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The attention of the Executive Board is drawn to the following addendum and modifications to the country strategic opportunities programme (COSOP) for the Kingdom of Lesotho (EB 2019/128/R.18).

For ease of reference, the changes to the text of the report are shown in boldface, while strikethrough indicates deleted text.

In addition to this addendum, the final version of the COSOP will respond to the request made during the COSOP consultations of 15 November 2019 to improve certain formatting aspects in the report, i.e.: for references to appear at the bottom of the page and not in brackets; for all acronyms to be defined when first used; and for all acronyms used in the COSOP to appear in the list of abbreviations and acronyms. The COSOP will be finalized accordingly, subsequent to its review at the 128th session of the Executive Board.

Page 1, paragraph 4

The following sentence has been added at the end of the paragraph:

"Food security, especially for staple production of subsistence farmers, is challenged by frequent droughts (see appendix VI)."

Page 1, footnote 4

The footnote should read:

"See SECAP appendix for additional discussions on HIV/AIDS."

Page 3, paragraph 16

The first and third sentences should read:

"A review of IFAD projects in Lesotho between 1998 and 2018 (see appendix) provided valuable project-specific lessons, which have been incorporated into the design of this COSOP."

"Additional General lessons learned from past projects are detailed below."
Page 3, paragraph 16

The first bullet point should read:

(i) “Targeting: Since Lesotho’s rural poor population is not homogenous, there is a need for accurate targeting of beneficiaries and differentiated project support, given the varying agroecological zones and levels.”

Page 4, paragraph 20

The first sentence should read:

“Target group. Based on the logic of the ToC, three groups have been identified as potential beneficiaries of IFAD support.”

Page 5, paragraph 21 should read:

“Targeting strategy. The COSOP’s targeting strategy (see figure 1) specifically aims to improve livelihoods and resilience to CC. Category A interventions will focus on access to productive resources, improved food security, creation and strengthening of saving groups, establishment of local markets, and access to off-farm income sources and employment opportunities. Category B interventions will focus on capacity-building in climate-smart agriculture, increased crop and livestock productivity, access to new technologies and information, access to markets and training in agribusiness and enterprise management. Category C interventions will focus on capacity-building in climate-smart agriculture, strengthening value chains and market linkages, and working with category A and B beneficiaries whenever possible. **Collaboration between and graduation from categories will be achieved through producer organizations, collective marketing and/or co-investment, where appropriate.** The COSOP will target approximately 235,000 households (about 869,000 individuals). The split between groups is broadly assumed to be 10-20 per cent (category A), 15-30 per cent (category B), and 50–75 per cent (category C). Support for women and youth will be a focus of all projects and quotas will be set for their inclusion, with the overarching aim to include 50 per cent women and 35 per cent youth.11”

Page 5, paragraph 22

The third sentence should read:

“There will be a particular focus on the highlands due to the high concentration of poverty (62.5 per cent) in these areas and the vulnerability of households to the impacts of CC (Government of Lesotho 2019).”

Page 7, paragraph 29

The first sentence should read:

“Loans and grants: There are currently three investment projects underway in Lesotho: (i) the cofinanced Smallholder Agriculture Development Project (SADP) II, which is in its start-up phase; (ii) WAMPP, which is undergoing **has undergone midterm review**; and (iii) SADP I, which is in the process of closure.”