



Sekokong Potato Farmers Reap Success Through LHDA Partnership



The Sekokong Potato Association is transforming agriculture into business, turning small-scale potato farming into a thriving commercial venture, all thanks to a strategic partnership with LHDA under Phase II of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

What began in 2023 as a small-scale initiative has grown into a commercial success. Through a sharecropping model, LHDA provided seed and fertilizer, while farmers managed their fields. Despite drought challenges, the group earned over M100,000 in sales, in its first season.

In 2024/25, the farmers took on more responsibility by planting 39.6 acres and selling over 2,360 bags to local retailers, LHWP contractors, and mining firms in the area. The project has boosted household incomes, enabled reinvestment in farm equipment, and created seasonal jobs in harvesting and packaging.

Beyond economic gains, the initiative is shifting mindsets. Youth and community leaders, including the area chief are now joining the effort. Crop rotation has also been introduced, with over ten acres converted to maize farming, yielding seven tons in the current season.

This success reflects LHDA's commitment to sustainable livelihoods and community empowerment. Through collaboration, technical support, and market linkages, the LHDA aims to help build resilient agricultural models that inspires hope and improve on community livelihoods.