

2026 IIAG Scorecard - Lesotho

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/54	CHANGE 2016-2025
58.3	16 th	+1.9

TREND

Increasing Improvement	Bouncing Back	No Change
Slowing Improvement	Slowing Deterioration	Not Classified
Warning Signs	Increasing Deterioration	

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	58.1	15	+1.8
SECURITY & SAFETY	74.9	26	-2.2
Absence of Armed Conflict	100.0	1	0.0
Absence of Violence against Civilians	92.4	9	+8.0
Absence of Forced Migration	98.8	1	-1.0
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	73.3	5	-12.4
Absence of Crime	30.3	53	-3.7
Public Perception of Security & Safety	54.5	15	-4.3
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	64.2	8	+2.0
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	80.2	6	+7.3
Impartiality of the Judicial System	84.9	5	+30.3
Judicial Processes	81.7	2	+19.9
Equality before the Law	66.7	7	0.0
Law Enforcement	25.8	40	-33.7
Property Rights	83.0	4	+9.0
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	27.1	32	-18.6
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	47.4	16	+9.9
Institutional Checks & Balances	56.6	13	-5.8
Absence of Undue Influence	50.9	12	+14.8
Civic Checks & Balances	70.1	11	+23.8
Disclosure of Public Records	47.8	11	+31.1
Accessibility of Public Records	26.1	33	+6.2
Public Perception of Accountability	32.6	31	-10.9
ANTI-CORRUPTION	45.8	21	-2.4
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	45.5	15	-2.7
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	62.5	13	+8.2
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	41.4	23	-7.8
Public Procurement Procedures	25.0	30	+12.5
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	47.4	23	-3.2
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	53.2	16	-21.5

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	53.7	24	+1.7
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	58.8	24	-6.8
Civil Registration	100.0	1	+12.5
Capacity of the Statistical System	52.0	26	+7.2
Effective Administration	42.7	33	-10.1
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	79.0	4	-3.9
Budgetary & Financial Management	52.8	41	-9.7
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	26.2	30	-36.8
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	47.9	26	-3.0
Regional Integration	58.6	13	+1.0
Economic Diversification	71.5	14	-11.8
Business & Competition Regulations	48.8	35	+9.0
Access to Banking Services	35.8	14	+9.7
Labour Relations	35.4	39	-12.2
Secure Employment Opportunities	66.6	18	-0.9
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	18.8	31	-15.5
INFRASTRUCTURE	38.6	31	+5.5
Transport Network	16.8	38	+9.3
Access to Energy	54.6	16	+18.1
Mobile Communications	72.0	36	-4.5
Internet	26.9	42	+5.0
Shipping & Postal Network	21.8	40	+1.3
Public Perception of Infrastructure	39.7	22	+3.8
RURAL ECONOMY	69.6	18	+11.3
Rural Land & Water Access	82.3	7	-1.3
Rural Market Access	45.9	28	+11.6
Rural Economy Support	78.5	11	+32.9
Rural Representation & Participation	71.8	25	+2.1

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	64.1	10	+2.2
PARTICIPATION	64.3	10	+2.2
Freedom of Association & Assembly	50.0	11	0.0
Political Pluralism	74.5	4	+14.7
Civil Society Space	83.2	9	+4.4
Democratic Elections	74.8	5	+1.7
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	65.7	15	+1.8
Public Perception of Political Participation	37.4	32	-9.6
RIGHTS	63.4	15	+0.3
Personal Liberties	65.6	13	-1.9
Freedom of Expression & Belief	85.9	10	-0.6
Media Freedom	53.2	22	-6.3
Digital Freedom	77.7	10	-2.5
Protection against Discrimination	22.2	24	+11.1
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	75.8	14	+1.9
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	60.8	13	-3.2
Equal Political Power	57.4	9	-7.5
Equal Political Representation	58.0	12	+5.6
Equal Civil Liberties	63.0	22	-13.3
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	71.5	13	+0.4
Equal Access to Public Services	55.9	12	+5.2
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	59.1	16	-9.6
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	68.0	17	+9.8
Political Power & Representation of Women	60.1	14	-0.6
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	83.8	17	-1.3
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	56.9	22	-16.0
Access to Public Services for Women	50.2	21	+21.1
Laws on Violence against Women	100.0	1	+40.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	56.9	21	+15.2

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	57.1	18	+1.8
HEALTH	63.8	19	+2.2
Access to Healthcare	76.5	4	-1.0
Access to Water & Sanitation	49.3	28	+11.9
Control of Communicable Diseases	80.3	28	+3.1
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	72.2	24	-4.2
Child & Maternal Health	71.4	25	+1.6
Health Quality	32.1	33	+7.1
Public Perception of Health Provision	64.7	8	-3.0
EDUCATION	60.0	16	-0.3
Equality in Education	69.3	7	-9.2
Education Enrolment	24.9	35	-6.4
Education Completion	70.8	9	+10.9
Human Resources in Education	92.8	8	+12.6
Education Quality	41.5	29	-3.7
Public Perception of Education Provision	60.8	16	-5.7
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	51.5	27	+0.6
Social Safety	49.4	12	+14.3
Poverty Reduction Policies	49.4	24	+2.5
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	52.4	36	-1.1
Decent Housing	82.6	6	+11.1
Food Security	40.8	44	-14.0
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	34.3	27	-9.5
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	53.0	24	+4.4
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	53.2	31	+2.8
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	52.7	19	+5.0
Air Quality	31.9	41	+7.7
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	42.5	48	+6.7
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	84.9	1	0.0