

FWK support to Civil Society TCF Lesotho

Call for Participants - Training for CSOs in Lesotho

Foreword

In July 2025, the EU Delegation in Maseru launched a programme of technical assistance aimed at supporting Civil Society in Lesotho. The activities outlined within this framework focus on enhancing the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs) to fulfil their roles as development actors. They are encouraged to facilitate and promote citizens' participation in the country's social and democratic life, contribute to decision-making processes, and monitor policies, thereby holding the government accountable.

A key component of the programme includes training sessions for CSOs, specifically targeting small and medium-sized organisations located outside Maseru. This brief document provides an overview of the goals and structure of these training sessions and seeks to invite interested organisations to apply for participation in these initiatives.

Training modalities

Between 2026 and 2027, 20 training days will be implemented, involving a total of 20 CSOs.

The activities are scheduled to commence in March 2026 and will be organised into a series of six online training sessions. These will be followed by practical activities and in-person meetings with participating organisations, conducted at the district level, to facilitate the involvement of CSOs located outside Maseru. The in-person meetings will focus on evaluating the learning process and identifying practical activities to continue the training.

The on-line training sessions will be carried out monthly, while the visits to the organisations will be carried out every three months.

The subjects of the training activities

- 1 CSO Engagement with EU Policies and Actions:** This will involve analysing the funding and cooperation modalities available to CSOs within EU activities. The training will delve into key EU policies and actions in Lesotho, including the EU Global Gateway Strategy, the EU Roadmaps for engagement with Civil Society, funding opportunities for CSOs, and structured dialogue activities concerning EU cooperation with Lesotho. Participants will learn how to effectively engage with the EU and develop working plans to foster improved interaction with the EU.
- 2 Programming and Project Cycle:** This session will cover how CSOs can identify demands and needs, the operation of EU Calls for proposals, and the use of Logical Frameworks and indicators. Participants will be equipped to identify and formulate project ideas that meet EU requirements and will be able to assess the Logical Framework of the projects they are involved in.
- 3 Partnerships Among CSOs and Other Actors:** Focus will be on how smaller CSOs can partner with larger organisations to access resources and enhance their own capacities and activities. The session will examine methods to facilitate the transfer of knowledge, skills, and capacities. Participants will be able to



analyse and evaluate their existing partnerships and identify measures to improve or initiate new partnerships.

- 4 **Administrative and Financial Management of Projects:** This session will address the specific requirements and challenges of managing projects funded by the EU, with emphasis on the primary mechanisms outlined by EU regulations. Participants will learn to analyse and evaluate their own capacities and policies for project management and identify ways to improve administrative and financial management.
- 5 **Operational Monitoring and Reporting of Projects:** The training will tackle issues related to the monitoring of activities and reporting, along with the development of appropriate mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation at various levels. Participants will be able to define feasible monitoring plans for their activities, recognise tools for measuring effectiveness, and identify risks and potential impacts.
- 6 **Sustainability and Resource Mobilisation:** This session will explore mechanisms and procedures for fundraising and 'people raising' to develop economically sustainable actions. Participants will assess their organisation's sustainability, identify obstacles to sustainability, and pinpoint tools for improvement, such as resource mobilisation plans and resource source maps.

The target group

- The training will be aimed at legally established NGOs based in Lesotho, both in Maseru and outside of it.
- The participating organisations must not lead any project directly funded by the EU, though they may be involved as partners or beneficiaries in projects and programmes funded by the EU.
- Two separate cohorts of CSOs will participate in the training sessions over two years, with a total of 20 organisations involved: 10 in 2026 and 10 in 2027.
- Each organisation should have at least two individuals participating in the training.
- Selected organisations are required to commit to attending all training sessions and subsequent follow-up activities.

How to participate

CSOs can apply by sending a candidature e-mail, which should include a short description of the organisation to the following e-mail addresses:

gfcost@gmail.com

mathe.tau@outlook.com

Candidature should be presented before February 28, 2026

If they are not already registered, candidate CSOs should register in the database of Lesotho's CSOs through the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNQW2MC>

