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PUO EA MOTLOTLEHI LETSIE III EA HO TŠOAEA  
LETSATSI LA MACHABA LA HIV LE AIDS KA LABOBELI  
LA LA 1 TŠITOE, 2020

MOHOO OA SELEMO SENA “BOIKOPANYO BA LEFAATŠE  
BOIKARABELLO BA BOHLE”

THEME: “GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY”



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**NTUMELLENG KE ISE HLOMPHO HO:**

**MOHLOMPHEHI TONA KHOLO,**

**MOOKAMELI OA NTLO EA MAHOSANA,**

**MOTSAMAISI OA LIPUISANO KA NTLONG EA**

**BAKHETHOA,**

**MOAHLOLI E MOHOLO,**

**MOHLOMPHEHI MOTLATSI OA TONA KHOLO,**

**BAHLOMPHEHI MATONA A KHABANE,**

**BAHLOMPHEHI LITHO TSA LEKHOTLA LA NAHA,**

**MOHLOMPHEHI MOETAPELE OA BOHANYETSI KA**

**NTLONG EA BAKHETHOA,**

**BAHLOMPHEHI BAAHLOLI BA BAHOLO,**



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**THEIR EXCELLENCIES HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION  
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS,**

**MARENA A SEHLOOHO,**

**LITHO TSA NTLO EA BAKHETHOA,**

**BARUTI BA MOSHOESHOE,**

**BO MME LE BO NTATE LE LONA BANA.**

LETSATSI LA KAJENO, LA PELE LA KHOELI EA TŠITOE, KE LETSATSI LE TŠOAUOENG KE MOKHATLO OA LINAHA TSE KOPANENG (UNITED NATIONS) E LE LETSATSI LA LEFATŠE LA SEHOPOTSO SA BOHLOKO BA AIDS. KE LETSATSI LEO KA LONA RE IKHOPOTSANG HORE RE NTSE RE LE NTOENG KHAHLANONG LE KHULUMOLUMO EA HIV/AIDS E BEHILENG SECHABA SA HABO RONA TLOKOTSING.

JOALO KA LILEMONG TSE FETILENG, RE NTSE KHOTHATSA BOHLE BA ANGOENG KE KOKOANA-HLOKO ENA LE BA PHELANG LE EONA. KA HO



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KHETHOLOHA, RE HOPOLA KA HLOMPHO BARATUOA BA RONA BAO MAPHELO A BONA A NKILOENG KE LEFU LENA.RE KOPELA MEEA EA BONA PHOMOLO E SA FELENG MOHAUNG OA MORENA MOLIMO.RE NTSE RE SA LEBALE HO KOPELA MALAPA A BONA MATŠELISO A KHETHEHILENG A TSOANG LEHOLIMONG.

**BASOTHO BA HESO,**

SELEMO SENA EBILE SE THATA HAHOLO. KA LEBAKA LA MATHATA A TLISITSOENG KE COVID-19, RE IPHUMANA RE TŠOAEA LETSATSI LENA KA MOKHOA ONA O SA TLOAELEHANG. HA HO POTANG HORE LEFU LENA LE RAHILE LEFATŠE MALING A MPA KA HO THEFULA MORUO OA LINAHA TSA LEFATŠE LE HO TIMETSA BOPHELO BA BATHO BA FETANG MILLIONE LEFATŠE KA BOPHARA. RE TLA HOPOLA HORE LIPALO TSENA LI KENYELLETSA LE BASOTHO BA FETANG MASHOME A MANE BA SENG BA TIMETSE HO FIHLA HAHA JOALE. RE TLALEHELOA HORE BASOTHO BA ATAMELANG LIKETE TSE PELI BA TŠOAE LITSOE KE KOKOANA-HLOKO ENA EA COVID 19, HA BA FETANG SEKETE BA FOLILE. KA MOKHOA O TŠOANANG RE KOPELA MEEA EA BARATUOA



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BAO BA RONA BA SENG BA FALLETSE LEFATŠENG LE KA KOANO, KA LEBAKA LA COVID-19, PHOMOLO E SA FELENG MOHAUNG OA MORENA MOLIMO; 'ME LE MALAPA A HABO BONA RE NTSE RE BA KOPELA MATŠELISO A NNETE

LEHA LEFU LENA LA COVID-19, LE ITŠEMME BORA SELEMONG SENA, EBILE LE AMME LITŠEBELETSO HAKAALO, HA REA TŠOANELA HO LEBALA HORE LITŠOAETSO TSA HIV/AIDS LI NTSE LI LE TENG LE HORE LI NTSE LI NYOLOHA. KA HONA, RE LOKELA HO LULA RE HOPOLA HORE NTOA EA RONA KHAHLANONG LE HIV/AIDS E TLAMEHA HO TSOELAPELE.

HARE TŠOAEA LETSATSI LENA LA MACHABA LA LEFU LA AIDS, RE LE TŠOAEA TLASA MOHOO OA SELEMO SENA O RENG: **“BOIKOPANYO BA LEFATŠE, BOIKARABELLO BA BOHLE”** (GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY). MOHOO ONA O RE HOPOTSA LE HO TIISA LIPOLELO LE LITSELA TSEO ESALE RE PHELA KA TSONA RE LE BASOTHO TSE KANG **“KOPANO KE MATLA”** LE **“LETŠOELE LE BETA POHO”**. LINAKONG TSENA TSE THATA, RE TLAMEHA HO PHELA MAELE



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ANA ELE KA NNETE, HAHOLO HA RE IPHUMANA RE LOANA LE LIRA TSE PELI TSEO KA BOBELI LI KANNANG TSA KOENYA SECHABA SA BASOTHO.

KA HONA, RE LOKELA HORE KAOFELA RE NKENG BOIKARABELLO, RE TŠOARANENG KA MATSOHO NTOENG ENA EA HO FELISA LEFU LA AIDS. HA REA TŠOANELA HO LEBALA BOITLAMO BA RONA BA HO FELISA MAFU A AMAHANNGOANG LE AIDS LE HO FELISA LITŠOAETSO TSE NCHA PELE HO SELEMO SA 2030.

**BO 'ME LE BO NTATE LE LONA BANA,**

KAJENO RE NCHAFALITSOA TŠEPO EA HORE HIV/AIDS RE TLA E HLOLA HA RE SEBETSA MMOHO. BOITLAMO BONA BO ENTSOENG KE BAETAPELE BA LITUMELO TSE FAPANENG, KA PELE HO SECHABA LE KA PELE HO MOLIMO, KE LETŠOAO LE BONTŠANG HORE RE TSELENG EA TLHOLO NTOENG ENA EA HIV/AIDS. KETSO ENA EA BALISA BA MEEA EA RONA E BONTŠA TSOTELLO LE POULELO EA BOPHELO BO



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BOTLE BA SECHABA SA MORENA MOLIMO. KE THOHOLETSA LE HO  
BABATSA KHATO ENA E NKILOENG KE BAETAPELE BANA BA LITUMELO  
TSE FAPANENG, EO RURI E BONTŠANG HORE RE SECHABA SE LE  
SENG TLASA MOLIMO A LEMONG.

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

WE COMMEMORATE THIS YEAR'S WORLD AIDS DAY AT A TIME THAT  
WE ARE STILL CONFRONTED BY ANOTHER PANDEMIC THAT HAS  
RAVAGED THE WORLD. WE ARE ALL WITNESSES TO THE FACT THAT  
THE GLOBAL ECONOMY HAS EXPERIENCED TREMENDOUS SHOCKS  
AS A RESULT OF COVID-19. LESOTHO BEING NO EXCEPTION HAS  
EQUALLY SUFFERED UNDER THE ROD OF THIS NOVEL PANDEMIC.  
WE MOURN THE MANY LIVES THAT HAVE AND CONTINUE TO BE  
TRAGICALLY LOST DUE TO THIS PANDEMIC.

COVID-19 HAS INVADED US WHILE WE ARE STILL BATTLING THE  
SCOURGE OF HIV/AIDS. AS WE COMMEMORATE THIS YEAR'S WORLD



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AIDS DAY, WE REMAIN ALIVE TO THE CHALLENGES THAT STILL LIE AHEAD IN OUR QUEST TO ERADICATE HIV/AIDS BY 2030. THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR THAT READS “**GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**” IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT OUR FOREFATHERS RELIED ON IN CREATING THE BASOTHO NATION. THE CHALLENGES POSED BY COVID-19 AND HIV/AIDS COMPELL ALL OF US TO JOIN FORCES AND WORK TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP AND SOLIDARITY. WE ALL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR LIVES AND OF THOSE THAT ARE CLOSE TO US. WE NEED TO CHANGE OUR BEHAVIOUR, WHERE SUCH CHANGE IS NEEDED, AND THOSE WITH HIV SHOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THEIR TREATMENT REGIMES BECAUSE THIS WILL ENABLE THEM TO LIVE HEALTHY, LONG AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

THE NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN THAT WAS INTRODUCED EARLIER IN THE YEAR OCCASIONED SOME UNFORESEEN DISRUPTIONS TO THE REGULAR SUPPLY OF ANTI-RETROVIRAL TREATMENT. FORTUNATELY, THE LAUNCH OF A MULTI-MONTH DISPENSING PROGRAMME OF ANTI-RETROVIRAL TREATMENT THAT WAS





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INTRODUCED A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE LOCKDOWN, HELPED TO SALVAGE A SITUATION THAT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BECOME DESPERATE.

**DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

TODAY WE HAVE WITNESSED DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS LEADERS MAKE A PLEDGE BEFORE GOD, AND THE NATION AT LARGE, TO BE AT THE FRONTLINE OF THE HIV/AIDS FIGHT. THIS IS A LAUDABLE STEP THAT FILLS US WITH HOPE AND OPTIMISM THAT THE BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT FROM ALL SIDES AND WE WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

ON BEHALF OF ALL BASOTHO I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS FOR THEIR UNRELETING SUPPORT TO OUR VARIOUS RESPONSES AGAINST THE HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC. IT IS ON THE BACK OF THIS KIND OF SUPPORT, THAT HER MAJESTY, IN HER LAUNCHING OF THE DISSEMINATION OF THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS ON THE SURVEY OF THE LESOTHO



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POPULATION BASED HIV IMPACT ASSESSMENT (LEPHIA 2020), WAS ABLE TO GIVE US THE ENCOURAGING NEWS THAT ON OUR 90:90:90 TARGETS, AMONG BASOTHO ADULTS WHO TESTED HIV-POSITIVE, 90 PERCENT OF THEM REPORTED THAT THEY KNOW THEIR STATUS, AMONG ADULTS WHO TESTED HIV POSITIVE, 97 PERCENT REPORTED THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY USING ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT, AND THOSE ADULTS WHO ARE ON TREATMENT 92 PERCENT OF THEM HAD VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION. MANY OF YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE HEARD OR KNOWN ABOUT THIS REMARKABLE PROGRESS, BUT I FEEL IT IS WORTH REPEATING BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS A MUCH NEEDED SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND IT CONSTITUTES A SHINING PROVERBIAL LIGHT AT THE END OF A LONG AND DARK TUNNEL. IT IS EVIDENT, THEREFORE, THAT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR GENEROUS AND LOYAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS WE WOULD SURELY BE IN DIRE STRAITS.

**SECHABA SA HESO,**



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HA KE PHETHELA POLELO EAKA, KE RATA HO LEBOHA BOHLE BA KENTSENG LETSOHO LITLHOPHISONG TSA SEHOPOTSO SA SELEMO SENA. KE BOETSE KE LEBOHA BOHLE BA NTSING BA TSOELAPELE KA BOIKITLAETSO BA BONA KA MEKHOA E MENGATA NTOENG ENA. KE LEBOHA KA MOKHOA O KHETHEHILENG BAHLANKA BA BOPHELO LITSING TSA BOPHELO LE METSENG MOO BA SEBETSANG KA BOITELO TLHOKOMELONG EA BAKULI.

HO LONA BACHA BA RONA, BAETAPELE BA RONA BA KA MOSO, ITLHOKOMELENG LE HO IPABALLA. QOBANG HO BEHA BOPHELO BA LONA TSIETSING KA HO IPEHA KOTSING EA TŠOAETSO. KHABANG KA BOCHA BA LONA FEELA LE ETSE JOALO KA BOIKARABELLO. MORENA MOLIMO O LE FILE MPHO EA BOPHELO KA LERATO, KA HONA LE LOKELA HO BABALLA BOPHELO BA LONA.

HA RE IPABALLENG BOHLE HAHOLO NAKONG ENA EA MAFELO A SELEMO.

MOLIMO O BOLOKE LESOTHO LE BASOTHO.

**KHOTSO!! PULA!! NALA!!!**