



CDC in Lesotho

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established an office in Lesotho in 2007 and collaborates with the Lesotho Ministry of Health and partners on public health policies, services, and capacity development. Under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, CDC's work in Lesotho focuses on HIV prevention interventions, treatment for HIV and tuberculosis, health information systems, and laboratory services.



CDC STAFF

- 5 U.S. Assignees
- 4 Locally Employed



AT A GLANCE

- Population: 2,233,339 (2017)
- Per capita income: \$3,510
- Life expectancy at birth: F 56/M 52 years
- Infant mortality rate: 59/1,000 live births

Sources:
World Bank 2018, Lesotho
Population Reference Bureau 2018, Lesotho



TOP 10 CAUSES OF DEATH

1. HIV/AIDS
2. Tuberculosis
3. Stroke
4. Lower respiratory infections
5. Ischemic heart disease
6. Diarrheal diseases
7. Diabetes
8. Neonatal disorders
9. Road injuries
10. Interpersonal violence

Source:
GBD Compare 2018, Lesotho



HIV and Tuberculosis

HIV is a leading cause of death and a health threat to millions worldwide. As a key implementer of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), CDC works with Lesotho to build a sustainable, high-impact national HIV response program to accelerate progress towards the UNAIDS global targets to control the HIV epidemic.

CDC supports the Ministry of Health's efforts around HIV and tuberculosis (TB) treatment, improving health information systems, increasing laboratory capacity, preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and HIV counseling and testing. Additionally, CDC works with the ministry on diagnosis, treatment, and management of TB, multidrug-resistant TB, and HIV/TB co-infection. CDC provides technical leadership in building human capacity for HIV/TB treatment programs by supporting training and mentoring for health workers. CDC also supports Lesotho's efforts to strengthen surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, and health information systems needed for the national HIV response.



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