



Habitat
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Lesotho

FY18 Winter Issue



Every child
deserves stability...



National Director's Remarks

As we reach the end of our five (5) year strategic plan (FY13/14 – FY17/18), Habitat for Humanity Lesotho has shown remarkable impact in changing the vulnerable groups' lives through housing interventions.

Habitat Lesotho adopted the “everyone approach” which has afforded us prospects of making the need for and benefits of affordable, decent and safe shelter significant for all. We therefore, acknowledge that the needs, dreams of families in need of shelter are not different from our own, hence we can empower them through shelter.

We also, recognise and appreciate the financial support we received from our tithe partners, local corporates (Standard Lesotho Bank and LEC) and international Foundations (Foster and Sanders)

and global village teams we hosted from USA, The Netherlands and Canada which has enabled Habitat Lesotho reach more vulnerable communities through different housing interventions. For instance, during the past financial year (FY18), fifty (50) households have a decent place to live. We have also served over 400 families through sanitation solutions, minor house repairs and energy saving stoves through our work. Additionally, in partnership with LESANA under the Housing Support Services program, over 200 Basotho have accessed small and incremental loans for their home improvements. Although we had limited resources, Habitat Lesotho team managed to exceed set targets through immense dedication and innovative creativity coupled with effective collaborations, robust teamwork as well as the unfailing support from Habitat Lesotho Board of Directors.

The partnerships we formed with and support we received from the media, our tithe affiliates, international and local organisations, local and international volunteers, and most importantly, the families we built with as well as their communities have contributed tremendously to the success of our work. We look forward to receiving more support that will enable us reach more families in our next financial year (FY19).

On behalf of Habitat Lesotho, I wish to convey our most profound gratitude for your generous contributions, time, skills, expertise and many more. Together we can successfully bring people together to build more homes, communities and hope. May God continue to bless you all.

'Mathabo Makuta

Our performance during FY18

Targets

Deliverables

Results

50

Construction of Two-roomed homes

50

800

Home maintenance and basic hygiene trainings

829

400

Energy saving stoves, VIP toilets and minor house repairs

401

180

HSS # of home loans accessed for home improvements

231

180

Volunteers engaged

190

3 500

Volunteer Hours

3 465

With your help we changed lives by building strength, stability, and self reliance ...

With the support from Foster and Linden Root Dickison (Sander) foundations, Standard Lesotho Bank, Global Village teams and our USA title affiliates fifty (50) families' lives were improved through shelter. These families from different communities in Lesotho have a safe place to call home which came with a ventilated improved pit latrine under the vulnerable group housing program. A further 50 households benefitted from an initiative sponsored by Lesotho Electricity Company to build fuels saving stoves.



A secure brighter future for 'Makhali Pooe and her family

'Makhali's parents first noticed her disability when she was about six months old which was later confirmed at a local clinic to be muscle atrophy in her legs. Nonetheless, 'Makhali's parents dedicated much of their lives to give their daughter a normal life. Her father proudly shared that his daughter is currently in her last year of secondary school (grade 10) at Motsekuoa High School, Maseru. 'Makhali has gone up against many challenges but her parent's strong support system and encouragement together with her sheer determination to succeed will see her through to further her studies in journalism which she aspires.

The family survives on a M750.00 (approximately \$57) disability grant 'Makhali receives every quarterly from the Government of Lesotho through the Ministry of Social Development. Both 'Makhali's parents are unemployed as well as her brother, Sebati, 24. Any additional income the family earns is from the

odd jobs father, Jeremiah and brother, Sebati work every now and again.

In 2007 the Poee family home collapsed tragically leaving everyone unharmed luckily. Jeremiah says the house collapsed as a result of being built on an in-fill and the poor type of soil used was also a large contributing factor leaving massive cracks on the walls. All four family members were left destitute living in a single-room house after the collapse near the rubble that was once their home until Habitat's intervention.

"I used to worry a lot before the new house, particularly during the bad weather seasons. My constant fear was, what if the house collapses right over us while we sleep? Those worries and sleepless nights are all history now since moving into our new home built for us by Habitat. We are a lot more relaxed and ready for the future" – 'Makhali Pooe

'Makhali and her father, Jeremia



FY18 Highlights and Milestones

2nd February 2018



Thirty volunteers from different districts in Lesotho were mobilized to participate in a Youth Build to commemorate 2018 World Habitat Day in Koro-koro Ha-Mahlelebe village. The team built 2 homes in partnership with Khomonala and Tlali families. Youth from the community also took part in this initiative.

8th May 2018



Habitat for Humanity Lesotho held a breakfast at Lancers Inn, Maseru to engage top executives from leading corporate organizations to understand the challenge of shelter in the country, particularly amongst the vulnerable groups. Existing solutions to the challenge through Habitat Lesotho programs were also discussed. Honourable Minister Habofanoeh Lehana, was the guest speaker.

24th April 2018



Standard Lesotho Bank donated M400,000.00 as part of their contribution to reduce poverty housing through construction of six 2-roomed houses with six ventilated improved pit latrines and provision of six African Clean Energy (ACE) stoves for six vulnerable households over a period of three years.

27th June 2018



Habitat Lesotho held a dissemination workshop at Avani Maseru. The workshop hosted the presentation of a draft report on research to assess the status of Women's land and property rights in Lesotho. The aim of the work was to generate a baseline, assess our status as a country and provide a framework for advocacy work on women's land rights in the country, which in turn, will inform policy change/s.

27th April 2018



AfriSam Lesotho Staff during a construction safety briefing led by Habitat Lesotho building supervisor at Ha-Thite village. AfriSam Lesotho supported 'Manko Thite's home construction

25th June 2018



Pictured from left: Habitat Lesotho National Director, Mathabo Makuta with Standard Lesotho Bank CEO, Mpho Vumbukani and Masilo Thulo Maphathe (Homeowner) with Honourable Minister of Social Development, 'Matebatso Doti during home hand-over ceremony at Vukazenzele village.

5th May 2018



Construction of Masilo Thulo Maphathe's home at Vukazenzele village was the first of six homes sponsored by Standard Lesotho Bank for the next 3 years. Habitat Lesotho building supervisor demonstrating to Standard Lesotho Bank staff during the bank@work initiative.



FY18 Global Village Events

5 GV teams made up of 78 volunteers were hosted from USA, Canada and The Netherlands. In August 2017 and March 2018 two teams of 11 and 7 from USA built with *'Masebolele Selai* and *Bakoena Mohlakaso* respectively. In October, 2017 the Netherlands team of 31 volunteers built two homes alongside *Neo Bolae* and *Mosiuo* *Makibitlane*. Two teams of 14 and 15 volunteers from Canada built with *Mohloua Likalele* (in October 2017) and *Palesa Sekome* (in April 2018).





FY18 Global Village Events Cont...



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*“...Habitat for Humanity Lesotho needs your financial support, your voice and your time.
...Together we can successfully help build homes, communities and hope.”*

- ◆ African Clean Energy
- ◆ AfriSam Lesotho
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- ◆ Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury
- ◆ LESANA Financial Services
- ◆ Lesotho Electricity Company
- ◆ Lesotho Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
- ◆ Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship Affairs
- ◆ Ministry of Social Development
- ◆ Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- ◆ Linden Root Dickinson (Sanders) Foundation
- ◆ Standard Lesotho Bank
- ◆ World Vision Lesotho

We wish to acknowledge the contributions Media has played in our work as our advocates, in particular, LENA and TV Lesotho, radio stations such as Harvest FM, People's Choice FM, Sublime Radio, Radio Maria, Radio Lesotho, Jesu-ke-Karabo and Mafeteng Community Radio. Newspapers such as, Public Eye, Lesotho Times, Informative, The Post, The Nation, Newsday, Lentsoe la Sechaba and Sunday Express, during FY18 (1st July 2017 — 30th June, 2018)

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