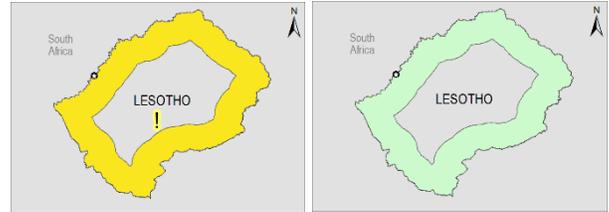


Food access improves as households consume green foods

KEY MESSAGES

- Humanitarian assistance continues in Lesotho in response to acute food insecurity. For very poor and poor households receiving assistance, this is their main cash and food source. As a result, food consumption and dietary diversity have improved due to assistance. Lesotho is currently projected to be Stressed (IPC Phase 2!), in the presence of assistance, from March to May. In the absence of ongoing assistance, the country would be in Crisis (IPC Phase 3).
- The Water Requirement Satisfaction Index for the current period shows that maize crop is within average to good condition. Seasonal progress is going well and harvest prospects are positive across Lesotho.
- In the mountains, almost all households are consuming green foods from their fields, while in other areas a smaller number of households are accessing green foods. The consumption of green crops is improving food access in households as the peak of the lean season continues and as the harvest approaches. Consumption of green foods is expected to increase in other parts of the country within the next month. Minimal (IPC Phase 1) acute food insecurity outcomes are expected between May and September, after the upcoming harvest.

Projected food security outcomes, February to May 2017 (left), and June to September 2017 (right).



Highest estimated level of food insecurity in significant areas of concern using IPC 2.0 Area Reference Tables:

- Phase 1: Minimal
- Phase 2: Stressed
- Phase 3+: Crisis or higher

 Severity significantly mitigated by assistance

Source: FEWS NET

This map represents acute food insecurity outcomes relevant for emergency decision-making. It does not necessarily reflect chronic food insecurity. To learn more about this scale, visit www.fews.net/ipc

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