A least developed country according to the Human Development Index, Lesotho is a landlocked country surrounded by South Africa. With more than half the population living below the poverty line, it faces major challenges including high HIV prevalence and a high maternal mortality rate. UNFPA initiatives in Lesotho, among others, provide support to reduce maternal mortality, prevent HIV, particularly among youth, reduce gender inequality, and develop quality data related to population issues.

KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2018

**NATIONAL PLAN FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
A costed, integrated national plan was developed for sexual and reproductive health, which prioritizes access for key groups

**LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMMES FOR GIRLS**
29,194 marginalized girls were reached with health, social and economic asset-building programmes

**SCHOOL-BASED COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION**
A comprehensive sexuality education curriculum was operationalized in accordance with international standards

**YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN POLICY AND PROGRAMMES**
Mechanisms were in place for young people’s participation in policy, programming, and peacebuilding processes

**ADVOCACY PLATFORMS AGAINST HARMFUL SOCIAL NORMS**
15 communities developed advocacy platforms to eliminate discriminatory gender and sociocultural norms which affect women and girls

**COMMUNITY DECLARATIONS ON HARMFUL PRACTICES**
27 communities made public declarations to eliminate harmful practices, with support from UNFPA, including child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

**CENSUS DISAGGREGATION**
Census results disaggregated by age and sex were available and publicly accessible online

**NATIONAL PLAN FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
National HIV Prevention Roadmap developed, launched and disseminated

**PREVENTING CONTRACEPTIVE STOCK-OUTS**
97% of health facilities experienced no stock-outs of modern family planning and lifesaving commodities

**ADOLESCENT FRIENDLY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**
100% of pilot sites are providing integrated sexual and reproductive health services

**9,876 adolescents reached with comprehensive health package that includes sexual and reproductive health services**

**CHILD, EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGE**
2,000 girls receive, with support from UNFPA, prevention and/or protection services and care related to child, early and forced marriage
Organizational effectiveness

$2,937 (0.3%)

Organizational effectiveness and efficiency, with improved programming for results and partnership coordination.

Analysis on population dynamics

$45,471 (4.2%)

Everyone, everywhere, is counted, and accounted for, in the pursuit of sustainable development.

Integrated sexual and reproductive health services

$725,475 (67.1%)

Every woman, adolescent and youth everywhere, especially those furthest behind, has utilized integrated sexual and reproductive health services and exercised reproductive rights, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.

Gender equality

$145,274 (13.4%)

Gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls, and reproductive rights are advanced in development and humanitarian settings.

Adolescents and youth

$161,349 (14.9%)

Every adolescent and youth, in particular adolescent girls, is empowered to have access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, in all contexts, with consideration for their active participation and leadership.

TECHNICAL NOTES AND SOURCES

Key Achievement Results as of December 2018. Emergency Key Results for 2018 as of May 2019. Data for the Emergency Key Results will be updated on the UNFPA website on a rolling basis as it becomes available from reporting countries. For most up to date data access the online results portal.