



INFOPOVERTY PROGRAMME IN ACTION

THE LESOTHO EXPERIENCE

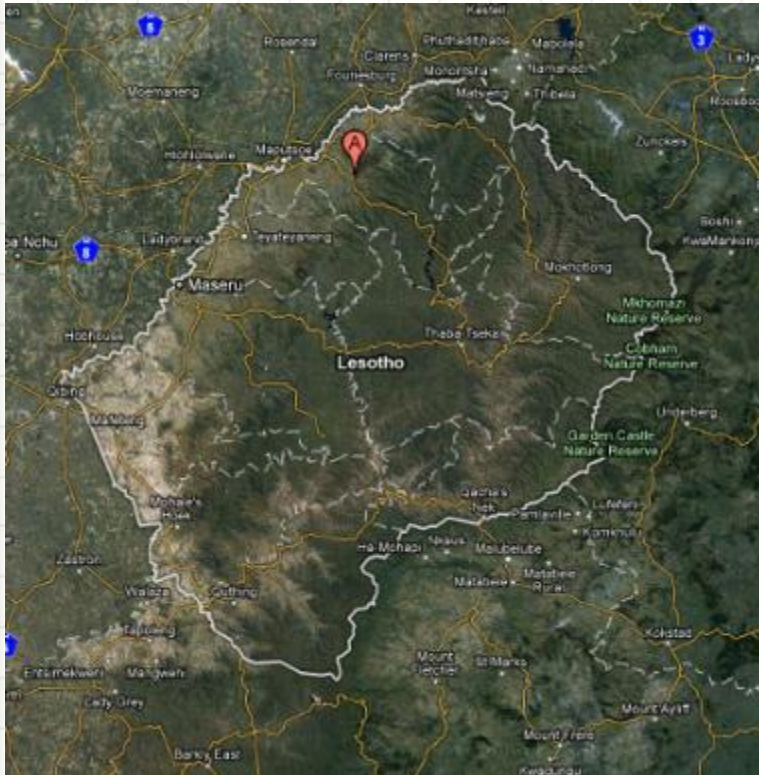
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The history so far

- May 2009 - Meeting at UN CSTD in Geneva with the Minister of Communication, Science and Technology of Lesotho
- June 2009– Fact Finding Mission in Lesotho
- March 2010 – Endorsement by the Infopoverty World Conference 2010 of the IPAL (Infopoverty Plan of action for Lesotho) that was elaborated by OCCAM in conjunction with local partners and submitted for funding to local and international entities
- October 2010 – Beginning of activities

The community



The community of Mahobong:

Inhabitants: 7.000

Surface: 32 km²

Maternal and neonatal mortality ratio: >10%

% unattended deliveries: 55%

Distance to the closest delivery room: 12 km (4hr walk)

Areas of action



Holy Trinity Clinic



Resource Center for Agriculture



Meeting with the community



Potato farmers



The National University of Lesotho



Training at University



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Results achieved

Field of Action	A community level	At university level
Food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of the cooperative of workers• Refurbishment of the Resource Center for Agriculture• Connection via sat• Training of extensionists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lab for e-food security• Training of trainers
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training on use of ultrasound to nurses and midwives• Refurbishment of Holy Trinity Clinic• Donation of an ultrasound machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training of trainers

The way forward

Field of Action	A community level	At university level	At national level
Food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery of services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion of the e-food security training in the curriculum	Submission to FAO TCP of a national plan
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery of services• Extension of the project to St. Joseph's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion of the ultrasound training in curriculum for nurses and midwives• Creation of the Medical School at NUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training in all nursing schools

The model of the Infopoverty Programme

- Working with governments and the Ministries of education, communication, agriculture, health, etc.
- Collaboration of all stakeholders, public and private
- Strong involvement of local centers of excellence (Universities first) that can include the teaching of innovations in their curricular activities
- Technologies and innovations, if and where needed, are a new cost-effective answer to traditional needs (health, food, water) rather than a solution looking for a problem.

How to bring Infopoverty to your country

- Letter of interest
- Needs assesment visit
- Definition of priorities
- Joint elaboration of proposals
- Individuation of sources of funding
- Beginning of activities



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