

Lesotho Compact Progress

- ★ **Water Sector Project: Metolong:** A critical donors meeting to discuss funding of the Metolong Dam was held in Maseru in March 2009, chaired by the Minister of Finance and Development Planning. The attendees included: BADEA (Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa), Saudi Fund, Kuwait, the World Bank, the European Commission, MCC, the Metolong Authority and MCA-Lesotho. In response to the shortfall of funds identified, a strategy was agreed upon to help keep the implementation of the project moving forward.
- ★ **Health Sector Project:** Significant progress has been made on the Health Project. MCA-Lesotho and the Health Project Implementation Unit are nearly fully staffed and undertaking all needed

project implementation actions. The procurement process for the Health Systems Strengthening and Medical Waste activities was launched in mid-March with evaluations scheduled for early June 2009.

- ★ **Private Sector Development Project:** A vendor has been selected to provide payment services for the Automated Clearing House activity. This vendor has been providing similar services to South Africa, which will help facilitate the cross-border payments. The Smart Card activity will provide financial services to the rural poor and is progressing well. This project includes outreach activities throughout the country.

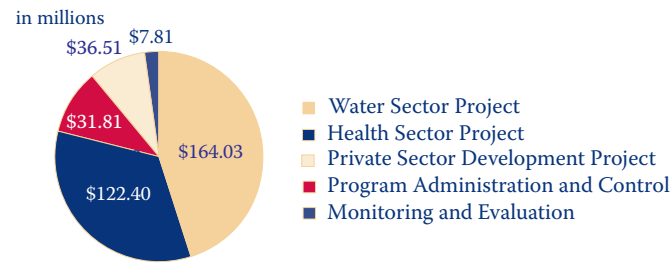
Compact At-A-Glance

Signed7/23/2007

Entry Into Force.....09/17/08

The approximately \$363 million compact with Lesotho seeks to improve health outcomes and productivity through strengthening the health system, removing barriers to foreign and local private sector investment and providing water supply for industrial and domestic use.

Obligations by Project



\$41,569,095 total contract commitments

\$10,493,209 disbursed to date

Country At-A-Glance

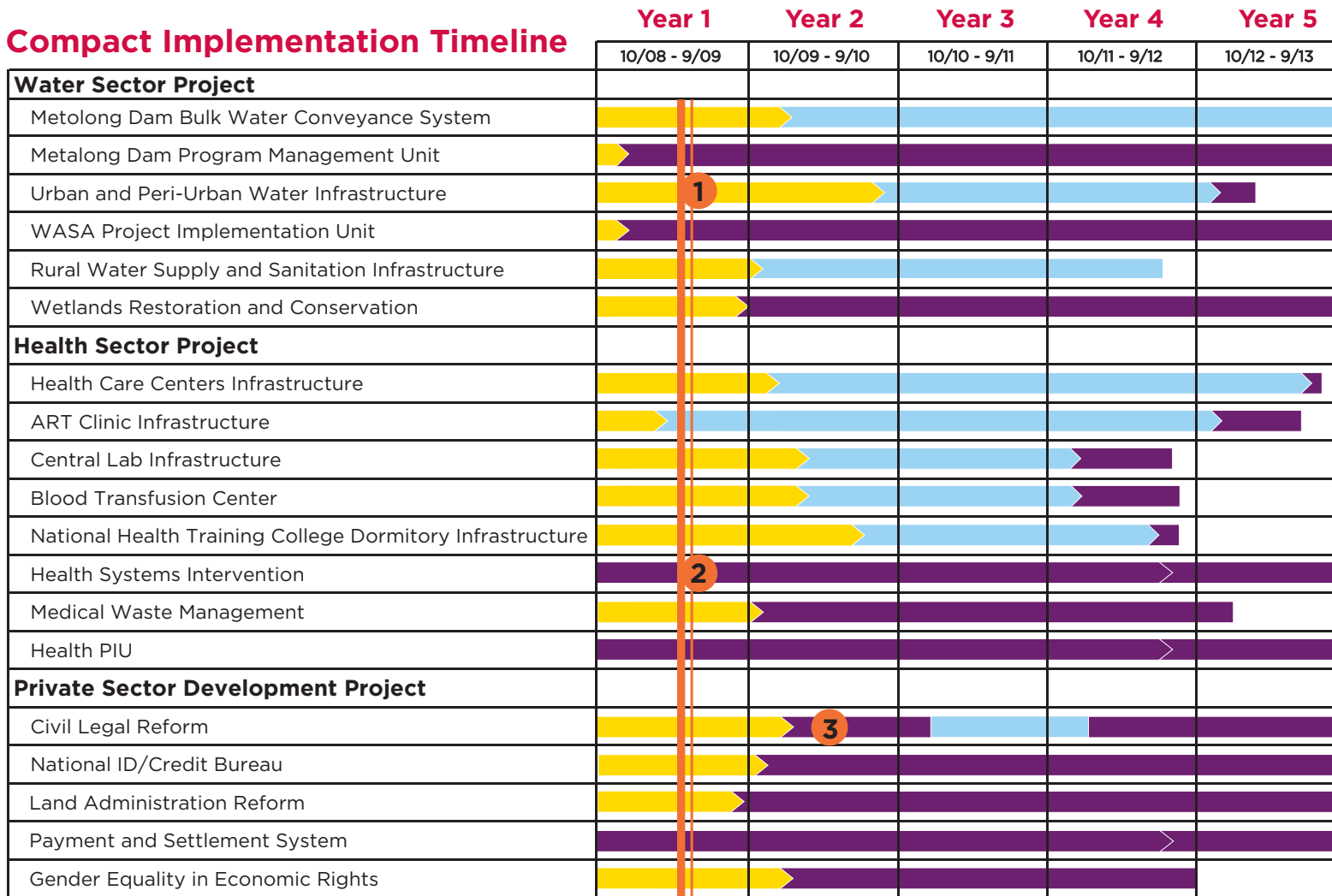
Population..... 2,125,262*

GNI per Capita \$1,000*



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Compact Implementation Timeline



1
March 2009:
Metolong Donors Conference took place to discuss funding.

2
March 2009:
HIS & MWM procurement launched.

3
March 2009:
Land Public Outreach Officer hired

Project Preparation
 Construction - Infrastructure
 Project Activities - Other Sectors

We Are Here

April 2009
 Disbursements to Date..... \$10,493,209
 Total Contract Commitments..... \$41,569,095

Compact Implementation Status Report Timeline, Lesotho

* For more information on country proposals, due diligence, program set-up, implementation and monitoring, and ongoing impact, please see the diagram entitled *Typical MCC Program Cycle* at www.mcc.gov.