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Gender Links Lesotho (GLL) was registered on 1 February 2011. In 2021, Gender Links Lesotho:

- Held 83 events and reached 2485 people, 1474 women, 990 men and 21 gender non-conforming persons.
- Had two annual meetings for the members of the Women in Local Government Forum (WLGF), Young Women in Local Government (YWLG) and Women in Local Economic Development (WLED).
- Supported members of the WLED and YWLG through the provision of mentorship.
- Conducted the WLGF district consultations to increase the number of women in the 2022 Local Government elections.
- Rolled out YWLG led service delivery campaigns through radio talk shows and social media.
- Organised two mini exhibitions for WLED members to help them to increase sales and enter new markets.
- Held the Project Dissemination Summit and Evaluation for the members of the WLGF, YWLG and WLED members.
- Facilitated the participation of the members of the WLGF, YWLG and WLED in regional dialogues on Community of Practice to share their experiences in running the networks.
- Held capacity building workshops for local councils in prevention of violence against women and girls in 10 councils.
- Trained 74 women survivors of GBV on life and entrepreneurship skills in the five councils of Manka council, Mohlakeng council, Phuthiatsana council, Qacha's Nek Urban council and Seate council.
- Held community dialogues on gender transformative social norms in four councils namely Manka Council, Mokhotlong Urban council, Phuthiatsana council and Seate council.
- Provided training for 40 men in Mokhotlong and Quthing under the husband



Mini trade show for Sunrise entrepreneurs at the Masia Shopping Centre.
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school to reduce gender-based violence in Lesotho.

- Reviewed the data collection tools for the Lesotho Mounted Police Services (LMPS) to include gender based violence in police data.
- Produced a simplified Gender and Gender Based Violence laws booklet and disseminated this with principal chiefs and local chiefs in Mokhotlong and Quthing Districts.
- Assisted the Alliance network to hold the country level meetings and to develop campaigns on Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Rights, Child Marriages and Safe Abortion and launching of the 2021 #VoiceandChoice Barometer.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Scorecard based on the data for 47 councils show that:

- **Representation of women** in local councils in Lesotho is 41% and 6% in political leadership positions.
- **Employment of women** in councils is 50%.
- **Women in council management** constitute 58%.
- **Land:** 41% is allocated to women for various uses in the councils.
- **Disability facilities:** 57% of councils have facilities that cater for people with disabilities. As a key provider of services to citizens at local level, this area requires attention.