

# U. S. CDC Lesotho



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CDC established an office in Lesotho in 2007 and collaborates with the Lesotho Ministry of Health (MOH) and partners to build and strengthen the country's core public health capabilities. These include data and surveillance; laboratory capacity; and prevention and response to health threats. Under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), CDC's work in Lesotho focuses on HIV prevention interventions, treatment for HIV and tuberculosis (TB), health information systems, laboratory systems, emergency management, and border health.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### Data & Surveillance

- Collaborated on nationwide implementation of DHIS2 and eRegister to manage HIV and TB program data



### Laboratory

- Facilitated Lesotho's National Reference Laboratory receipt of a five-star rating in 2021 from the African Society for Laboratory Medicine



### Prevention & Response

- CDC supported equitable access and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines, disease surveillance, and outbreak control, and robust reporting of COVID-19 cases to information systems

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY

CDC's global health security work in Lesotho focuses on strengthening the country's public health systems across the following core areas:

### Laboratory Systems

In collaboration with partners, CDC provides technical support to implement quality laboratory systems, diagnosis and monitoring tests, and new diagnostic technologies for HIV and TB, COVID-19, and other high-priority diseases. CDC also helps strengthen local workforce capacities for effective coordination of laboratory programs to improve the quality of services like testing and sample transportation.

### Emergency response

CDC's longstanding partnerships and investments in laboratory systems and disease surveillance enabled Lesotho to leverage existing infrastructure to respond to COVID-19 and other health threats. In response to COVID-19, CDC continues to support Lesotho to ensure equitable access and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines, disease surveillance, and outbreak control, and robust reporting of COVID-19 cases to information systems. CDC also collaborated with WHO to provide technical guidance on the rational use of personal protective equipment and development of infection prevention control training.

## HIV AND TB

Through PEPFAR, CDC partners with the MOH and other partners to build a robust national HIV response. CDC provides technical assistance and administrative leadership in:

- Scale-up of HIV prevention and treatment services
- Scale-up and quality assurance of HIV testing services to find missing people living with HIV, including recent infection surveillance
- Disease surveillance, including implementation of population-based surveys
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Health management information systems
- Public health policies
- Diagnosing, treating, and managing TB and multidrug-resistant TB and HIV/TB infections

