

NUL Innovation Hub — Lesotho's Royal-Chartered University-to-Factory Pipeline

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Launched by King Letsie III in 2018 at the National University of Lesotho, the Innovation Hub incubates student businesses. In 2025 its Venture-Bridge initiative used a M12 million investment to open seven Lesotho-branded factories in Welkom, South Africa.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-28

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