



Gender Links Lesotho (GLL) was registered on 1 February 2011. The office works with 50 councils across the country (about two thirds of the councils in Lesotho) as part of its COE programme. In 2018 GLL:

- Compiled a gender and elections report for the 2017 local government elections accompanied by a policy brief on Gender and Elections in Lesotho.
- Conducted gender and elections training for parliamentarians, including use of social media, through a partnership with UNFPA.
- Worked with 10 councils on the Sunrise Campaign. These provide training on entrepreneurship and life skills for 136 survivors of GBV through the funding provided by Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).
- Piloted "Nokaneng-Breaking the silence" app to promote awareness on GBV through digital solutions in Lesotho in twelve COE councils in the three districts of Mafeteng, Mofale's Hoek and Thaba Tseka. The project is a partnership with Participatory Initiative for Social Accountability (PISA) and Main level Consulting (as digital partner). The purpose of the application is to raise awareness on GBV; share information on rights, and support services. The application also has an emergency alert system for reporting GBV. The smart phone application was officially launched by the Minister of Gender, Youth, Sports and Recreation, Mahali Phamotse. The smart phone application can be accessed by all Lesotho users on Google play store on all android-enabled devices.

- Supported the Alliance network meeting to strengthen SRHR National Alliance cluster and to prioritise the three areas of focus for the SRHR campaigns namely; Menstrual health, Child marriages and Abortion.
- Trained ten COE councils on SRHR and drew Action Plans that will be implemented in partnership with youth and local clinics.
- Organised community dramas on SRHR and GLL supported those councils to carry out such campaigns during Sixteen days of Activism against violence on women and children.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Score card shows that:

- 40% women in local government.
- 59% women in council management in COE.
- 43% women chairing committees in COEs.
- 34% women allocated land by COEs.
- To date, 295 case studies have been collected during Lesotho SADC Protocol @Work summits.



Participants during the GBV App training Mafeteng Lesotho. Photo: Ntolo Lekau



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