



MISSION 300 COMPACT PROGRESS REPORT

FIRST CYCLE OF DATA COLLECTION 2026

 **LESOTHO**

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Under the **Mission 300 initiative**, progress on **National Energy Compacts** is monitored **twice a year** through data submitted by each country's **Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU)**.

Monitoring covers both **policy reform actions** and **key targets** across four thematic areas:

- Electricity access
- Clean cooking access
- Share of renewable energy in national generation
- Private Capital mobilized

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This report presents the **latest country-reported data**, submitted during the **Q1 2026** reporting cycle and **reflecting progress achieved in 2025**. The data provided is **country-reported and based on national methodologies**, which may limit direct comparisons across countries.

DEFINITIONS & METHODOLOGY

Priority Reform Action Status

- **NOT YET DUE:** No activities initiated for this action
- **IN PROGRESS – ON TRACK:** Implementation progressing well, no issues to be reported
- **IN PROGRESS – MINOR DELAYS:** In Progress but slight issues or minor delays expected
- **IN PROGRESS – AT RISK:** In Progress but major challenges, high risk of delay expected
- **DELAYED:** Deadlines passed and activities remain incomplete
- **COMPLETED:** All implementation activities concluded

“Connections” and “People Provided with Electricity access” Methodology

“**New electricity connections**” refers to additional electricity connections established since the start of Mission 300 up to the reporting year, across all solution types (grid, mini-grids, and solar home systems). To estimate the number of people gaining electricity access, the number of new connections is multiplied by the national average household size provided by the government (when available). This conversion is illustrative and does not imply that each connection corresponds to exactly one household.

GLOSSARY

AfDB African Development Bank

AMI Advanced Metering Infrastructure

CDMU Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit

CPR Compact Progress Report

DoE Department of Energy

EC Energy Commsiision

EIFU Energy Investment Facilitation Unit

ERP Enterprise Resource Planning

GEA Global Energy Alliance

GIS Geographic Information Systems

ICT Information and Communications Technology

IRMS Incident Recording Management System

LCPDP Least-Cost Power Development Plan

MCC Meter Control Center

MDMS Meter Data Management System

MoE Ministry of Energy

NES National Electrification Strategy

PPA Power Purchase Agreement

REA Rural Electrification Agency

REU Rural Electrification Unit

WVM Workforce Management System

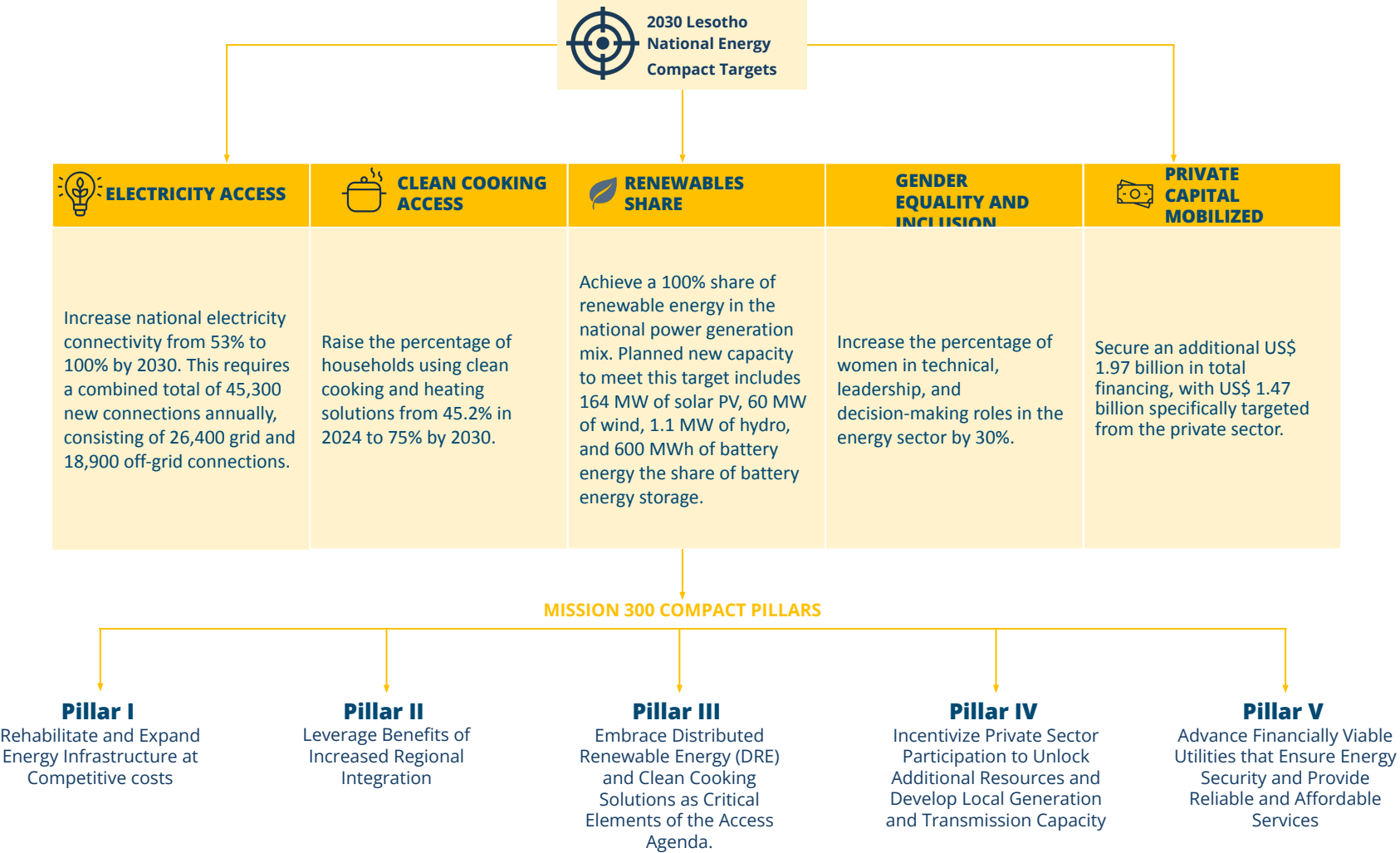
SEforALL Sustainable Energy for All

WBG World Bank Group

LESOTHO NATIONAL ENERGY COMPACT

Under the Mission 300 initiative, Lesotho presented its National Energy Compact in September 2025 at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Forum New York, as part of the second cohort of 18 countries, outlining its reform commitments and targets to accelerate electricity access and mobilize private investment.

This Compact Progress Report tracks Lesotho’s progress against these commitments using data submitted by the Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU), with the latest update provided in February 2026.



KEY TARGETS

The reporting period covers progress until 31 December 2025.

Lesotho has made progress under its Energy Compact, particularly in electricity access with **17,856 new people having access to electricity** during the reporting year (2025).

Clean cooking access stands at 45.2% at the end of 2025, in line with the projected rate during this period. Lesotho has set a target to achieve 75% access by 2030.

The share of national renewable energy stands at 99.6%, with no change yet recorded above the baseline by the end of 2025. Lesotho has set a 2030 target of 100%.

Lesotho has set a target to mobilize an additional USD 6.733 billion in private capital by 2030, building on the baseline of USD 20 million. By the end of 2025, **Lesotho has mobilised an additional 138 million USD toward their target.** The current private capital mobilized stands at 158 Million USD.

Quantitative data presented in this slide reflect the information available as of the latest reporting cycle provided by the Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU).

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LESOTHO'S PROGRESS ON HIGH-LEVEL COMPACT TARGETS			
Key Target	2024 Baseline	Progress to date (over 2025)	2030 Target
People provided with New Access to Electricity (# of People)	1,124,482	+17,856	+1,067,874
Clean Cooking (% of population)	45.2%	45.2%	75%
Share of Renewable Energy in national generation (% of generation)	99.6%	99.6%	100%
Private Capital Mobilized (million USD)	20	+138	+ 6,772



OVERVIEW OF REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS

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	Rehabilitate and Expand Infrastructure at Competitive Costs	Leverage Benefits of Increased Regional Integration	Embrace Distributed Renewable Energy and Clean Cooking Solutions as Critical Elements of the Access Agenda	Incentivize Private Sector Participation to Unlock Additional Resources and Develop Local Generation and Transmission Capacity	Advance Financially Viable Utilities that Ensure Energy Security and Provide Reliable and Affordable Services	Other Key Areas	Total	No of actions COMPLETED	No of actions IN PROGRESS*	No of actions DELAYED
Priority Actions	1	1	3	1	3	1	10	2	6	2
Other Actions	6	6	15	8	10	6	51	4	11	36
Total	7	7	18	9	13	7	61	6	17	38

* For the purposes of this table, all actions with an “In Progress” status are presented in aggregated form. In the original Priority Action reporting, this status is disaggregated into the following categories: (i) **Not Yet Due**; (ii) **In Progress – On Track**; (iii) **In Progress – Minor Delays**; and (iv) **In Progress – At Risk**. The disaggregated status by category is detailed in the next slide.

**The status for fifty-two (52) actions are yet to be provided, and are therefore not reflected in the status box above.

Reform

Lesotho's National Energy Compact includes 61 Reform Actions across 5 pillars, and other key areas, of which 10 have been identified as Priority Reform Actions. Priority actions are subject to enhanced monitoring, while all remaining actions continue to be tracked by the CDMU.

By pillar, the distribution is as follows: Pillar I - 7 actions (1 priority); Pillar II - 7 actions (1 priority); Pillar III - 18 actions (3 priority); Pillar IV - 9 actions (1 priority); Pillar V - 13 actions (3 priority). Lesotho has also included an additional section titled “Other Key Areas” which contains 7 actions (1 priority).

In terms of status, as of December 2025, 6 actions (including 2 priority actions) are completed, 17 actions (including 6 priority actions) are in progress and 38 actions (including 2 priority actions) are reported as delayed.

Actions



FOCUS ON PRIORITY REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS (1/2)

Lesotho Energy Compact Priority Reform Actions

#	Pillar	Commitment / Indicator	Priority Reform Actions	Deadline	Current Status	Previous Status
1	Pillar I - Rehabilitate and Expand Infrastructure at Competitive Costs	Least-Cost Power Development Plan (LCPDP) implemented	Approve and adopt the comprehensive Least-Cost Power Development Plan (LCPDP) identifying and prioritising least-cost generation projects required to meet electricity demand	31-Oct-25	Completed	N/A
2	Pillar II - Leverage Benefits of Increased Regional Integration	Enhance readiness for regional interconnection and power trade	Develop transmission pricing frameworks to facilitate power trade and harmonised tariff structures for energy imports and exports, including recommendations on transmission pricing and timelines	31-Mar-26	In Progress - On Track	N/A
3	Pillar III - Embrace Distributed Renewable Energy and Clean Cooking Solutions as Critical Elements of the Access Agenda	100% of the households within the last mile location have access to electricity from different supply sources (grid extension, mini-grids network extension, and SHS)	Adopt the National Electrification Strategy (NES) to facilitate renewable energy deployment and applications beyond electricity through: - Grid extension target 27,200 connections annually; - Installation of 200 distribution transformers across 10 districts; - Extension of low-voltage distribution network to reach ~15,000 households near transformers; - Construction of ~550 km of low-voltage distribution lines; - Cross-border electrification where candidate villages exist; - Electrification of 18,900 (NES targets) including 688 households via mini-grids and 18,212 via off-grid solar; - Installation of solar street lights in Semonkong (2.1km), Ha Sekake (2.2km), Roma (5.1km), Mapholaneng (1.8km)	31-Oct-25	Completed	N/A
4			Conduct a comprehensive survey to assess connectivity (Tier 1 up to Tier 5), clean cooking, and heating; update every 5 years to assess electrification access	30-Jun-26	In Progress - On Track	N/A
5		National clean cooking strategy in place	Develop and adopt a National Clean Cooking Strategy and Action Plan 2026–2030 with a focus on women and children, with clear targets and timelines to leapfrog the adoption of clean cooking from 2026	30-Nov-25	Delayed	N/A
6	Pillar IV - Incentivize Private Sector Participation to Unlock Additional Resources and Develop Local Generation and Transmission Capacity	Investment environment is conducive including having in place outlined investment processes for transparent legal and regulatory frameworks for private-sector-led investments	Enactment of the Energy bill to: establish Energy Investment Facilitation Unit (EIFU) to reduce bureaucracy in processing licensing and instruments (incl. PPA, Implementation and Connection agreements); transformation of REU to REA; transformation DoE to EC; establishment of the Energy Fund; establishment of Women in Energy Unit	31-Mar-26	In Progress - On Track	N/A



FOCUS ON PRIORITY REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS (2/2)

Lesotho Energy Compact Priority Reform Actions						
#	Pillar	Commitment / Indicator	Priority Reform Actions	Deadline	Current Status	Previous Status
7	Pillar V - Advance Financially Viable Utilities that Ensure Energy Security and Provide Reliable and Affordable Services	Healthy financial cash flow maintained	Publish audited annual financial statements in line with statutory requirements	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A
8		Financial Audit conducted and reported	Publish subsequent audited annual financial statements on a recurring annual basis	Annually	In Progress - At Risk	N/A
9		Efficient and reliable service to clients sustainably delivered	Introduction of digital tools such as Incident Recording Management System (IRMS) with Workforce Management System (WFM) module, Geographic Information System (GIS), Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) including Meter Data Management System (MDMS) and Meter Control Centre (MCC), and the consolidation of ERP-SAP and other ICT platforms to improve service quality, transparency, and revenue protection	30-Nov-28	In Progress - On Track	N/A
10	Other Key Areas	2. Capacity Building - MoE and affiliated institutions sufficiently staffed	Conduct capacity/skills needs audit to design targeted training and recruitment programs, creating new job positions within government, utilities, and key energy entities with an aim to increase the percentage of women employed in the workforce, in leadership, and in technical positions in the energy sector by 30%	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A



ABOUT MISSION 300

Mission 300 is a joint initiative by the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank (AfDB), supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, SEforALL, GEA (Global Energy Alliance), which aims to provide electricity access to 300 million Africans by 2030. This ambitious goal seeks to halve the current number of people without electricity on the continent, driving sustainable development through collaboration and innovative solutions.

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