

### Introduction (introduce the program including its goal)

RSDA has a presence in all the 10 districts of Lesotho to make its contribution zero hunger, poverty reduction and resilient farming communities by helping people to help themselves, and actively participate in shaping the agriculture and food sector, working collaboratively and in partnership with other stakeholders.

RSDA is a leading agricultural advisory services agency that supports farmers in Lesotho by providing strategic service delivery, capacity building and lobbying & advocacy support for sustainable climate smart agriculture, value addition and marketing of farmer's products.

### Partnerships (which organisations does the partner collaborate with)

RSDA's programming works with stakeholders and actors in the Agriculture- Food Security and Agri-business, Energy, Climate change. Relevant Government Ministries, Civil society and private sector organizations.

#### Partners:

- Denmark Lesotho Network (DLN) funded by CISU.
- Positive Planet International (PPI) funded by the European Union
- GRM Zimbabwe funded by Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
- CCARDESA implemented by GIZ -ACRA

### Methodology (what methods/approaches do you use to implement your program)

RSDA initiates and facilitates:

- Dialogue forums for farmer to farmer, farmers with district level and national level working in collaboration and in partnership with others.
- Building social capital (relationships, networking and resource mobilisation capacity) by smallholder farmers.
- Strategic service delivery – eg demonstration farms and social enterprises. RSDA implements its activities through placement of field officers, independent distributors (IDs), inspirators within communities, farmer leaders, district farmers' forums supported by expert staff and secretariat.

### Content / Area of Focus (to include the key activities that the program focuses on)

- Good governance and social accountability
- Agriculture value chain, business models for aggregation of agriculture commodities and social businesses
- Support for Resource mobilisation by farming communities
- Climate change adaptation and resilience building and mitigation – Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy (EERE)
- Gender Action learning Systems (GALS)



### Lessons Learnt

- Linking social protection to Agriculture production
- Integrating climate change to Agriculture value chain and resilience
- Mainstreaming gender to food security and nutrition
- Linking farmers to market
- Energy needs for rural and off grid communities

