



## RANGE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP



The Lesotho Highlands Development Authority (LHDA) Environment Branch Mohale hosted workshop for the five Range Management Associations (RMA) on the 4th February 2025 the purpose of the workshop was to familiarise the associations with the roles of the associations, range management, wetlands protection and rehabilitation projects, supplementary feeds and livelihoods projects as sources of income generation for the associations.

While addressing the workshop Terrestrial Biologist office through Mr. TlohangNtoa and MrsMasetšabelo Moqekela educated associations on best practices for grazing management, soil conservation and encouraged sustainable pasture management techniques to prevent land degradation.

The associations proposed projects such as brush control, range management rehabilitations, production of supplementary farm feeds, fruit trees, gabions construction, grazing plans, beekeeping, crop production, and potatoes production.

Inspector Shale from Lesotho Mounted Police Services (LMPS) encouraged associations to register their livestock with the department of livestock to ease tracing of stolen animals. In addition, Shale appealed to attendees to engage police when facing conflicts in their communities.

MrTankiso Makepe the records officer presented on good records keeping, appropriate documentation, proper financial records and providing feedback of events to members of the association.

MsTholoana Masupha officer from the department of forestry indicated that the rangelands offer multitudes of benefits that extend beyond their immediate use for grazing, including enhancing the quality of water in nearby streams and rivers, essential habitats for a diverse range of species, supporting rich biodiversity. It helps to reduce erosion and retain sediment, she concluded by encouraging associations to increase membership as that will strengthen rangelands policy advocacy.

In conclusion, the participants appreciated the efforts by LHDA organising the workshop it was also highlighted that the workshop brings together famers, environmentalists and policymakers to address shared challenges and fosters cooperative decision-making. The workshop was closed by the Public Relations office updating the attendees about the Phase II of LHWP and other issues concerning the project.

