STANDARD JOINT PROGRAMME DOCUMENT

Country: Lesotho

Programme Title: Deepening Decentralization Programme

UNDAF/Joint Programme Outcome(s):

UNDAF Outcome #4: Governance institutions strengthened, ensuring gender equality, public service delivery and human rights for all by 2012 continued (2008-2012) By 2017, National and local governance structures deliver quality and accessible services to all citizens. (Lesotho UNDAF 2013-2017 - draft to be finalized in 2012)

UNDP Country Programme Outcomes(s):

Demand-driven and decentralized public service delivery based on claim-holder aspirations and participation strengthened. (Lesotho UNDP CPD 2008-2012) By 2017, National and local governance structures deliver quality and accessible services to all citizens. (Lesotho CPD 2013-2017 - draft to be finalized in 2012)

1) Improved development funding through local authorities

2) Decentralization and accountability systems at the local level promoted

3) Capacities of Line Ministries and local authorities enhanced

to decentralize functions

Implementing Partner:

Responsible Parties

Expected Output(s):

Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship (MoLGC)

Ministry of Public Service (MoPS)

Ministry of Finance (MoF)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

Programme Duration: 2012-2016

Anticipated start/end dates: August 2012-July

2016

Fund Management Options(s): Parallel (core

funding), Pass-through (non-core funding)

Implementation Modality: National

Implementation

Administrative Agent: UNDP

Total estimated budget*:

EUR 8,880,000

USD 11,044,776

Out of which:

Funded budget:

EU:

EUR 8,000,000

USD 9,950,249**

UNCDF:

EUR 880,000**

Unfunded budget:

USD 1,094,527

*Total estimated budget includes both programme costs and indirect costs.

**Estimated based on a commitment of € 8,000,000 at the UN operational exchange rate of 0.804 (1 July 2012)

Note: The current project has been formulated over a long period of time and there are very current political and policy framework changes ongoing and envisioned in the country by the government that will have an effect on the specific activities going forward. The first phase of the project will focus on a decentralization roadmap in Lesotho as agreed with government and partners and is expected to last approximately three months. A revision of the project activities will be made at the end of the first phase (anticipated within 3 months from the start of the project) within the framework of the original outputs and fully in line with the financing agreement of the EU.

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