

THE KOPANO KE MATLA TOANTS'ONG
EA BOFUMA LESOTHO
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Network Background

Through the inspiration given by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Lesotho's local churches, non-governmental and community-based organisations have established the country network which shall encourage and promote genuine dialogue within the member organisations and communities they serve so that people can work together in analysing the root causes of poverty, identifying their common problems, and devising strategies to address them collectively.

The Joining Hands Against Hunger Network in Lesotho was established in June 2002, following a conference of some 18 organisations meeting in Mazenod, followed by a network formation meeting held in Maseru in the Lesotho Evangelical Church (Mother Union Hall).

The Network is registered as Kopano Ke Matla Toantšong ea Bofuma Lesotho (Network), a non-governmental organisation under the Society Act of 1966.

Vision:

To work towards the transformation of Lesotho into a nation where people have access to their fundamental human needs.

Mission

The Mission of the Network is to have a programme of action which is aimed at sensitising people through organisations about the challenges of poverty, ascertaining root causes of poverty, examining the allocation of resources in Lesotho and participating in poverty reduction initiatives.

Aims and Objectives:

The aims and objectives of the Network are:

- To act and serve as a link in building a partnership among the civil society movement.
- To facilitate and empower member organisations.
- To empower member organisation to advocate for human rights in the context of social justice.
- To promote the concept of social inclusion in policymaking as regards to poverty eradication and/or alleviation.

Activities:

Trainings on food security

Output:

The office held trainings in two of the mountainous districts, Qacha'snek and Mokhotlong, on existing government food security policies. In Mokhotlong the training was held in Ntlolohetsane Primary School on the 28th to 29th September. Forty members of organizations that form the District Network were represented at this Network training.

The report on the training held at Qacha'snek, held in early October, will be included in the 4th Quarter Report.