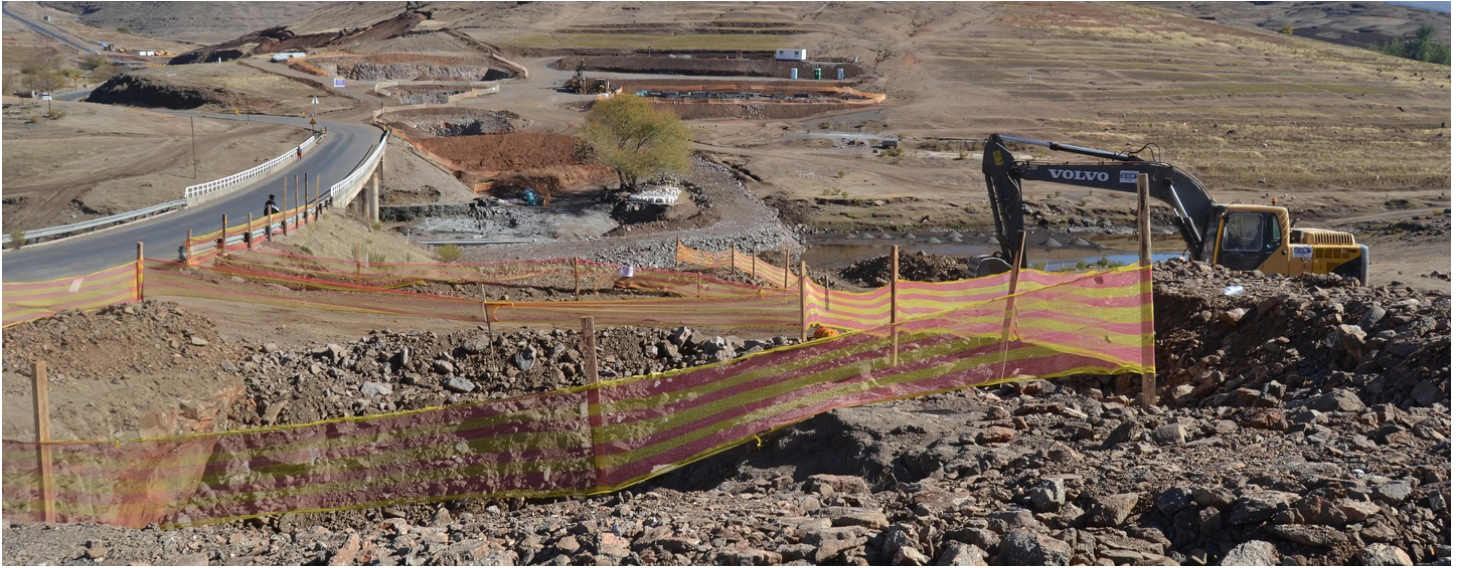


## Construction of New Bridges on A1



The landscape in Mokhotlong is undergoing a significant transformation as construction work on two new bridges, Khubelu and Mabunyaneng, gains momentum. These bridges are being built upstream of the existing ones along the A1 Road and will provide essential access to Mokhotlong town across the Polihali reservoir, even when it is at full capacity.

Construction commenced shortly after the contract was awarded in August 2023 and is scheduled for completion in October 2025. The project has already created jobs for over 85 unskilled labourers from communities within a 10km radius of the construction area. Once finished, the Khubelu, Mabunyaneng, and Senqu bridges will establish a crucial transportation link for Mokhotlong. They will enhance connectivity between Katse and Polihali, facilitating access for tourists traveling to Sani Top via the Polihali dam basin from Katse.



The construction is being carried out by the CONCOR-Nthane Brothers Joint Venture, a partnership between a South African and a Lesotho-based companies. Zutari, the firm that designed the three major bridges, including the Senqu bridge, is overseeing the construction.

The Khubelu Bridge will be the larger of the two, spanning approximately 270 meters, while the Mabunyaneng Bridge will be about 120 meters long. Both bridges will be 13.55 meters wide. These new bridges are crucial because the existing ones will be submerged by the Polihali reservoir, which is part of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project Phase II (LHWPII) infrastructure developments.