



Revenue Services Lesotho Tree Planting Initiative, Uplifting Farmers and Championing Climate Resilience

Maseru, Lesotho – 29 August 2025 - In a powerful demonstration of corporate nationality that entwines environmental stewardship with direct community economic upliftment, Revenue Services Lesotho (RSL) 2024/25 Tree Planting Initiative project aims to plant 22,000 trees across the financial year. The 16 local farmers who will benefit from the seedling procurement were identified in collaboration with the Ministry of Forestry, Range and Soil Conservation

his strategic initiative moves beyond a simple planting exercise. It is a core part of RSL's business strategy, reflecting a deep commitment to sustainable development, climate change mitigation, and tangible community support. By sourcing locally, RSL ensures that the investment circulates within the community, empowering small-scale farmers and promoting economic resilience alongside environmental restoration.

The RSL Tree Planting Initiative is designed with a dual-purpose model:

Direct Economic Empowerment for Farmers: The decision to procure all 22,000 saplings from 16 local farmers provides a significant and reliable source of income. This support helps stabilise and grow small agricultural businesses, fostering financial independence and encouraging sustainable farming practices within the community. This model ensures that the benefits of the project are immediate and felt directly by Basotho families.

Long-Term Environmental Sustainability: As an environmentally conscious organisation, RSL is acting decisively to combat climate change and land degradation. Trees play a critical role in:

Carbon Sequestration: Absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, a key driver of climate change.

Soil Conservation: Preventing erosion and improving soil fertility, which is crucial for Lesotho's agricultural base.

Water Cycle Regulation: Aiding in groundwater recharge and maintaining watershed health.



The tree planting initiative also serves as an internal catalyst for fostering a culture of environmental consciousness among RSL staff. Employees participating in the planting activities gain firsthand experience in ecological preservation, strengthening the organization's internal value system of responsibility and care for the nation's resources.

This marks a significant step in the organisation's journey towards comprehensive corporate social investment, proving that effective institutions can be a powerful force for positive social and environmental change. To date, as part of celebrating RSL Day, a total of 41,000 trees have been planted under this ongoing initiative.

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