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Quick Facts

Countries	Lesotho
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2018-11-14
Borrower	Government of Lesotho
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 15.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 15.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the objective of the project is to promote income generating opportunities for disadvantaged youth in Lesotho.

The project would be articulated around three components:

1. Comprehensive support to economic inclusion and increased resilience activities for rural youth. Component 1 of the proposed project would provide productive inclusion activities for rural youth and provide additional support for integrating beneficiaries into the national economy. During preparation, the team will determine the specifications of this package by carrying out an assessment of the particular constraints youth living in poor households face in accessing sustainable livelihoods. The selection process, number of beneficiaries and location of this extension of services will be determined during preparation, as it will depend on the specific package design. Nevertheless, based on international cost estimates varying between US$ 300 and US$ 800 per beneficiary (the cost range under which many of these programs fall) and a financing envelope of US$ 10 million, it is expected that the program may be able to reach between 10,000 and 30,000 youth.
2. Urban economic inclusion pilot. This component aims to support the design and implementation of a comprehensive package for the productive inclusion interventions for urban youth on a pilot basis. During preparation, the team will further evaluate local labor market conditions and the effectiveness of existing programs; it will then propose to implement a package that addresses the needs of the private sector, and if possible that builds upon existing programs. If feasible, the team will identify an existing “champion program” that can be improved and expanded in terms of design, implementation and monitoring; but this will hinge on the successful identification of such a program.
3. This component would finance select technical assistance for strengthening overall Government’s capacity for implementing the results set out in components 1 and 2. Among other things, this TA would support the Government in designing and implementing effective productive inclusion opportunities for urban and rural youth including impact evaluations and a robust grievance redress mechanism to support beneficiary feedback and inform program implementation and management. During preparation the team will discuss the most appropriate method for evaluating the programs based on their final design. In addition, this component would finance exposure opportunities and knowledge sharing on successful productive inclusion experiences around the world, as well as project management activities, such as expenses related to project implementation support units, auditing, operating costs, etc

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