

Lele Makafane's life has finally changed

Before Habitat for Humanity Lesotho's intervention, the Makafane family lived in a dilapidated one roomed thatched roundavel which was poorly ventilated because the supposed windows were covered with wood. The door did not lock properly, creating an insecure environment for the family hence they feared house breakings. Due to poor roofing their house leaked whenever it rained.

The family did not have access to sanitation facilities, as a result they resorted to open space and bushes nearby. Although Lele has a wheelchair to move around, she prefers to crawl on all fours especially around the family yard. She said it is very difficult for her to push the wheelchair on a muddy road during rainy seasons.

The community of Ha-Makafane, the area chief and counsellor in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Lesotho identified this family as one of the households to be fully subsidized with a two roomed home and a ventilated pit latrine. The construction began in March 2017



in partnership with the Canadian Global Village (GV) team of 13 volunteers. Lele is living happily with her family in her new Habitat home. During our visit, she could not hide her smile when she saw the Habitat van approaching her new home. In her own words, Lele said, *"I am very happy and my children are happy too now that we have our own home with spacious rooms"*. She went on to thank the Canadian GV team that was building side by side with her

family in March 2017 and God for selecting her family to be the Habitat homeowner.

To make ends meet, Lele and her family survive on M750.00 cash grant she receives from the Ministry of Social Development every three months. Lele has a sewing machine given to her by a good Samaritan in 1998 but she said she has forgotten how to use it. She wishes that someone can give her a crash course that will jog up her memory. Generally, Lele enjoys handwork and in her spare time, she crochets hats, scarfs, and many others and sells in her community to supplement the grant.

Lele and her children are excited about their new house and very thankful to everyone who has contributed towards making their lives better. The transformational change experienced by this family and many others remains immeasurable. Thank you for making a great difference in the lives of those in need of a secure decent place to call home.



