospitals lack a culture of data management especially the aspects of recording and analysing data used for decision making. Two observations were made during supervision visits which are associated with data analysis and if identified early may have improved the case fatality rate:
    - 68% of the deaths occurred at night. Likely causes could be death due to cold and/or poor feeding at night. It is observed from the project evaluation report that some of the wards have poor heating systems.
    - 45% of the deaths occurred after the third day of admission. Possibly due to case management problems and/or other predisposing factors including HIV.
  - e. Delay in seeking medical attention contributed to some of the deaths that occurred within the first two days of admission.

# 13. Please describe how accountability to affected populations (AAP) has been ensured during project design, implementation and monitoring:

AAP was ensured through the following mechanisms:

- a. Design phase:
  - i. Taking the views of affected people through the rapid drought assessment exercise, consultations with district health teams, health care facility workers, interviews with clients visiting health care facilities, consultations with local authorities and during response operations for outbreaks
  - ii. Developing the project jointly with the government and based on pre-defined priority areas in the national preparedness and response plan
- b. Implementation phase:
  - i. Interactions with affected population during outbreak response
  - ii. Presenting project interventions and getting feedback from communities through phone-in programmes secured in two radio stations over a period of two months
  - iii. Follow up and supervision of project interventions at district and facility level
  - iv. Delivery of the commodities and supplies to the facilities that affected population get services in
  - v. Project implementation led by and coordinated by government

vi. Providing updates on the project implementation with the national authority is	responsible for disaster management
14. Evaluation: Has this project been evaluated or is an evaluation pending?	EVALUATION CARRIED OUT
Outbreak and outbreak response: Required materials and equipment were procured and distributed to the districts. All reported outbreaks were responded to. Public awareness sessions were undertaken even though the public continued to handle and sometimes eat	EVALUATION PENDING
dead animals. Laboratory confirmation of anthrax in humans was not done and this needs to be done.  Management of SAM: Deaths that occur due to SAM could be attributed to delays in seeking medical attention and mismanagement of cases. The heating systems in the hospitals are poor which could account for the deaths that occur at night (due to hypothermia). Data management in children's wards is very poor which leads to ill-informed decision making.  Use of under-buttocks and linen savers: The intervention prioritised health facilities that were still encountering acute water shortage.  Use of hand sanitizers: This intervention was also prioritised for those facilities that were still encountering acute water shortage.  Supervision: Monthly supervision was provided to the health facilities by the district health management teams. The national level was able to supervise all the districts though individual hospitals were not visited at least two times.  The evaluation report is to be found attached.	NO EVALUATION PLANNED □

### ANNEX 1: CERF FUNDS DISBURSED TO IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

CERF Project Code	Cluster/Sector	Agency	Partner Type	Total CERF Funds Transferred to Partner US\$
16-RR-CEF-033	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	UNICEF	INGO	\$29,229
16-RR-CEF-033	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	UNICEF	GOV	\$4,709
16-RR-CEF-034	Nutrition	UNICEF	GOV	\$10,839
16-RR-CEF-035	Protection	UNICEF	GOV	\$2,048,288
16-RR-WFP-017	Food Assistance	WFP	INGO	\$23,800

## ANNEX 2: ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Alphabetical)

HAL (RS )	Child Grant Programme Christian Health Associaton of Lesotho Catholic Relief Services District Disaster Management Team Department For International Development
RS	Catholic Relief Services District Disaster Management Team
	District Disaster Management Team
NAT	-
וואול	Department For International Development
ID I	Department i or international Development
IS I	Demographic Health Survey
ИΑ	Disaster Management Authority
RMT	Disaster Risk Management Team
O	Food Agriculture Organization
)P	Food distribution point
AM	General Acute Malnutrition
oL (	Government of Lesotho
T	Humanitarian Country Team
1	Household
V	Human Immuno-deficiency Virus
0	Information, Education and Communication
CF	Infant and Young Child Feeding
'AC	Lesotho Vulnerability Assessment Committee
AFS	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
DAT	Multi-Sectoral Assessment Team
ßE I	Monitoring and Evaluation
OH I	Ministry of Health
OSD	Ministery Of Social Development
SSA	National Information System for Social Assistance
DM	Post Distribution Monitoring
NTCT	Prevention of mother-to-child transmission
JTF	Ready to Use Therapeutic Food
M :	Severe Acute Malnutrition
NICEF	United Nations Childrens Fund
'Cs	Village Assistance Committees
ASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
-P	World Food Programme
HO N	World Health Organization
VL '	World Vision Lesotho