



**STATEMENT BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER, DR.
MOEKETSI MAJORO, ON THE OCCASION OF ARRIVAL OF CHINESE ANTI-
EPIDEMIC MEDICAL EXPERTS TO LESOTHO**

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I am excited to welcome to our country this team of ten medical doctors and experts who are here, beginning today, to assist us cope with the therapeutic aspects of the corona virus. This team of friends and caregivers, will work with our frontline doctors and other health experts in the next 10 days to share their experiences, knowledge and skills relevant for Lesotho to effectively respond to the pandemic. They will then proceed to the Republic of Angola which will be the 15th country in Africa to receive this kind of medical assistance from China.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of the People's Republic of China for responding to my request to field an anti-epidemic medical team to assist us contain the virus and save lives. The positive response by our Chinese friends is a symbol of a long standing relationship between our two countries. This coronavirus-specific assistance comes on top of China's deployment of 8 medical specialists at Motebang Hospital in Leribe to deal with specialized cases that require skills not presently available in the country. Lesotho is also appreciative of assistance by China in the areas of food security support, infrastructure development and digital technology.

The medical experts we are receiving today arrive at the time Lesotho is battling with Covid-19 and is yet to achieve epidemic control. Thus their assistance will be critical to refining our capacity to care for patients. They bring with them PPE and much needed equipment and testing consumables.

It is with these few words that I welcome the Chinese Covid-19 Team to the mountain Kingdom. Ten days will not be enough for you to enjoy the warm hospitality of our people, but I encourage you to take a day off to visit the mountains and to talk to a few of our people. That visit will open a small window into our hearts and we will appreciate it.

Thank you. Xié xié ni.