



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
MBABANE (Eswatini)

PRESS RELEASE

Handing over of US\$ 200,000 towards second and final instalment of US\$ 400,000 for the Lubuyane Irrigation Project in the Hhohho Region of Eswatini

High Commissioner, Ms. Radha Venkataraman today handed over to H.E. Mr. Jabulani Mabuza, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Eswatini an amount of US\$ 200,000 towards the second and final instalment of US\$ 400,000 pledged by the Republic of India for the Lubuyane Irrigation Project in the Hhohho Region of Eswatini.

Hon'ble Shri Ram Nath Kovind, President of India, during his State visit to the Kingdom of Eswatini in April 2018, among many projects, announced India's assistance for the construction of Lubuyane Irrigation Project.

The first instalment of US\$ 200,000 was released in October 2019 after the award of work to the contractor selected through tendering process by the Government of Eswatini. Government of Eswatini has since confirmed completion of 60% of the project work and had requested for the release of the second and last instalment of US\$ 200,000.

The project is aimed at assisting numerous homesteads of Maphalaleni of Hhohho Region, move from subsistence to commercial level of farming through the provision of irrigation water.

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