

Lesotho undertakes a survey on Drivers to Technology Adoption and Profitability- Dissemination of improved maize and bean technologies – APPSA funded sub-project.

Agricultural Productivity Programme for Southern Africa (APPSA) is a regional programme that was originally implemented in three countries of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. Lesotho and Angola have recently joined the APPSA family under Regional Centre of Leadership (RCoL) in Horticulture farming system and RCoL Cassava respectively. One of the objectives under APPSA is to share research results, studies and have spillover effect of the technologies within the implementing countries. As such, this project “Drivers to Technology Adoption and Profitability- Dissemination of improved technologies maize and beans in Lesotho and Angola” is one of such which was conducted in these countries and Lesotho and Angola are undertaking the same study concentrating on commodities of specific country interest.

The survey was undertaken in four districts of Lesotho, namely; Mokhotlong, Leribe, Mochale’s Hoek and Maseru from the 31st of August to 11th September 2020 by two teams composed of officers from the Department of Agricultural Research and Department of Crops Services. Mokhotlong represented the mountain districts, Mochale’s Hoek the Southern, Leribe the North, while Maseru represented the central and predominantly lowland districts.



DAR Researcher interviewing a farmer at Linotsing village in Mokhotlong District

The overall objective of this survey was to assess drivers to technology adoption and profitability of improved maize and beans in Lesotho. A total of 100 hundred respondents were interviewed in each District, bringing an overall total of respondents to 400. The results of this survey will be shared at different platforms to inform the scientists and public at large of the effects of improved maize and bean technologies on the livelihoods of communities in Lesotho.



The two teams of researchers who undertook the survey in the 4 districts of Lesotho.