



# SECURE THE FUTURE

## Fact File



### ABOUT LESOTHO

**FULL COUNTRY NAME:** KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

**AREA:** 30 355 SQ KM

**POPULATION:** 2 200 000

**CAPITAL CITY:** MASERU

**PEOPLE:** SOTHO 99.7%, EUROPEANS, ASIANS, AND OTHER 0.3%

**LANGUAGES:** seSOTHO (SOUTHERN SOTHO), ENGLISH (OFFICIAL), ZULU, XHOSA

**RELIGIONS:** CHRISTIAN 80%, INDIGENOUS BELIEFS 20%

**GOVERNMENT:** PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

**PRIME MINISTER:** PAKALITHA MOSISILI

**CHIEF OF STATE:** KING LETSIE III

## LESOTHO

### HIV/AIDS SITUATION IN LESOTHO

The first AIDS case was reported in 1986 and by 1996 there were 936 reported cases of AIDS.

- At the end of 1999, 240 000 adults (15 to 49 year olds) were living with HIV/AIDS
- 130 000 women and 8 200 children were HIV positive
- At the end of 1999, 16 000 recorded deaths were due to HIV/AIDS
- Prevalence rate is currently 31%

## SECURE THE FUTURE PROGRAMS IN LESOTHO

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FUND

- Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHAL)
- Co-operative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE)
- Scripture Union of Lesotho



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