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Besuch des Basutho-Botschafters, Herrn A.L. Thoahlane
beim Direktor der DEH am 14. März 1985

1) Technische Zusammenarbeit mit Lesotho

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2) Wahlen

Nach 1970 sollen vor Ende März 1985 erstmals wieder Wahlen stattfinden. Die Mitarbeiter in Lesotho und vor allem in der Schweiz machen sich Sorgen über die Sicherheit ihrer Leute (1970 wurde der Notstand ausgerufen) - andere Länder haben bereits Evakuationspläne für ihre Mitarbeiter ausgearbeitet.

3) Beziehungen zur Republik Südafrika (RSA)

Nach dem Sicherheitsabkommen der RSA mit Swaziland und Mosambik (Nkomati) verstärkte sich der Druck der RSA auf Lesotho, ebenfalls ein Abkommen zu unterzeichnen.

4) Vertretung der Schweiz

- Die Schweizerische Botschaft in Pretoria bzw. das Schweiz. Konsulat hat einen Korrespondenten in Lesotho bestimmt: Ueli Graf, c/o Helvetas, P.O. Box 708, Maseru.
- Die Regierung von Lesotho suchte Mitte 1984 nach einem Honorarkonsul für Lesotho in der Schweiz. Ist dieser schon bestimmt worden ?

5) Grossprojekte in Lesotho

- Bau des neuen internationalen Flughafens:
Der Premierminister hatte beim Antrittsbesuch des schweiz. Botschafters, Herrn Quinche, gewünscht, dass sich die DEH (via Swissair) beim Betrieb des Flughafens beteiligen soll.

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- Highland Water Scheme:

Alle Leute reden über dieses Mammutprojekt: Bau von Dämmen in den Bergen Lesothos - Export des Wassers nach der RSA mit gleichzeitiger Gewinnung von Elektrizität. Dauer des Baus etwa 20 Jahre, Kosten: mehrere Milliarden US Dollar.

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SWISS DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION -
TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN LESOTHO

1. Introduction

The Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) has cooperated with the Government of Lesotho since the early 1970s. During the early days cooperation consisted on financing/co-financing of small projects; in 1977/78 the first technical cooperation projects were started.

2. Completed technical cooperation projects

a) Postal Services

Aim: Construction of a postal training school in Maseru and training of postal staff at all levels including scholarships in Switzerland.

Duration: 1.10.77 - 31.12.80

Expenditure: SFr. 340'000.--

b) Lesotho National Development Corporation (LNDC)

Aim: Training of LNDC and LNDC associated management staff at all levels.

Duration: 1.9.78 - 31.12.82

Expenditure: SFr. 1'300'000.--

Note: This project also included training of artisans within the Royal Crown Jewellers in Maseru.

c) Basutho Enterprise Development Corporation (BEDCO)

Aim: Delivery of equipment for the set-up and training of artisans within BEDCO metal worker training centre.

Duration: 1.10.80 - 30.9.82

Expenditure: SFr. 270'000.--

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3. Ongoing technical cooperation projects

a) Village Water Supply Section (VWSS) of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development (MCRD).

Aim: Technical assistance to the VWSS of the MCRD in the fields of construction of rural water supplies; training of technical staff at all levels.

Duration: The project was started in January 1978; phase 5 will start in July 1985.

Expatriate Staff: Seven technicians (engineers and training officers) are presently working with the VWSS. A stores and procurement manager for training of administration and store personnel is presently being recruited.

Expenditure:

Phase	From	To	Expenditure
1	1.1.78 -	31.6.80	SFr. 1'130'000.--
2	1.7.80 -	30.6.81	SFr. 460'000.--
3	1.7.81 -	30.6.83	SFr. 1'800'000.--
1-3	1.1.78 -	30.6.83	SFr. 3'790'000.--

The present budget for phase 4 (1.7.83 - 30.6.83) amounts to SFr. 2'200'000.--

b) Assistance to other projects

The Swiss Development Cooperation assists financially also the cooperation efforts of the Friends of Lesotho, the Catholic mission and the Protestant mission in Lesotho with the following projects:

- Hospitals of Roma, Seboche, Thaba Tseka and Mamohao with delivery of equipment and posting of medical and hospital maintenance staff
- Moriya Printing Press with delivery of equipment and posting of printing specialists
- Tebellong Hospital with delivery of equipment, financing of buildings and posting of medical staff

At present an ethno-medical study in order to define the impacts of the health services in the rural areas is carried out by a specialist, financed by SDC.

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4. Projects under preparation

a) Map production unit of the Department of Lands & Surveys (DLS)

Aim: Delivery of equipment and training of technical staff to enable the DLS to prepare and print its own maps.

Duration: The project is due to start in 1985/86.

Expatriate Staff: One photogrammetist, one photographic expert, one printing expert

Budget: For the first phase of two years the total costs have been estimated at about SFr. 1'500'000.--.

5. Project ideas

a) Lerotholi Training Institute (LTI)

Based on a request by the Minister of Education during a visit of the desk officer for Lesotho of SDC in Maseru a technical cooperation project for training of civil engineering staff at all levels (masons, foremen, supervisors) may be envisaged. The official request with all the necessary details will be forwarded by the Ministry of Education in the near future. The training activities within VWSS/MCRD could be shifted to the LTI and ensure forthwith a continuation of the very successful training activities on a national level benefitting all Ministries which need well trained technical staff in the sector of civil engineering.

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