



NATIONAL COMMAND CENTRE

Progress report and situation analysis with CCL

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In a weekly briefing held at the National Emergency Command Centre in Maseru on 02 April 2020, the NECC, Government and the Christian Council of Lesotho (CCL) agreed to seek His Majesty King Letsie III to appeal to the nation with a word of wisdom as head of state.

The concern was raised following the trend of disregard and non-compliance of some people to the Lockdown regulations since its enactment on the 29th March 2020.

The CCL observed that Basotho are still not adhering to the social distancing and other recommended health precautions as advised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Health.

CCL further brought to attention the fact that fighting this pandemic in unity we will come out victorious under the Sesotho slogan “**#IPABALLE, BABALLA BA BANG**” meaning it is high time Basotho work in solidarity despite political, religious, life class and many more.

Furthermore, it pleaded for broadening scope of information dissemination since most Basotho are still living in darkness on the Corona Virus pandemic.

Although government has received some of the protective material during this time of pandemic, it further applaud all donors locally and internationally who donated sanitizers, gloves, test kits and nosebags.

Some contributed immensely with poster and flyers as part of the information, education communication and government still call on more support as it is important to fight the pandemic in a united front.

There is also a need to decentralise information dissemination to district, community councils and khotla level as this can reach most Basotho at community level.

Finally the Council of Churches urged the ministry of Health to provide facts and credible information as this could help during information dissemination.

The churches availed the use of churches for training and other facilities at their disposal, provision for psycho spiritual support at all levels where necessary.

Meanwhile, the Ministry indicates that there is still no cure for COVID-19, hence it is imperative that every citizen abide by all provided precaution during and after Lockdown.

This is for the reason that seven (7) suspect cases whose samples have been sent to the Republic of South Africa test results came back negative on Tuesday 01 April 2020 while the ministry awaits the results of the 2 suspects and 1 of deceased.

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