

Country:	Lesotho
Title of the Project :	"Bridging the Gap Programme – Africa Training Initiative"
NSO:	Lesotho Scout Association
Type of Project:	Training, Education

<p>Introduction:</p> <p>Whilst Scouting in the Africa Region has progressed over the years, there exists a challenge in the area of adult training. An analysis carried out by the African NSOs reveals that a good number of associations have no Leader Trainers and no Assistant Leader Trainers. Consequently, there is no hope for such countries to develop a well-trained leadership group.</p> <p>Bridging the Gap Programme will offer various level training to 50 Scout leaders per annum for three years. The idea is to invite Scout Associations from Asia, Europe and America to support a concrete and sustained effort over a three-year period to establish a solid base for Scout leadership in Africa. The plan is envisioned to materialise in different ways depending on the training situation in the African NSOs. There is also a need to bring in new trainers to meet the demands of the Association.</p> <p>The overall goal of this programme is to build a competent pool of trainers and leaders in Lesotho Scout Association in order to ensure that the NSO is able to be self-sufficient in the area of training as well as to deliver quality Scouting to more young people in the country.</p> <p>By implementing this programme, Scouting in Lesotho will benefit firstly by having trained scout leaders and an increased number of trainers available in the association. Secondly, it will improve the quality of Scouting in the country and thus encourage other young people to join the movement.</p> <p>With improved Scouting and greater numbers, the community will have young people ready to take charge in bringing change in their communities. In Lesotho, Scouts are actively involved in environmental conservation and HIV/AIDS projects. It is anticipated that with more trained leaders, such community projects will increase and improve.</p>
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Support required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introductory Training Course: USD 2,500 – Preliminary Training Course (2 courses): USD 5,000 – Leaders Training Course: USD 3,000 – Assistant Leader Training Course: USD 2,500 – Woodbadge: USD 3,500 – Transport: USD 2,000 – Facilitators (airfare and upkeep): USD 4,000 – Training Materials: USD 3,000
Timing:	The project is expected to begin in March 2006 and end in March 2009
Financial Support:	
Total requested amount:	USD 25,500

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