

Farmers from Mohale and Katse Visit Likhothola Fruit Farm



On June 18, 2025, farmers from Mohale and Katse visited the Likhothola Fruit Farm in Mahobong, Leribe, to learn about commercial fruit farming. The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA), together with the Lesotho Horticultural Incubation Training Centre and the World Bank's Competitiveness and Financial Inclusion Project (CAFI), organized the tour.

The Mahobong Fruit Farm, started in 2012 with World Bank support, is a success story. It includes three farms: Likhothola (10.72 hectares with over 12,000 fruit trees like peaches and apples), Maa Mafubelu (15.1 hectares), and Likhethlane (15.6 hectares). Nine community members, including the local chief, own the farms, which are managed by a board and employ 13 full-time staff and up to 20 seasonal workers.

The farmers learned about orchard management, fruit tree propagation, and sustainable farming. They now plan to start similar farms in their communities, even on smaller scales, and want to stay connected with Mahobong for more training. This initiative supports Lesotho's goal of climate-resilient agriculture and food security.