## COUNTRY ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

### PROGRESS SUMMARY

**LESOTHO**

### Breakdown of catalytic funding by priority area (US$ and % of budget)

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<td>74,500 (30%)</td>
<td>84,000 (34%)</td>
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<td>30,500 (12%)</td>
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### Progress Recommendation

#### Achieved or on track

- **Maternal death surveillance and response (MDSR) system in place**
  - A facility-based maternal death review system is in place. There is a national committee on confidential enquiry into maternal deaths that has a secretariat capturing maternal deaths that occur at facility level. District maternal death review committees have been established; maternal deaths are notified to the national committee within 24 hours and a report on the death is submitted within 7 days.
  - Community-level maternal death reviews are not yet operational but verbal autopsy tools are in print.
  - MDSR has been incorporated into Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) Guidelines. New IDSR technical guidelines and training modules are in place.
  - National and district training of trainers has been conducted and facility health workers in four districts have been trained.

- **Available core 11 indicators monitored**
  - Six districts were mentored to improve data analysis and reporting skills.
  - The quarterly reviews and primary health care meetings, which are held at district level, have been linked.

- **National health sector review**
  - The health sector Annual Joint Review meeting was conducted with the inclusion of stakeholders to discuss progress in implementing planned interventions.
  - The draft of the National Health Sector Review has been developed, and costing is in progress. Reports from the 2012-2013 Health Sector Annual Joint review and on key action points are available.

- **Political leaders engaged in RMNCH**
  - Parliamentarians and Senators were sensitized on RMNCH needs, and Senators held a press conference on RMNCH.
  - Parliamentarians and Senators are engaged in sensitising communities from their constituencies to use health facilities for maternal and child health. They are also involved in advocating for support for maternal and child health services, and have developed a plan for making the Ministry of Health more accountable on MCH issues.

### Continued efforts required

- **Civil registration, vital statistics (CRVS) assessment completed, plan developed**
  - The Ministry of Home Affairs, through the Department of National Identity and Civil Registration, is registering vital events: births, deaths, marriages and divorces.
  - An inter-agency committee on CRVS has been established to provide overall coordination and guidance in the implementation of the CVRS system for Lesotho.
  - A final roadmap and budget estimates for a comprehensive assessment of the CVRS system have been finalized.

- **National eHealth strategy**
  - The draft eHealth strategy is in process but has not yet been finalized and hence is not yet being implemented.
Country reporting on health expenditure by financing source

- Consultations with the Ministry of Finance were undertaken to establish the link between National Health Accounts (NHA) and the integrated financial management system used by the Government of Lesotho.
- The country participated in the regional workshop on SHA 2011 and has developed a plan to implement the first NHA using the SHA 2011 methodology during the current financial year. The second phase of this process will focus on institutionalising the NHA using the SHA 2011.

IHP+ compact or equivalent partnership agreement

Not started

Future needs

1. CRVS assessment: Technical support to conduct the comprehensive assessment of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Assessment.
2. Sensitization of the districts on verbal autopsy, and capacity-building for health workers on MDR.
3. Holding bi-annual progress reviews for the health sector.
4. Finalization of the eHealth policy and strategic plan.

Trends in maternal mortality ratio in Lesotho, 1990-2013


Trends in under-5 mortality rates, Lesotho, 1990-2012