



# BASOTHO DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT

**ENHANCING COORDINATION AND STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL  
CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE WITH BASOTHO DIASPORA**




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# OVERVIEW

## Project Objective:

Government of Lesotho (GoL) will mobilize resources of the Basotho diaspora to contribute to development and poverty reduction in the country



# PROJECT OUTCOMES

1. Newly established Diaspora Directorate is to engage effectively with diaspora members
2. The GoL Diaspora representatives and key private sector actors demonstrate active participation and engagement during the diaspora outreach forum
3. The Lesotho National Diaspora Policy is in place
4. Diaspora members contribute to COVID-19 response

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Outcome 1
  - Coordination mechanism & operationalization of directorate
    - Steering committee
    - Technical committee
    - Directorate equipment

## Directorate Office Equipment Purchased

Quantity	Item
<b>Office Furniture</b>	
3	Office chairs
3	Office desks
1	Filing Cabinet
1	Four-seater couch
<b>Information Technology / Communication Equipment</b>	
3	Samsung A2 Core Mobile Phones
3	Laptops with software installed
3	Wireless 4G DLINK Modems
3	Transcend External Hard drive
<b>Office equipment</b>	
1	4-in-1 Color Printer
2	Heaters
2	Fans
<b>Office Supplies</b>	
5	Boxes of printing paper
10	Printer cartridges
<b>Office Signage</b>	
2	Pull-up banners

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Outcome 2
  - Capacity building
    - Training of stakeholders on diaspora engagement (20)
    - Training of Lesotho consulates staff in South Africa on diaspora engagement(11)
  - Diaspora forums
    - 3 forums (Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Durban) – 387 diaspora
    - Government's commitment – participation in forums
    - Diaspora mapping (558)

# ACHIEVEMENTS CONT'D

- Outcome 3
  - Diaspora policy validated by stakeholders including diaspora and adopted by cabinet
  - 100 copies of the policy printed

# ACHIEVEMENTS CONT'D

## Outcome 4

- Capacity
  - Training district health professionals on telemedicine (54)
  - COVID-19 risk communication material (IEC)
  - Training of diaspora on how:
    - to establish diaspora associations
    - Networking
    - Philanthropy
    - Fundraising



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