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LETHATHAMO LA MANTSOE A KHUTSUFALITSOENG

AA	African Ark
ABC	All Basotho Convention
ABV	Alliance of All Basotho Victims
AD	Alliance of Democrats
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AU	African Union
BAP	Basotho Action Party
BCM	Basotho Covenant Movement
BCP	Basotho Congress Party
BDNP	Basotho Democratic National Party
BDRP	Broadcasting Disputes Resolution Panel

BEE	Basotho Economic Enrichment
BNP	Basotho National Party
BPP	Basotho Patriotic Party
BTLC	Basotholand Total Liberation Congress
CCL	Christian Council of Lesotho
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DC	Democratic Congress
DPA	Development Party for All
DPL	Democratic Party of Lesotho
EA	Electoral Act
EISA	Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa
EMB	Election Management Body
EOM	Election Observation Mission
EU	European Union
FPTP	First-Past-The-Post
HOPE	Mphatlalatsane (Sesotho word for hope)
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ID	Identification Document
IEC	Independent Electoral Commission
LCA	Lesotho Communications Authority
LCD	Lesotho Congress for Democracy
LCN	Lesotho Council of NGOs
LDF	Lesotho Defence Force
LENA	Lesotho News Agency
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
LMPS	Lesotho Mounted Police Service
LNBS	Lesotho National Broadcasting Services
LNFD	Lesotho National Federation of the Disabled
LPC	Lesotho People's Congress
LSL	Lesotho Loti (currency)
LTO	Long-Term Observer
LTV	Lesotho Television
MEC	Movement for Economic Change
MFP	Marema-tlou Freedom Party
MISA	Media Institute of Southern Africa
MMP	Mixed Member Proportional
MoHA	Ministry of Home Affairs
NA	National Assembly
NFD	National Federation of Disabled
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIP	National Independent Party

NRA	National Reform Authority
NSS	National Security Service
PEMMO	Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation in the SADC Region
PFD	Popular Front for Democracy
PM	Prime Minister
PR	Proportional Representation
PS	Polling Station
RAD	Revolutionary Alliance for Democracy
RCL	Reformed Congress of Lesotho
RFP	Revolution for Prosperity
SACU	Southern African Customs Union
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SR	Socialist Revolutionaries Party
STO	Short-Term Observer
TEB	TšEPO EA BASOTHO
TRC	Transformation Resource Centre
UFC	United for Change
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Committee
YES	Yearn for Economic Stability
YONA	Your Opportunity & Network Alliance

I. KAKARETSO EA LITABA

Ka la 7 Mphalane 2022, naha ea Lesotho e ile ea ts'oara likhetho tsa boleshome le motso o mong ho khetha litho tse 120 tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) e ile ea tsamaisa likhetho ka tsela e hlphisitsoeng hantle. Le ha tlhophisetso ea likhetho e ile ea angoa ke liqholotso tsa ho se hlake hoa melao e amanang le tsamaiso ea likhetho le tlhokahalo ea lichelete; ho ile hoa ameha ka kotloloho ngoliso ea bakhethi le ts'ebetso ea thuto ka likhetho. Le hoja litokelo tsa mantlha li ne li hlompiloe, bophatlalasi bo ne bo khinnoe ke khaello ea lisebelisoa, ho kenakenana le ho ikemela hoa bophatlalatsi 'moho le molao o sa ipapiseng ka kotloloho le boitlamo ba Lesotho lilekaneng tsa machaba le tsa tikoloho mabape le likhetho. Boholo ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki e ile ea qothisana lehlokoa ka khotso le ha mabala a ne a sa batalla ka lebaka la tlhokahalo ea tsamaiso ts'ebelisoeng ea lichelete tsa boiketi ka hona ho sena ponaletso. Ho khethile feela bakhethi ba 37.7 karolong ea leholo likhethong tsena 'me ke palo e nyane ka ho fetisisa esale Lesotho le fumana boipuso. Tse ling tsa litaba tsa mantlha tse ntseng li tlameha ho sebetsoa ke ho matlafatsa boemeli ba basali likhethong, ho fihleleha hoa lits'ebeletso bakeng sa batho ba phelang le bokooa, 'moho le ho thehoa hoa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho e sebetsang.

Litulong tse 120 tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa, tse 80 ho khethoa baiketi ba mabatoa ka mokhoa oa Masiea-Sieane (FPTP), tse 40 ke tsa mats'eliso 'me li khethoa ka mokhoa oa Khekhethane (PR). Mekheng le makhotleng a lipolotiki a 65 a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC), e 56 e ile ea iketela likhetho ha baiketi ba ikemetseng bona ba ne ba le 23. Baiketi ba mantlha e ne e le mekha le makhotla a neng a thehile 'muso o tsoang litulong, 'me puso ena ea kopanelo e ne e thehiloe ke All Basotho Convention (ABC) le Democratic Congress (DC) ha 'moho le mekha le makhotla a supileng a manyane, a akhang Movement for Economic Change (MEC) le mokha o ileng oa ka oa theha puso mehleng oa, Basotho National Party (BNP). Ka lehlakoreng la bohanyetsi teng hara e meng e ne e le Alliance of Democrats (AD) le Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD) e kileng ea nka puso mehleng. Ho thehoa hoa mokha o mocha oa Revolution for Prosperity (RFP) ka Hlakubele 2022 ke rakhoeb o morui, ho ile hoa tlisa ts'isinyeho selika-likoeng sa lipolotiki 'me hoa etsa mabala a sa batallang ka ho lekana likhethong.

Lesotho le ikamahanya le litumellano tsa mantlha tsa machaba le tikoloho mabapi le Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho. Moralo oa molao o akaretsang Molao-theo oa 1993 le Molao oa Likhetho oa selemo sa 2011 o ntse o fetoha ho tloha likhethong tsa selemo sa 2017. Molao-theo oa Lesotho ona le lipehelo tse khahlanong le khethollo ebile li sireletsa Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho, lipehelo tsena li akaretsa ho netefatsa bolokolohi ba ho hlahisa maikutlo, hoba karolo ea boikopanyo le tokelo ea ho khobokana. Paramente ea Lesotho e ntse e eso kenye ts'ebetsong e meng ea melao e netefatsang ho ikobela tse ling tsa lipehelo tsena e le mohato oa ho sireletsa Litokelo tsa Mantlha le bolokolohi. Paramente e fetileng e ile ea sitoa ho qeta ts'ebetso ea nako e telele ea tlhopho-bocha ea melao e neng e tataisoa ke Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse ka Boroa ho Africa (SADC), ebile e ts'ehetsoa ka lichelete ke Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU). Ka ntle ho lipehelo tsena tsa Molao-theo, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho e sebetsang e ntse e eso thehoe.

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Ho se hlake litabeng tsa Molao o tsamaisang likhetho libeke tse fokolang pele ho letsatsi la likhetho ho ile hoa qholotsa Komisi e ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC), mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, baiketi ‘moho le bakhethi, empa le ha ho le joalo Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea atleha ho etsa ts’ebetso eohle e amanang le likhetho ho latela alemanaka ea eona ea likhetho le hoja ho ne ho boetse ho ena le khahello ea lichelete. Bots’ephehi ho Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) bo ile ba angoa ke phatlatso ea sephetho sa kabo ea litulo tsa Khekhethane tse kopantsoeng hampe, empa le ha ho le joalo ts’ebetso ea batsamaisi ba likhetho boemong ba mabatooa le setereke e ne ele ntle ka kakaretso, ‘me basebetsi ba ne ba ikitlaellelitse mosebetsi ba sa natse maemo a thata.

Ngoliso ea bakhethi e teng ebile e tlama motho e mong le e mong, ke boikarabello ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho bokella le ho boloka lenane la bakhethi. Ho nepahala hoa lenane la bakhethi ho ile hoa thokola maikutlo a bakhethi ba ileng ba bontsha liphoso lenaneng la bakhethi, liphoso tsena li ne li akaretsa hara tse ling mabitso a bafu lenaneng la bakhethi ‘moho le liphoso tse ling tse amanang le lenane la bakhethi. Ho fetoha hoa matooa ka nako e fokolang mabatoong a 20 a sehiloeng ho ile hoa tlisa liqholotso ho bakhethi bao mabatooa a bona le litsi tsa khethelo li fetohileng. Bolebelli ba Likhetho ba Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU EOM) bo ile ba bapisa lipalo-palo lenaneng la bakhethi la 2022 le lipalo-palo tsa palo ea sechaba ea 2016 e entsoeng ke Lefapha la Lipalo-palo la naha ea Lesotho (Lesotho Bureau of Statistics), ‘moho le lipalo tsa Lefapha la Ngoliso ea Sechaba Lekaleng la tsa Lehale, se tllileng tlhokomelong ea Bolebelli ke hore bakhethi ba lilemong tse lipakeng tsa 18 le 29 ha ba na boemeli bo bongata papisong le likarolo tse ling tsa bakhethi.

Nako ea ts’ebetso ea thuto ea bakhethi e ile ea fokotsoa ho nako e neng e reriloe sethathong ea likhoeli tse tharo ho ea ho libeke tse tharo ka lebaka la ho haella hoa lichelete. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea sebetsa le Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e 16 thutong ea bakhethi, empa ho fapana le ts’ebetso ea linako tse fetileng, Mekhatlo ena ea Sechaba (CSOs) e neng e sebetsa le Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) ha se e nang le boiphihlelo ba ho hlapants’etsoa ho lebelo la likhetho. Boholo ba batho ba amehang ts’ebetsong ea likhetho bo bone thuto ea bakhethi e ne e fokola ebile esa iphihlela.

Nakong ea boiketi le ts’ebetso ea likhetho, litokelo tsa mantlha tsa bolokolohi, hoba karolo ea boikopanyo le ho khobokana li ne li hlomphehile, boiketi ba likhetho bo ne bo ena le khotso ‘me bo ne bo khutsitse ka maluting ha ts’esinyeho e ngata e ne e le litoropong mabalane, haholo-holo bekeng ea ho qetela pele ho letsatsi la likhetho. Ho se lekane hoa lichelete tsa boiketi makhotleng le mekheng ea lipolotiki kaho fapana ho ile hoa etsa mabala a sa batallang lipakentsa mekha, makhotla le baiketi. Bolebelli ba (EU EOM) bo etse hloko phapang e neng e bonahala lipakeng tsa mekha le makhotla a maholo a nang le bolateli bo bongata le a nang le bofuma ba lisebelisoa.

Molao oa Lesotho ha ona lipehelo tsa lichelete tsa ho iketa le ts’ebeliso ea tsona, empa litlatsetso tsa tse ka holimo ho M200,000 (EUR 11,500) li tlameha ho tlalehoa ho lekalana la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho le ikarabellang licheleteng, le ha ho le joalo litlatsetso tse hlahang ka ntle ho naha ha li fatisisoe ke sechaba. Khehello ea lichelete le lisebelisoa li ile tsa khina matla a Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) bophethahatsing ba ts’ebetso ea eona ea ho ba tlhoeli ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ts’ebelisoeng ea lichelete. Matla ana a kenyeletsa matla a ho etsa lipatlisiso,

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ho ts'oara kappa ho khina lipokello tsa lichelete tsa mekha le makhotla a belaeloang a lipolotiki a libankeng, le hona ho fatisisa babelaeloa. Bofokoli bona ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho mosebetsing oa eona oa ho fatisisa le ho batlisisa ka ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tsa ho iketa, bo bakile hore Komisi e sitoe ho tseba boholo ba litlatsetso tsa lichelete tse etselitsoeng mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki.

Ka lebaka la khahlamelo leho kena-kenana le bolokolohi ba bophatlalatsi ba lia-lemoea tse ikemetseng, khaso ea boiketi ene e ena le ts'ekamelohi, sena se khahlanong le molao oa bophatlalatsi o totobatsang hore matlo ohle a khaso, a ikemetseng le a 'muso, a hase litaba tse senang t'sekamelohi ebile li sa nke lehlakore, leha ho le joalo, Setsi sa Taolo ea Khaso Bophatlalatsi Lesotho (Communications Authority) (LCA) ha le eaka la nka khato khahlanong le khatikelo tse joalo tsa molao oa bophatlalatsi. Setsi sa Naha sa Khaso le Bophatlalatsi Lesotho National Broadcasting Services (LNBS) ha se ea ikemela kaha ke karolo ea Lekala la 'Muso la Likhokahano (Ministry of Communications), empa le ha ho le joalo Sea-le-moea-pono sa Lesotho (LTV) se ile sa fan aka khaso e sa lefelloeng ea boiketi ba mekha le makhotla a fapaneng a lipolotiki e batlang e lekana le hoja e saka ka fan aka monyetla ona ho baiketi ba ikemetseng.

Ka lebaka la hore bophatlalatsi ba likoranta 'moho le Setsi sa Naha sa Khaso le Bophatlalatsi (LNBS) bo ne bo sa hase litaba tsa morao-rao mabapi le lietsahala tsa lipolotiki marang-rang, sechaba se ne se qetella se ts'epela ho mabota a maselinyana a litaba ka marang-rang a sa hlapanyetsoang, sena se ne se bonahala se etsoa haholo-holo ke moloko o mocha. Bolebelli ba likhetho ba EU EOM bo ile ba hlahloba bophatlalatsi ba maqephe a 41 a marang-rang a Facebook a sa hlapanyetsoang, 'me ba lemoha hore maqephe ana a marang-rang a phatlalatsa litaba tse sa netefatsoang, tseo ka linako tse ling li neng li lahla sechaba. Tlhokahalo ea methati ea ho netefatsa litaba e ile ea akofisa ho ata hoa litaba tse senang bonnete marang-rang.

Boemeli ba basali ka hare ho Ntlo ea Bakhethoa (National Assembly) bo bonahetse bo eketsehile, 'me lipalo tsa bona li fihlela linoko tse 26 lekholong. Ho eketseha hona hoa boemeli ba basali ho banahala ho akufisitsoe haholo-holo ke ts'ebeliso ea leano la "zebra" (zip) le tlamang mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho thonya banna le basali ka tlhahlamano mananeng a khekhehane, ele hona ho atisa palo ea basali ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa. Ke lekhetlo la pele mosali a thonngoa hore e be Motlatsi oa Tona-Kholo.

Mokhoa oa tharollo ea litletlebo tsa likhetho o akaretse ka ho pharalla litaba tsohle tse amanang le likhetho, empa le ha ho le joalo, o ntse o hloka lipehelo tse hlakileng tsa molao mabapi le linako tse behiloeng, mokhoa oa ho khetha litho tsa lekhotlana la lipatlisiso mabapi le likhetho 'moho le mokhahlelo oa bobeli oa litharollo. Ka lebaka lena, mokhoa ona oa tharollo ea litletlebo o ne o hloka ponaletso bophethahatsing ba ona ho ipapisitsoe le linako tse beiloeng.

Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo ile ba lebela likhetho mabatoeng a 80 a litereke tse 10 tsa naha ea Lesotho. Letsatsi la likhetho le ne le hlophiloe 'me likhetho tsa tsamaisoa tlasa maemo a khotso, ho buloa hoa litsi tsa khetho le ho khetha ho tsamaisitsoe ka botsebi bo khetheileng ba basebetsi ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho. Ts'ebetso ea ho bala sephetho e bonahetse e nepahetse leha ho

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bile le liphoso tse fokolang tse sa kang tsa tlisa phetoho sephethong. Thathamiso ea manane a sephetho e ile ea etsoa ka matsoho boemong ba mabatooa. EU EOM e lebetse litsi tsa khethelo tse 302 ka kakaretso, moo ho bonahetseng baemeli ba mekha le makhotla ‘moho le baemeli ba baiketi ba le teng ka linoko tse 89 lekholong, bolebelli bo etelletsoeng pele ke Basotho bo bonahetse ka karolo ea 15 lekholong.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) e ile ea phatlalatsa sephetho ea likhetho ho tloha ka la 8 ho isa ka la 10 Mphalane. Mokha oa RFP o ile oa hapa bongata ka litulo tse 56, ‘me Revolution For Prosperity (RFP), Movement for Economic Change ‘moho le Alliance of Democrats li ile tsa phatlalatsa morero oa ho kopanela Puso ka la 11 Mphalane. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) e ile ea kenya kopo e potlakileng Lekhotleng le Phahameng libeke tse peli ka mora letsatsi la likhetho, e kopa kabo-bocha ea litulo tse ‘ne (4) tsa khekhehane tse phatlalalitsoeng Semolao. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) e bonts’itse ha kabo-bocha ena e le tlhokahalo ka ha e hlokometse liphoso tseo e li entseng nakong eo e neng e kopanya lipalo tsa litulo tsa Khekhethane (PR) tseo e seng e li abile.

Likhothaletso tsa Mantlha

Bolebelli ba Likhetho ba Linaha tse ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU EOM) bo entse likhothaletso tse 21 molemong oa ho ntlafatsa tsela eo likhetho li hlophisoang le ho tsamaisoa ka teng naheng ea Lesotho. Likhothaletso tsena li akarelletsa likhothaletso tse supileng (7) tsa mantlha:

- Ho kenngoe ts’ebetsong thuto ea bakhethi ho se khefu ka mokhoa o matla, ho akaretsoe litsi tsa thuto, ‘me le mats’olo a thuto ea bakhethi a etsoe ka nako marang-rang le ka thoko ho marang-rang. Ka kotloloho, ho tsepamisoe maikutlo ho bacha, basali le batho ba phelang le bokooa.
- Ho ntlafatsoe lethathamo la lenane la bakhethi.
- Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e phatlalatse liqeto tsa eona le melaoana ea mekhoa ea ts’ebetso ea likhetho semolao.
- Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e fuoe matla ts’ebelising ea lichelete ‘me e abeloe lichelete tseo e li hakanyelitsoeng ke ‘Musos ka nako, sena se etsahale ka lipallo tse matla tse netefatsang ponaletso le boikarabello.
- Ho thusoe Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho etsa ts’ebetso ea eona ea bolisa, le ho hlalobisisa ts’ebeliso ea lichelete ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ‘moho le litlatsetso tsa bahoebi tseo mekha le makhotla a lifumanang, sena se etsoe e le mohato oa ho netefatsa ponaletso ts’ebelising ea lichelete tsa ho iketi.
- E le mohato oa ho batalatsa mabala molemong oa baiketi bohle, ho behoe sekepele lits’enyehelong tsa boiketi, ho boele ho thibelo ts’ebeliso ea thepa ea ‘Musos mats’olong a ho iketela likhetho.

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- Ho matlafatsoe boikemelo ba Setsi sa Taolo ea Khaso le Bophatlalatsi (LCA) ka ho ipapisa le lipehelo tsa tikoloho le machaba ha ho thonyoa bosebelets ba sona.

II. SELELEKELA

E ne e le lekhetlo la pele ‘Muso oa Lesotho o mema Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU) ho romella balebelli ba likhetho, Mokhatlo ona oa EU o ile oa romella Balebelli ba Likhetho ba Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU EOM) ho tla labella likhetho tsa Lesotho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa tse bileng ka la 7 Mphalane 2022. Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo bile ka hara naha ea Lesotho ho tloha ka la 27 Phato ho isa ka la 30 Mphalane 2022, ‘me bo ile ba eba le likopano tse fetang 600 le ba amehang likhethong ho akaretsa le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 23 ho a 65 a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho. Thomo ea borumuoa e ne e le ho lebella le ho hlaloba methati eohle ea ts’ebetso ea likhetho, le hore na ts’ebetso ena e hlomphe boitlamo ba Lesotho lilekaneng tsa tikoloho le machaba ha ‘moho le molao oa naha ea Lesotho.

Bolebelli ba Likhetho ba Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU EOM) bo ikemetse liphuputsong le liqetong tsa bona tlasa keta-pele ea Molebelli ea ka Sehloohong Monghali Igazio Corrao, eo e leng setho sa Paramente ea Europe. Borumuoa ba EU EOM bo sebelisitse tsela ea ts’ebetso e ipapisitseng le Phatlalatsi ea Melao-theo ea Machaba ea Likhetho (Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation), e hlapants’itsoeng ke Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Kopaneng tsa Machaba (United Nations) ka Mphalane 2005, ‘me eona e se e ananetsoe ke mekhatlo e fetang 50.

Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo ne bo thehiloe ka sehlopha sa mantlha sa litsebi tse 10 seterekeng sa Maseru, le Balebelli ba nako e telele (Long-term Observers) (LTOs) tse 22 tse neng li pharalletse le litereke tse 10 tsa naha ea Lesotho. Letsatsing la likhetho, Borumuoa bo boetse ba aba balebelli ba machaba ba 87 ho lebella le hona ho hlaloba likhetho, ha ‘moho le palo le kopanyo ea lipalo tsa sephetho. Borumuoa bo ne bo thehiloe ka balebelli ba likhetho ba hlahang linaheng tse 27 tseo e leng Litho tsa Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe ‘moho le balebelli ba hlahang Norway le Switzerland. Borumuoa bo ne bo boetse bo thehiloe ka Balebelli ba nakoana (Short-term Observers) (STOs) ba hlahang ka hara naha ‘moho le moifo oa litho tse 5 ho hlaha Paramenteng ea Europe (European Parliament). Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo ile ba hira Basotho ba ka holimo ho 100 ho akufisa t’sebetso ea bona.

III. BOEMO BA LIPOLOTIKI

Ka la 7 Mphalane 2022, naha ea Lesotho e ile ea ts’oara likhetho tsa eona tsa leshome le motso o mong ho khetha litho tse 120 tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba. Paramente e bopiloe ka Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba, eona e khethoa ka mora lilemo tse hlano ho latela mokhoa oa likhetho oa masia-siane le khekhethane, le ntlo ea Senate e bopiloeng ka Marena a Sehlooho a mashome a mabeli a metso ‘meli le litho tsa ntlo ea Senate tse 11 tse thontsoeng ke Motlotlehi¹ ka keletso ea

¹ Litho tse 11 tsa Ntlo ea Senate li thonyoa ke Motlotlehi ka mora tulo ea pele ea Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ka mora hore Ntlo e buloe bocha ka mora Likhetho.

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Lekhotla la Naha². Litulong tse 120 tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa, tse 80 li khethoa ho sebelisoa mokhoa oa ho khetha oa masia-siane, ha tse 40 tsona li khethoa ho sebelisoa mokhoa oa ho khetha oa khekhethane³.

Nakong ea ho feta, naha ea Lesotho e bile le likhetho tseo sephetho sa teng se bileng le likhang. Ho tloha ka selemo sa 1993, naha ea Lesotho e tso'ere likhetho tse supileng (7) tse atlehileng, hara tsona, tse hlano li ile tsa kopana le mathata a ileng a hloka lipuisano tsa bokena-lipakeng kapa ho namoloa ka sesole ke mokhatlo oa kholiso ea moruo oa tikoloho e ka boroa ho Africa (SADC). Ho fetoha hangata hoa puso, ho ts'ela hoa bakhethoa ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba le likhetho tsa ts'ohanyetso ho bakile lesisitheho le bakileng ho fokotseha hoa lipalo tsa bakhethi ho tloha ka selemo sa 2012, ho boetse hona le tlhokahalo ea ts'epo ho litsi tse khethiloeng. Ho ea ka liphuputso tsa Afrobarometer tsa 2022⁴, karolo ea 53.7 lekholong ea Basotho e ne e sa khotsofalla tsela eo puso ea sechaba ka sechaba e sebetsang ka eona Lesotho. Paramente e tsoang e ne e hlolehile ho phethela ts'ebetso ea tlhopho-bocha eo e sa le e qaloe khale, ts'ebetso ena e ne ele tla sa bolisa ba SADC ebile e ts'ehelitsoe ka lichelete ke Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe

Bots'epehi ho mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki ha bona matla hape ho ata hoa mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki ho jeleng setsi ho bakile likarohano lipolitiking tsa Lesotho. Holima mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki a 65 a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, ke a 56 a nkileng karolo likhethong tsena. Mekha le makhotla a 'muso o tsoang oa kopanelo e ne ele baiketi ba ka sehloohong ba qothisanang lehlokoa, bo na e ne e le mokha oa All Basotho Convention (ABC) le lekhotla la Democratic Congress (DC). Ho ne ho kenyelletsa le mekha le makhotla a manyane a supileng ao e leng: Movement for Economic Change (MEC), Basotho National Party (BNP) eo e neng e le kahara puso e fetileng, Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), Basotho Congress Party (BCP), Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), National Independent Party (NIP), 'moho le Marematlou Freedom Party (MFP). Mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki a neng a le lehlakoreng la bohanyetsi a kenyelletsa Alliance of Democrats (AD); eona e ne e le mokha o moholo oa bohanyetsi ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba le Lesotho Congress for Democracy eo e neng e le karolo ea 'muso o fetileng.

Mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki a ne a hloka boikemelo ka ha a ne a its'etlehile ka baetapele ba o na; nakong tsa ho feta, bots'epehi bo ne bo se matla, sena se kenyelletsa ho ts'ela hoa litho ka hara Ntlo ea Bakhethoa. Ho na ho susumelitse litho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ho theha mekha le makhotla a macha a lipolitiki. Se na se bonahetse ha Basotho Action Party (BAP) e khephoha ho ABC ka 'Mesa 2022, eona e ile ea iketela likhetho lekhetlo la pele ka 2022. Mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki ao e leng khale a thehiloe a ile a lemoha ho thehoa hoa mokha o mocha, Revolution for Prosperity (RFP) ka Hlakubele 2022 ke rakhoebob oa morui e le ts'ita e tla tutla matla a tsona.

² Lekhotla la Naha le bopiloe ka Tona-kholo, Motsamaisi oa Lipuisano Ntlong ea Bakhethoa, Baahloli ba babeli ba Lekhotla la Maipiletso ba ntseng ba le ts'ebetsong kapa ba mehleng, Akhente e Kholo ea 'Muso, Molaoli oa Sesole, Mookameli oa Sepolesa, Marena a mabeli a Sehlooho, 'moho le litho tse peli tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa tse thontsoeng ke Motsamaisi oa Lipuisano Ntlong ea Bakhethoa.

³ Mokhoa oa Khekhethane o sebelisoang ke oo sebetsang lipalo o ipapisitse le sekepele sa likhetho, 'me kabo ea litulo e sebetsoa ka kakaretso ea lipalo tseo mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki a khethiloeng ka tsona khahlanong le lipalo tsa likhetho tse entsoeng naha aka bophara.

⁴ https://www.afrobarometer.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Les_R9-AB-Summary-of-Results_25Aug22.pdf

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Likhetho tsena li ts'oeroe ka hara maemo ao naha ea Lesotho e neng e thulane le mathata a lichelete, sena se bonahetse ha ho ba le tiehiso ho pataleng bahlanka ba sechaba ho ileng hoa tlama naha hore e kalime chelete molemong oa ho lefa bahlanka ka Loetse 2022.

IV. MELAO E AMANANG LE LIKHETHO

Ho se hlake hoa melao e amanang le likhetho 'moho le linyeoe tsa bokhothaletsua le khetho ea baiketi ho amme ts'ebetso ea likhetho.

Boitlamo melaong le lipehelong tsa machaba le tsa tikoloho ea Afrika

Litumellano le Lilekane tseo naha ea Lesotho e ikamahanyang le tsona ke tse latelang: African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, 1981 African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Banjul Charter; 2010); Treaty of the Southern African Development Community (SADC; 1992); International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR; 1992) kante ho Tumellano ea bobeli e sa tlameng. Naha ea Lesotho e boetse e ikamahanya le Litumellano le Lilekane tsa International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (ICERD; 1971); Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW; 1995); Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD; 2008); UN Convention Anti Corruption (UNCAC; 2005). Ho sa le joalo, naha ea Lesotho e boetse e ikamahanya le Meoloane le Litataiso tse Tsamaisang Likhetho tsa Puso ea sechaba ka sechaba tsa SADC (2015) 'moho le Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995).⁵

Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho

Ka hare ho Molao-theo oa 1993, hona le lipehelo tsa ts'ireletso ea litokelo tsa mantlha le bolokolohi, lipehelo tsena li boetse li khahlanong le khethollo, li kenyelletsa bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo 'moho le bolokolohi ba boikopanyo. Le ha hole joalo, Paramente ea Lesotho hae so ka e kenya ts'ebetsong melao e hlokaahalang ho nts'etsa pele lipehelo tse ts'ireletsang litokelo tsa mantlha le bolokolohi. Ho thehoa hoa Komisi ea Litokelo tsa Botho ho boetse ho ts'ehetsoa ke tlaleho ea Boraro ea Universal Periodic Review 2020.⁶ Komisi ea Litokelo tsa mantlha tsa Botho e ikemetseng hae so ka e thehoa le ha e le teng kahare ho Molao-theo

Molao oa Likhetho

Melao e amang likhetho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa e kenyelletsa Molao-theo oa Lesotho oa 1993 le Molao oa Likhetho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa oa 2011 (No. 14, ka bokhuts'oanyane, Molao oa Likhetho).⁷ Molao-theo oa Lesotho le Molao oa Likhetho li fa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho

⁵ Naha ea Lesotho ke karolo ea Lilekane tse latelang tsa tikoloho: Selekane sa 2001 SADC Norms and Standards for Elections in the SADC Region, 2003 PEMMO Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation in the SADC Region, 2016 SADC Protocol on Gender and Development, 2008 SADC Protocol on Gender and Development, 'moho le Selekane sa 1997 SADC Declaration on Gender and Development.

⁶ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/ls-index>

⁷ Molao-theo oa 1993 o hlomathisitsoe makhetlo a leshome, ka 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2011 (ha beli), ka 2018 le ka 2020.

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matla a ho fana ka melaoana le botoloki ‘moho le ho laola ts’ebetso ea likhetho, le ha hole joalo, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae so fane ka melaoana.⁸

Tlhopho-bocha ea Molao-theo le Molao oa Likhetho

Ka mora liqeto tse peli tsa makhotla, moo Lekhotla le Phahameng le Lekhotla la Maipiletso a ileng a hlakola tlhopho-bocha ea molao-theo le molao oa likhetho, likhetho li ile tsa ts’oaroa ho ipapisitsoe le Molao oa Likhetho oa 2011 ho sa kenyoa lihlomathiso. Paramente e ne e ile ea qhaloa ka la 13 Phupu. Ka nako eo, e ne e so ka e phethela ts’ebetso ea tlhopho-bocha eo e sa le e qaloe khale, ts’ebetso ena e ne ele tlasa bolisa ba SADC ebile e ts’ehelitsoe ka lichelete ke Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe.⁹ Molemong oa ho phethela litokomane tse lumelletsoeng tsa tlhopho-bocha, ho kenyelletsa le lihlomathiso tsa Molao oa Likhetho, Tona-kholo o ile a phatlalatsa qomatsi ka la 16 Phato; sena se entsoe ho ipapisitsoe le ts’abo ea hore ho ka ba le tlhokahalo ea botsitso ho neng ho ka bakoa ke hore paramente e hlotsoe ho phethela tlhopho-bocha. Ka morao ho moo, Motlotlehi o ile a bula ts’ebetso ea paramente bocha matsatsing a ho tloha ho la 24 ho isa ho la 29 Phato 2022.

Ka la 29 Phato, paramente e ne ese e fetisitse sets’oants’o sa molao kenyellelitseng lihlomathiso tsohle tse entsoeng molaong oa motheo ekasitana le sehlomathiso sa molao oa likhetho. Kamorao hore sets’oants’o sena sa molao se ananeloe ke Motlotlehi, se ile sa phatlalatsoa e le Sehlomathiso sa bo leshome le Sehlomathiso sa 2022 sa Molao oa Likhetho.¹⁰ Phatlalatso ea qomatsi ‘moho le ho bitsoa bocha hoa paramente li ile tsa phephetsoa Lekhotleng le Phahameng. Balli nyoeeng ena ene ele Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), Law Society le moitseki oa mophatlalatsi. Balli ba ne ba boetse ba phephetsa melao e ‘meli e fetisitsoeng ha paramente e bitsuoe bocha, ba bonts’itse ha melao eo e le ka thoko ho molao. Ka la 12 Loetse, Lekhotla le Phahameng le ile la fana ka kahlolo ea hore phatlalatso ea qomatsi eo e ileng ea etsoa ke Tona-kholo ene e sa nepahala ka ha tlhokahalo ea botsitso ho sa oele ka hara litemana tsa molao tse ka fanang ka tumello ea phatlalatso ea qomatsi. Ka la 19 Loetse, Lekhotla la Maipiletso le ile la ananela qeto ea Lekhotla le Phahameng ea ho qhelela ka theko liqeto tsohle tsa paramente ‘me la tiisa hoba ka theko ho

⁸ SADC Model Law on Elections para. 25 (1)(2): Lefapha le Tsamaisang Likhetho (Election Management Body) (EMB) ebe lona fela le fuoang matla a ho kenya ts’ebetsong melaoana ea likhetho e ipapisitse le Molao oa Likhetho. Lefapha lena le hlophisa le ho tsamaisa likhetho le ipapisitse le Molao-theo, ka hona melaoana ena e keke ea hloka tumello kapa khanyetso ea Letona lefe kapa lefe, kapa Bookameli bo ikarabellang molaong oa Likhetho.

⁹ Pheletsong ea thomo ea eona ka ‘Mesa 2022, Lekhotla la Naha la Tlhopho-bocha (National Reform Authority) (NRA) ea molao le lihlomathiso tsa ona le ile la romella Sets’oants’o sa molao seo e leng pokello ea lits’oants’o tse li ling tsa molao tse fetisoang e le sets’oants’o se le seng sa molao (Omnibus Bill) ka Lekala la ‘Muso la Molao le Toka. Ka la 13 Phupu, Paramente ene e ntse e so phethele kananelo ea likhaolo tse 90 tse neng li hlaha kopong ea NRA, ‘moho le Sehlomathiso sa Molao oa Likhetho.

¹⁰ Lintlha tsa mantlha tsa Sehlomathiso sa Boleshome li ne li le mabapi le matla a Tona-kholo le tlhatlhobo ea matla a Motlotlehi, lipehelo tsa hore Puso ea Kopanelo e kene ts’ebetsong ka hara matsatsi a 2; lipehelo tsa ho fetisa Molao oa ho kenyelletsoa hoa mekhahlelo ea sechaba e tlokoising ‘moho basali le batho ba phelang le bokooa; lipehelo tse akufisang ponaleto le makhabane ha ho khethoa litho tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho; ho thehoa hoa Komisi e ikemetseng la Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Botho le Thibelo ea Bobolu, ho hlakoloa hoa Lekhotla la Maipiletso (Court of Appeal) ebe ho thehoa Lekhotla le Phahameng (Supreme Court); Mafapha a Ts’ireletso ea Sechaba a Hlophuo-bocha hara tse ling.

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molao hoa phatlalatso ea qomatsi, ho bitsoa hoa paramente le ho se be molaong hoa litokomane tse peli tse fetisitsoeng ke paramente e bitsuoeng bocha.

Ho se hlake hoa melao e lokelang ho sebetsa libeke tse ‘maloa pele ho likhetho ho bakile liqholotso ho Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, baiketi le ho bakhethi. Ka kotloloho, tsela ea ts’ebetso ene esa hlake methating e kang ea ho kena ts’ebetsong hoa lipalo tse tlang ho sebelisoa molemong oa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki; e leng karolo ea 0.4 lekholong le karolo ea 0.5 lekholong molemong oa kabo ea litulo tsa khekethane. Ho sa le joalo, nakong eo ho neng ho finyelletsoa manane a mekha le makhotla a litulo tsa khekethane, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ne a ntse a sa hlakeloa hore na manane a khekethane a koetsoeng a tla sala a ntse a le ts’ebetsong joalo ka likhethong tse fetileng, kapa na ke manane a khekethane a bulehileng a senang “zebra” a tlang ho kena ts’ebetsong.

Botsitso le ho tsebahala hoa melao ke lits’ia tse ka sehloohong tsamaisong ea likhetho tsa machaba. Ho se hlake hoa melao e amanang le likhetho nakong ea libeke tse tharo pele ho likhetho ho khahlanong le lipehelo tsa tikoloho le litloaelo tse lumelehileng.

Khothalletso: Molemong oa ho matlafatsa tsebo e netefetseng ea molao o tsamaisang likhetho, ho lokela ho khaotsoe ho etsa lipheto ho molaong oa likhetho nakong ea likhoeli tse ts’eletseng pele ho likhetho.

Selemo sa 2023 ke nako e behetsoeng ho ts’oara likhetho tsa puso ea libaka ‘me Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e bonts’itse likhetho tsena li ka ts’oaroa letsatsing la la 21 kapa la 28 ‘Mesa 2023. Nako ea puso ea makh’anselara e ile ea fihla pheletsong mafelong a Loetse 2022, empa e ile ea eketsoa ho fihlela ‘Mesa 2023.

Ts’eho ea Mabatooa

Ka la 13 ‘Mesa 2022, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea etsa phatlalatso ea taelo ea ts’eho bocha ea mabatooa, ‘me taelo ena e ne e hlakisa ts’eho e ncha. Lekhotla la DC le ile la kenya qoso Lekhotleng le Phahameng ho phephetsa ts’eho ena e ncha ea mabatooa e entsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, DC e ne e bonts’a ha ts’eho ena ea mabatooa e sa iqobele nako e fanoang ke molao-theo. Molao-theo o bonts’a ha tlhahlobo e ka etsoa nakong ea lilemo tse robeli ho isa ho tse leshome. Ka la 8 Mots’eanong, Lekhotla le phahameng le ile la fana ka qeto e neng e hlakisa hore Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e entse tlhahlobo ea meeli e its’etlehile ka nako e khothalletsoang ke molao ka ha e qalile ts’ebetso ea tlhahlobo ka selemo sa 2018, ha tlhahlobo ea ho qetela eona ene e ile ea etsoa ka 2010. Ho feta moo, ho bile le nako ea selemo le likhoeli tse ts’eletseng eo Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e hloka likh’omishinara, sena se ile sa baka hore e meng ea mesebetsi ea eona e khinehe.

Lekhotla le Phahameng le ile la boela la bont’sa hore ka hare ho mabatooa a 80, a 20 a ne a sa fihlele pehelo ea molao-theo ea hore hobe le phapano ea karolo ea leshome lekholong ho palo e lokelang ea sechaba, ‘me Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea laeloa ho seha mabatooa a na bocha. Ka lebaka lena, ka la 12 Phato 2022, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea fana ka

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tsebiso ea semolao e hlahisang ts'eho e ncha ea mabatooa a 20. Phetoho ena ea ts'eho ea mabatooa hae ea ka ea ama khetho ea bakhethaletsua, eleng ts'ebetso e ileng ea qala la 29 Phato.

Le ha hole joalo, e ile ea baka qholotso ho bakhethi ba ngolisitsoeng bao mabatooa a bona le litsi tsa khethelo li ileng tsa fetoha nako ea likhetho ese e atametse haholo, sena se etsahatse bakhethi ba sa fumana litsebiso ka nako (sheba karolo ea VI). Ho sa tsotellehe qeto ea Lekhotla le Phahameng, ho fetoloa hoa meeli ea mabatooa ha nako ea likhetho e se e atametse ho khahlanong le litumellano tsa tikoloho ea Afrika 'moho le litloaelo tse amohelehang.¹¹

¹² 2018 SADC Model Law on Elections para.5 (2): “Likhetho litla etsoa tlasa maemo a molao a hlakileng a nang le ponaletso, ho lateloa tsela ea ts'ebetso e beiloeng”.

¹³ Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e ile ea nahana ho beha letsatsi le le leng bakeng sa likhetho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa 'moho le tsa Puso ea Libaka, tlasa Molao oa Likhetho o le mong, empa ea qhalla maikutlo ao ka thoko kaha meeli ea Puso ea Libaka a sa tsamaellane le mabatooa a likhetho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa.

V. TSAMAIISO EA LIKHETHO

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e phethile boholo ba ts'ebetso ea eona e ipapisitse le alemanaka ea likhetho, le ha hole joalo, ho phatlalatsa hoa lipalo tse fosahetseng tsa kabo ea litulo tsa khekhethane ho bakile hore bots'epehi ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho bo amehe.

Sebopeho le Popeho ea Botsamaisi ba Likhetho

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ke setsi sa molao se ikemetseng se nang le maikarabello a pharalletsang a kenyelletsang ngoliso ea bakhethi, ts'eho ea mabatooa, ngoliso ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le ho lisa lichelete tsa boiketi. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e na le likh'omishenara tse tharo tse ileng tsa thonyoa ka Ts'itoe 2020. Ofisiri ea Likhetho e ka Sehloohong eo e leng Bongoli bo ka sehloohong o ile a thonyoa ka Hlakubele 2022. Likh'omishinara le Ofisiri ea Likhetho e ka Sehloohong ba thonyoa ke Motlotlehi ka keletso ea Lekhotla la Naha kamora ho sisinyoa ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, bona ba abeloa konteraka ea ts'ebetso e ka nchafatsoang ea lilemo tse hlano. Sena se etsoa e le mohato oa ho netefatsa boikemelo ba setsi.¹² E mong oa Likh'omishinara ke mosali, hape boholo ba basebetsi ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ke basali. Bakhutlisi ba Sephetho ba hiriloe ka nako, lebatooa ka leng mabatoooeng a 80 le ne le ena le Mokhutlisi oa Sephetho a le mong eo ts'ebetso ea hae e neng ele ho okamela ts'ebetso ea likhetho boemong ba lebatooa. Likhethong tsena, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e thehile litsi tsa khethelo tse 3, 149 moo ho neng hona le bakhethi ba 500 setsing kanngoe. Tsamaisong ea likhetho, karolo ea 73 lekholong e ne ele ea bakhethisi bao e leng basali, karolo ea 60 lekholong e ne e boetse ele basali bao e neng e le Baokameli ba Libaka le Bakhutlisi ba Sephetho boemong ba lebatooa, basali ba ne ba boetse ba emetsoe ka karolo ea 50 lekholong e le Liofisiri tsa Likhetho.

¹² Mookameli kapa setho sefe kapa sefe sa Komisi ea Likhetho se ka tlosoa litulong ke Motlotlehi, sena se etsoa ka khothaletso ea Lekhotlana la Lipatlisiso le litulong ha eba le fumane motho ea joale a hloloa ke mosebetsi kapa a sa its'oara hantle. Bongoli ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho bo ne bo thehiloe ka basebetsi ba 49, ba 28 ene e le basali ha ba 21 ene e le banna.

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Tsamaiso ea Likhetho

Ba nang le kobo ea bohali tsamaisong ea likhetho ba lemohile hore basebetsi ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ba ne ba na le boiphihlelo le ha ba ne ba tobane le liqholotso tsa ho se hlake hoa melao ea likhetho, bosiko ba lisebelisoa le tlhokeho ea boikemelo ts'ebelising ea lichelete. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e hloka tsela e hlakileng ea ts'ebetso mabapi le ho netefatsa hore sechaba se fumana tlhahiso-leseling, sechaba sene se fuoa litaba ho sebelisoa leqephe la Facebook la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, litaba tsena e ne ele melaetsa ea thuto ka likhetho le litsebiso. Liphutheho tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho li ne li sa latele methati e tloaelehileng ea ts'ebetso le metsotso ea liphutheho e ne e sa phatlalatsoe. Ho tlatselletsa, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e haelloa ke methati ea ts'ebetso e ka thusang ho etsa le ho phatlalatsa liqeto tsa eona. Le ha Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e na le matla a molao a ho etsa melaoana le botoloki methating e fapaneng melaong ea tsamaiso ea likhetho, ts'ebetsong, melaoana ena hae tsebisoe sechaba ka molao, 'me sena se fokotsa ponaletso mosebetsing oa Komisi.

Khothaletso ea Mantlha: Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e phatlalatse liqeto tsa eona le melaoana ea mekhoha ea ts'ebetso ea likhetho semolao.

Ho sa tsotellehe bohloki bo neng bo le teng ba lichelete le ho se hlake hoa melao e amanang le likhetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea atleha ho phetha boholo ba mesebetsi ea eona ho latela alemanaka ea likhetho. Lichelete tse abetsoeng likhetho tsena li ne li haella, li ne li sa arabele litlhoko tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho haholo maemong ao palo ea baiketi e eketsehileng ka sekhahla. Holim'a moo, komisi e ikemetseng ea likhetho hae ea ka ea fumants'oa lichelete ka nako ebile chelete e lefuoa ka likhaohano tsa beke, 'me sena ke se seng se ammeng tokisetso ea likhetho hampe. Se na se entse hore ho kenya ts'ebetsong mesebetsi eohle e neng e reriloe joalo ka thuto ea bakhethi le tsamaiso ea thepa ea ho khetha ho be thata. Ka morao ho letsatsi la likhetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea hlalosa hore liqholotso tsa lichelete li ntse li le teng ka ha meputso ea bakhethisi, baemeli ba mekhoha le makhotla a lipolotiki le bahoebi ba lisebelisoa tsa likhetho ba ntse ba so pataloe.¹³

Khothaletso ea Mantlha: Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e fuoe matla ts'ebelising ea lichelete 'me e abeloe lichelete tseo e li hakanyelisoeng ke 'Muso ka nako, sena se etsahale ka lipallo tse matla tse netefatsang ponaletso le boikarabello.

Ts'ebetso ea batsamaisi ba likhetho boemong ba litereke le mabatoa ene e le maemong a amohelileng a ipapisitseng le lipehelo tsa mosebetsi. Basebetsi ba ne ba sebetsa ka boikitlahetso ba sa natse maemo a boima. Boholo ba batho ba nang le kobo ea bohali ba bonts'itse ts'epo ho

¹³Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea beha sehlohlolong ho patala bakhethisi ba neng ba hiriloe ke IEC ka kotloloho le baemeli ba mekhoha le makhotla a lipolotiki ba neng ba hlalisitsoe ba le teng litsing tsa khethelo. IEC e ne e lebelletsoe ho patala maqalong a Pulungoana. Ho ne ho lebelletsoe hore meputso ea bahoebi ba lisebelisoa tsa likhetho e tla sebetsoa ke Lekala la Lichelete molemong oa IEC. IEC ene e kopile tlatsitso ea LSL 60 million (EUR 3, 397, 000) ho tsoa ho 'Muso bakeng sa maemo a ts'ohanyetso, le ha hole joalo, nakong eo tlaleho e ngoloang, kopo e na e ne e so fumane tumello.

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litsamaiso tsa likhetho tsa lehae le ha ba ne ba hloka ts'epo ho bokhoni ba Komisi ho fetisa lits'ebeletso, haholo-holo libakeng tse maloting. Ho bile le ts'okolo mabatoeng a mang ka lebaka la libaka tse sa fihleleheng ha bobebe le tse hole, khahello ea motlakase le tlhokahalo ea marang-rang. Boholo ba bakhutlisi ba sephetho ba ile ba tlameha ho sebetsa ba sena lisebelisoa tsa mantlha le lisebelisoa tsa puisano ho hokahana ha bobebe le ba nang le kobo ea bohali 'moho le basebetsi ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho literekeng.

Basebeletsi ba likhetho ba hiriloa ka nako, 'me Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e bonts'itse boiphihlelo ho faneng ka koetliso, empa ka lebaka la khaello ea lichelete, likoetlisong tse 'malloa, ho ne ho ena le ts'ubuhlellano ebile e le libaka tse sa iphahlelang tse nang le khahello ea lisebelisoa tsa koetliso. Khaello ea lichelete e ile ea ama thuto ea bakhethi hobane e ile ea fokotsoa ho likhoeli tse tharo ea etsoa ka li sebelisoa tse haellang libeke tse tharo pele ho likhetho. Boholo ba ba nang le kobo ea bohali ba fumane thuto ea bakhethi likhethong tsena e ne e sena boiphihlelo haholo-holo ho likarolo tsa bakhethi tse kenyelletsang bacha le Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa.

Thuto ea Bakhethi

Ho lieha ha Muso ho abela Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho lichelete ka nako hoile ha ama Mats'olo a thuto ea bakhethi. Ka lebaka lena thuto ea bakhethi e ile ea fokotsoa ea eba libeke tse tharo pele ho letsatsi la likhetho ha ene e loketse hoba likhoeli tse tharo. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e hirile Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e 16 molemong oa ho etsa ts'ebetso ea thuto ea bakhethi mafapheng a fapaneng a bakhethi e leng Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa, bacha le basali.¹⁴ Boholo ba mahlakore a nkileng karolo bolebelleng ba likhetho ba hlokometse hore thuto ea bakhethi e ne e sa lekana haholo ha ho ipapisitsoe le maemo a ho se hlake hoa melao e amanang le likhetho ha 'moho le liphetohe tse ncha meeling ea mabatooa.

Khonthaletso ea mantlha: Ho kengoe ts'ebetsong thuto ea bakhethi nako eohle ka mokhoa o matla, ho kenyeletsa le litsing tsa thuto, 'me le mats'olo a thuto ea bakhethi a etsoe ka nako marang-rang le ka theko ho marang-rang. Ka kotloloho, ho tsepamisoe maikutlo ho bacha, basali le batho ba phelang le bokooa

VI. NGOLISO EA BAKHETHI

Ts'epo lenaneng la bakhethi e angoe ke thloka-halo ea mokhoa o qakileng oa ho e ntlafatsa.

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¹⁴Development for Peace Education, Disabled and HIV/AIDS Organization, Women and Law in Southern Africa, Monna ka Khomo, Lesotho National Council of Women, Christian, Council of Lesotho, Lesotho Association of NonFormal Education, Lesotho Youth Federation, Bacha re Bacha Youth Forum, Migrant Workers Association of Lesotho, Patriotic Vision in Action, Transformation Resource Centre, Catholic Commission for Justice, Lesotho National Federation of Organisation of the Disabled (LNFOD), Campaign for Education Forum, Lesotho Federation of Women Lawyers.

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Tokelo ea ho Khetha

Sechaba sohle sa Basotho ba lilemo li 18 kapa ho feta ka letsatsi la likhetho ba ka khetha; ntle le batho ba fuoeng kahlolo ea lefu kapa ba tlotseng Molao oa Likhetho. Batho bao Lekhotla le ba fumaneng ba ena le bokulo ba kelello ha ba ea lumelloa ho khetha, sena se khahlanong le Selekane sa Mokhatlo oa Machaba a Kopaneng mabape le Tokelo tsa Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa (UN Convention on the Right of Persons with Disabilities) (CRPD).¹⁵

Khothaletso: Ho ipapisitsoe le lipehelo tsa machaba, ho lokisoa molao hore batho ba nang le mafu a kelello ba abeloe litokelo tsa bona tsa lipolotiki tse felletseng.

Methati ea Ngoliso ea Bakhethi

Ngoliso ea bakhethi e ea etsoa ebile e tlama Mosotho e mong le e mong ea lilemong tsa ho khetha, empa molao ha o qobelle batho ho khetha. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) ena le boikarabello ba ho bokella le ho boloka lenane la bakhethi. Ka lebaka la khaello ea lichelete, morero oa mathomo oa Komisi oa ho ntlafatsa lenane la bakhethi ka ho etsa le lecha pele ho likhetho o ile oa nyopa. Mocha o mong o neng o ka oa lateloa, oa ho kopanya lenane la bakhethi le lenane la ngoliso ea sechaba ha o oa nkoa ka lebaka la nako e neng e fokola ho latela bongata ba manane a joalo. Lenane la bakhethi le ile la tletlebisahlello ba batho ba amehang likhethong ka lebaka la ho sehlakoloe ha bafu lenaneng ‘moho le liphoso tse ling tse ileng tsa sutjoa.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea tsoela pele ka likhetho e sebelisa lenane la bakhethi la 2017 kamora ho lumellana le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki. E le mothati oa ho fumana tharollo ho lokiseng lenane la bakhethi, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea eketsa nako ea tlhahlobo ea lenane la bakhethi ho tloha ka la 12 Phato ho isa ka la 30 Loetse. Nakong e lipakeng tsa Phupu le Loetse, Komisi e ile ea tlaleha litokiso tse 377,965, bakhethi ba bacha ba ngolisitsoeng ba 172,178 ha ba hlakotsoeng ba le 49,628.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea ikobela molao ka ho phatlalatsa lenane la bakhethi le hlapants'itsoeng, ‘me eaba ea le romella mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki matsatsi a 30 pele ho letsatsi la ho khetha. Lenane la bakhethi le ne le ena le bakhethi ba 1,383,844, ‘me ba 767,158 ene e le basali ha ba 616,868 e le banna. Haufi le letsatsi la likhetho, ho ile hoa eba le menyenyesetsi mabapi le liphoso tse neng li bonahala lenaneng la bakhethi bophatlalatsing. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea latola litletlebo tse joalo, ea ba ea ts’episa ho nka likhato tsa molao khahlanong le ba hasang menyenyesetsi e joalo.

Bolebelli ba Likhetho ba EU EOM bo ile ba bapisa lipalo tse lenaneng la bakhethi le tse hlahang Lefapheng la Naha la Lipalo-palo (Lesotho Bureau of Statistics) 2022 tsa palo ea sechaba ea 2016, ‘moho le tse hlahang Lefapheng la Ngoliso ea Sechaba tlasa Lekala la tsa Lehlae. Liphuputso li ile tsa fumana hore lipalo tsa bacha ba lipakeng tsa lilemo tse 18 ho isa ho tse 29 lia fokola papisong le mekhahlelo e meng ea sechaba.

¹⁵ Temana ea 12 le 29 ea CRPD. Serapa sa 9.4 sa 2013 Lipuisano tsa Komiti ea CRPD (Committee’s Communication) No. 4/2011 li bonts’a hore ho se lumelloe ho khetha hoa motho ka lebaka la ho se bonoe a phethahetse kelellong, kapa ka lebaka la bokooa ba kelello ke khethollo khahlanong le batho ba phelang le bokooa.

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Ho seoa hoa mabatooa ka nako e khuts'oane pele ho likhetho ho ile hoa ama ngoliso ea bakhethi 'me bakhethi ba bang ba ile ba ferekanyoa ke libaka tsa litsi tsa bona tsa khetho ka lebaka la ho fallisoa hoa mabitso a bona hoesa mabatoong a mang. Ka letsatsi la likhetho, balebelli ba likhetho le baphatlalatsi ba ile ba etsa litlaleho tse 'maloa tsa mabitso a neng a sa fumanehe lenaneng la bakhethi. Maamong a mang bakhethi ba ile ba fetisetsoa ho ba IEC ba romelloa litsing tse ling tsa khethelo, le ha ho le joalo, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea ananela hore ho bile le maemo a mang ao bakhethi ba ileng ba eba le liqhololotso, empa Komisi e ne e se boemong ba ho fana ka lipalo tsa liqholotso tse joalo.

Khothaletso ea Mantlha: Ho ntlafatsoe lethathamo la lenane la bakhethi

VII. NGOLISO EA BAKHOTHALETSUOA

Ngoliso ea bakhothaletsuoa e ne e akaretsa ho e na le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a mangata a qothisanang lehlokoa leha ponaletso e bile siko phatlalatsong ea manane a khekhehane.

Ngoliso ea Mekha le Makhotla a Lipolotiki

Ngoliso ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le ea bakhothaletsuoa li laoloa ka Molao oa Likhetho ho hlomphele litokelo tsa boikopanyo le ho emela likhetho, 'me sena se etsoa ho ipapisitsoe le lipehelo tsa tikoloho.¹⁶ Bakeng sa ho iketela likhetho, mekha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki le ts'oanela ho ngolisoa ho Mongolisi oa Mekhatlo pele o ka ngolisoa ho Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho.¹⁷ Ho ingolisa, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a lokela ho fana ka bopaki ba boitekeno ba bats'ehetsi ba 500, bona ebe bakhethi ba ngolisitsoeng; molao-theo oa mekha kapa oa lekhotla 'moho le lets'oao le ikhethileng li tlamaha ho fanoa. Mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a buletsoe molemong oa sechaba ka kakaretso ho se khethollo 'me bakhethi ba na le bolokolohi ba ho ts'ehetsa mekha e mengata. Baiketi ba ikemetseng le bona ba lumelletsoe ho lebisa likopo tsa bona ho Mookameli oa Likhetho e le hore ba fumane lets'oao.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e lokela ho netefatsa boitekeno ba litho tse 500 tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki kamorao hore mekha le makhotla a macha a ngolisoe, sena se ne se lokela se etsoe selemo le selemo mekheng le makhotleng a teng; empa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ha ena bokhoni bo joalo. Ngoliso ea mekha kapa lekhotla le lecha la lipolotiki e phatlalatsa ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, 'me eona e boloka lenane le teng la mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki hore le lekoloe ke sechaba. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e na le matla a ho hlakola ngoliso ea mekha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki kamora ho fana ka tsebiso ea matsatsi a 30 ha fela le se le sa sebetse ho latela lipehelo tsa eona tsa molao. Nakong ea matsatsi a 30, mekha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki le ka qholotsa tlhakolo ea lona Lekhotleng le Phahameng. Selemong sa 2022 palo ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki e ne ese e imenne li le 65 papisong le 2017 moo mekha le makhotla a neng a ingoliselitse likhetho a neng a le 30.

¹⁶ SADC PEMMO, Temana ea 4.3: "Lenane la mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki le lokela le etsoe, hape molao o tlamaha ho fana ka lipehelo tse hlakileng ho ngoliseng le ho hlakola ngoliso ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki".

¹⁷ Molao oa Likhetho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa, Temana ea 24.

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Ngoliso ea Bakhothaletsuo

Ngoliso ea bakhothaletsuo ene e hlophiloe ka mekhahlelo e ‘meli: mokhahlelo oa pele e ne ele oa litulo tse 80 tsa masia-siane (FPTP) ha mokhahlelo oa bobeli e ne ele oa litulo tse 40 tsa khekhethane (PR). Ngoliso ea bakhothaletsuo e etsahetse ka tsela e nang le tatellano. Boholo ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki bo sebelisitse makala, mokhoa oa lipuisano ha ‘moho le ho thonyoa ho entsoeng ke Komiti tse Kholo tsa Phethahatso (NEC) ho khetha bakhothaletsuo. Mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ne a le bolokolohing ba ho khetha bakhothaletsuo ba ts’oanang bakeng sa litulo tsa masia-siane le tsa khekhethane. Boholo ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a fane ka lebitso la moeta-pele oa mokha kapa lekhotla e le la pele lenaneng la khekhethane e le hore ba tle ba une molemo oa setulo sa khekhethane maemong ao moeta-pele oa mokha kapa lekhotla a ka hloloang ke ho hapa lebatooa la hae.

Ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 65 a ingolisitseng le Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, ke bakhothaletsuo ba 2, 360 ho tsoa mekheng le makhotleng a 56 ba neng ba ngolisitsoe molemong oa litulo tsa masia-siane. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea phatlalatsa lenane la bakhothaletsuo la masia-siane ka la 9 Loetse liofising tse 80 tsa mabatoa, bakhothaletsuo ba ile ba fuoa matsatsi a mararo molemong oa ho netefatsa litaba tse hlahang mananeng, le ha ho le joalo, lenane le lokisitsoeng ha lea ka la phatlalatsoa marang-rang.

Liqeto tsa Lekhotla tse liehileng ho etsoa mabapi le ngoliso ea bakhothaletsuo (sheba karolo ea XV) li ile tsa ama tsamaiso ea likhetho, ‘me hona ho ile hoa baka tiehiso phatlalatsong ea lenane la baiketi la mapomelo bakeng sa litulo tsa masia-siane le liqholotso mabapi le ho hatisa lipampiri tsa khetho mabatoaeng a mararo. Liqeto tsa Makhotla ho phatlalatso ea qomatsi (sheba karolo ea XV) tsa ho hlakola sehlomathiso se entsoeng molaong oa likhetho li ile tsa baka hore ho khutleloe mokhoeng oa khale oa ts’ebetso bekeng eo ho neng ho romeloa manane a khekhethane, ho ile hoa sebelisoa molao oa likhetho oa khale. Ho fetoha hona hoa melaoana libeke pele ho likhetho ho khahlanong le litloaelo tse amohelang tsa tikoloho le tsa machaba.¹⁸

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae ea ka ea phatlalatsa manane a khekhethane a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki nakong e behiloeng semolao ea la 5 Mphalane. Manane a na a ile a phatlalatsoa kamora likhetho e leng ka la 10 Mphalane, ‘me sena se entsoe nakong eo Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e neng e phatlalatsa sephetho sa khekhethane. Sena se bakile tlhokahalo ea ponaletso ho methati ea ngoliso ea bakhothaletsuo.

Ka lebaka la lefu la moiketi, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea ts’oaroa likhetho tsa khekhethane feela lebatooeng la Stadium Area le seterekeng sa Maseru. Morero oa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ke ho ts’oara likhetho tsa masia-siane lebatooeng lena ka la 16 Ts’itoe.

¹⁸ SADC model law on election, Art. 5 (2): “Likhetho litla ts’oaroa tlasa melao e hlakileng, ho lateloa tsela ea ts’ebetso e totobalitsoeng”. Ho fetola Molao oa Likhetho haufi le letsatsi la likhetho ho tlosa ho hlaka hoa Molao. 2005 Venice Commission Interpretative Declaration on the Stability of Electoral Law: “Tlhopo-bocha efe kapa efe ea molao oa Likhetho e etsoang nakong ea likhetho e tlameha ho etsua ka nako e lekaneng hore e tle e khone ho sebelisoa likhethong.” ²³ Molao oa Ntlo ea Bakhetho ba Sechaba, Temana ea 60 (1). ²⁴ ABC le BAP; sheba le karolo ea X.

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VIII. Maemo a Boiketi

Boiketi bo nang le khotso bo entsoeng mabaleng a sa batallang ka lebaka la ho hloka bolisa ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tsa ho iketa, bo ne bo le matla motse-moholo empa bo sena sefutho mahaeng.

Boiketi ba Likhetho

Moralo oa molao oa boiketi o lumella bolokolohi ba ho khobokana le ho hlahisa maikutlo. Molao o tlama mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le baiketi ho hlomphe molao oa Boits'oaro Likhethong (Electoral Conduct), o totobatsang melaoana eo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki le baiketi ba tlamehang ho ikobela eona nakong ea likhetho. Boemong boo ho nang le khatikelo ea molao, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho eka etsa tlhokomeliso ho moiketi, ea fana ka kahlolo kapa ea fanyeha boiketi ba mokha kapa lekhotla nakoana, e boetse ena le matla a ho hlakola ngoliso ea moiketi. Molao oa Likhetho o tataisang Boits'oaro (Electoral Code of Conduct) o thibela hara tse ling "ketso efe kapa efe ea ho ts'osa". Molao ona o boetse o thibela baiketi ho hasa mafosisa le ho hobosa motho kapa mokha le lekhotla lefe kapa lefe la lipolotiki mabapi le likhetho.

Boiketi bo lumelletsoe ho tloha letsatsing la phatlalatso ea letsatsi la likhetho (19 Phupu 2022) ho fihlela lihora tse 24 pele ho letsatsi la likhetho.²³ Boiketi ba semolao bo nkile likhoeli tse fetang bobeli le halofo (2.5) 'me ba tutla maemo a lichelete a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a mangata 'moho le baiketi ba ikemetseng. Mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a nang le bokhoni ba lichelete a ile a qala ho iketa pele ho nako e joalo 'me Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo ile ba lemoha ho iketa hoa mekha le makhotla ka marang-rang nakong eo ho iketa ho seng ho koetsoe.²⁴ Ha ho bohato boo nkuoeng khahlanong le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le baiketi ba iketileng le ka morao ho nako ea pallo, ka ha khatikelo ea melaoana ea boiketi ha e fuoe kotlo tsa molao. Lekhotla le Phahameng (High Court) le ka nka bohato fela litabeng tse amanang le Molao oa Likhetho (Electoral Act) ka kopo ea moiketi, Mookomeli oa likhetho Komising e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC Director of elections) le Akhente e Kholo ea 'Musu (Attorney General).¹⁹

Khothaletso: Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e nke bohato khahlanong le boiketi bo etsoang le ka morao ho letsatsi la pallo ea nako ea ho iketa ho latela molao oa likhetho.

Litokelo tsa mantlha tsa bolokolohi ba ho ba karolo ea boikopanyo kapa ho khobokana li ne li hlomphiloe nakong ea ho iketa. Boiketo bo ne bo ena le khotso ebile bo se sefutho mahaeng papisong le bo matla motse-moholo, haholo-holo mafelong a beke ea ho qetela pele ho letsatsi la likhetho. Mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ne iketa ntlo-ntlo boholo le liboka tse nyane, khaso ea litsing tse kholo tsa bophatlalatsi e ne e le litjeo li holimo bakeng sa mekha le makhotla a mangata, 'me ene e le mekha le makhotla a nang le bokhoni ba lichelete a ts'oarang liboka. Likhetho tsena li ts'oeroe boemong boo 'Musu o nang le leqeme la lichelete, sena se bonahala ka ho se lefe

¹⁹ Molao oa Likhetho, temana ea 187.

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basebeletsi ba ‘Musu ka nako leho alima lichelete molemong oa ho lefa meputso ea basebetsi ea Loetse 2022.

Rakhoebos oa morui Monghali Samuel Matekane o ile a theha RFP ka Hlakubele 2022, ‘me eona e ile ea eba ka sehloohong ho qothisaneng le ABC le DC. Ka lebaka la hoba le bokhoni ba lichelete tsa ho iketa hoa RFP ka mothehi oa eona, le bosieo ba sekepele ka lichelete tse ka sebelisoang ho iketeleng likhetho, RFP e ile ea bonahala ka ho fetisisa nakong ea boiketo e hlahlangoa ke DC le ABC. Moeta-pele oa ABC ha aka a hanana ka boteng ba maqhama a bonahetseng a le teng lipakeng tsa ABC le lihlopha tsa ‘mino oa famo²⁰ tse seng li fetohile maqujoana a botloli ba molao, ha maqhama lipakeng tsa DC le maqujoana a joalo a ne a sa bonahale haholo, le hoja ba kopaneng le Bolebelli ba EU EOM ba ne ba belaela hore maqhama a joalo a teng. Likhetho li ile tsa sala li ntse li ena le khotso le tlasa boteng ba maqhama ana, EU EOM e elelletsoe lits’okelano tse fokolang le bosoaso lipakeng mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki likhethong tsena. Le ha ho le joalo, ka linako tse ling RFP e ne e hobosoa ka lipolelo ke bapolotiki ba mekha le makhotla a neng a le khahlanong le eona.

Boholo ba mehoo ea likhetho e ne e bua ka ntlafatso ea moruo, temo, meputso ea basebetsi, thuto, metsi, lisebelisoa le toants’o ea bobolu. Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo elelletsoe hore ha hona mehato e khethehileng eo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a e nkileng ho netefatsa hore litaba tsa ona tsa boiketi li anela ho batho ba phelang le bokooa.

Tse ling tsa liboka tsa hoqetela li ile tsa ts’oareloa Maseru libeke tse peli pele ho letsatsi la likhetho ka ha libaka tsa mantlha tseo ho ts’oareloang liboka teng li ne li se li behelelitsoe ke mekha le makhotla a maholo bakeng sa mafelo a beke ea ho qetela pele ho letsatsi la likhetho. RFP e ile ea hlophisa seboka sa ho qetela se neng se bonahala kapa se ena le bolateli bo bongata ka ho fetisisa, ebile ho ena le ponts’o ea lifofane tsa moeta-pele oa eona tse neng li etsa menyakoe.

Ho bile le lingangisano tse tharo tse bileng teng ka la 21,22, le 28 Loetse. Ka kopanelo le LNBS, Mokhatlo oa Sechaba oa Transformation Resource Centre (TRC) o ile ts’oara lingangisano tsa pele le tsa bobeli moo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a neng a khethoa maramg-rang. Lingangisano tsena li ne li hasoa ke Sea-le-moea-pono sa Lesotho, Sea-le-moea sa Lesotho, lia-le-moea tse ikemetseng le marang-rang a Facebook. Lingangisano tsena li ne li fana ka sethala sa hore baiketi ba batalatse mehoo ea bona le hona ho araba lipotso tsa bakhethi.²¹

²⁰ ‘Mino oa Basotho oa famo o bile teng ho feta lilemo tse 100 tse fetileng, o thoma ho lithoko tse neng li etsoa ke basebetsi ba merafong ba Basotho nakong ea maeto a bona ho ea merafong ea Afrika Boroa. Lintoa lipakeng tsa lihlopha tsa ‘mino ona li entse hore lihlopha tsena li fetohe maqujoana a botloko-tsebe ka mora ho kena ho rafeng ka thoko ho molao Afrika Boroa.

²¹ Lingangisano tsa pele li ne li kenyelletsa African Ark (AA), ABC, AD, BAP, BNP, Basotho Patriotic Part (BPP), DC, LCD, RFP, le Yearn for Economic Stability (YES). Lingangisano tsa bobeli tse neng li hlophisitsoe ke setsi sa thuto e phahameng (University) tse bileng ka la 22 Loetse moo ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a supileng a nkileng karolo: ABC, AD, BAP, DC, LCD, and RFP. Lingangisano tsa boraro li ne li kenyellelitse BNP, ABC le BAP. Moetapele e mong le e mong o ne a khethile lintlha tsa mohoo mokha kapa lekhotla la hae. Ho ne ho ena le phapang e kholo ho “RFP khahlanong le mekha le makhotla a mang” e neng e bohala nakong ea lingangisano.

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Lichelete tsa ho iketa

Lichelete tsa ho iketa tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki li laoloa ke Molao oa Likhetho (Electoral Act), ‘me molao ona o fupere lipehelo le melaoana ea tlatsetso ea lichelete ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, e kaba tlatsetso e hlahang ho bolateli kapa ho batho ba ikemetseng. Molao oa Likhetho o boetse o totobatsa melaoana ea bolisa ba lichelete, litlaleho, le likotlo khahlanong le khatikelo ea ona.

Mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a abeloa chelete ho ipapisitsoe le hore na mokha kapa lekhotla le na le litulo tse kae ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba. Mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki ka leng le abeloa LSL 20, 000 (EUR 1,250) ka selemo setulo ka seng ho tseo le nang le tsona ka Paramenteng, ho boetse hona le kakaretso ea pokello ea chelete e aroloang ka ho lekana lipakeng tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a nang le litulo ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa. Ho ipapisitsoe le lipehelo tsa tikoloho,²⁸ mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a abeloang lichelete a tlameha ho romella tlaleho ea lichelete ho Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho likhoeling tse tharo pele selemo se seng le se seng sa lichelete se fela. Selemong sa lichelete sa 2022/23, ke mekha kapa makhotla a mabeli fela a abetsoeng lichelete ha a 12 a sa e abeloa ka lebaka la ho se tlalehe ts’ebeliso ea lichelete.

Likhethong tsena, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea aba lichelete tsa ho iketa e ipapisitse le sephetho sa likhetho tse fetileng tsa paramente, maemong a mang e ile ea ipapisa le litho tse 500 tse patalang seabo ho latela lipehelo tsa ho theha mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki. Selemong sa 2022 ke chelete e kalo ka LSL 4, 000 000 (EUR 220,572) e ileng ea abuo a qetellong ea nako ea ho iketa: cheleteng ena, ke karolo ea 80 lekholong e abuoeng ho latela lipalo tseo mekha le makhotla a lifumaneng likhethong tsa nako e fetileng, ha karolo ea 20 lekholong e abuo e ho latela ngoliso ea litho tse 500 ho mekha le makhotla a neng a qala ho kenela mojao oa likhetho. Baiketi ba ikemetseng bona ha ba abeloe lichelete tsa ho iketa, ‘me sena se khahlanong le lipehelo tsa tikoloho.²⁹ lichelete tse abeloang ho iketa li tlameha ho sebelisetsoa fela mats’olo a ho iketa, ‘me mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a tlameha ho tlaleha ts’ebeliso ea lichelete tsena nakong ea likhoeli tse ts’eletseng ka morao ho phatlalatso ea sephetho sa likhetho.

Le ha mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ntse a abeloa chelete ea ho iketa, ho lumellehile hore mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki le ka ipatlela lithuso le litlatsetso ho mang kapa mang le sa hlaloso mehloli. Taba ena ha e ipapisi le lipehelo tsa li tikoloho.³⁰ Molao o lumella litlatsetso le lithuso tsa lichelete molemong oa ho iketa tse hlahang ka ntle ho naha, ‘me ha hona sekepele kabong ea litlatsetso tse joalo. Leha ho le joalo, molao o tlama mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ‘moho le baiketi ba ikemetseng ho tlaleha lithuso tsa chelete e ka holimo ho LSL 200,000 (EUR 11,500), empa ha ho eso ka ho eba le tlaleho e joalo e etsoang ho tloha selemong sa 2012.

Ka thoko ho mosebetsi oa eona oa mantlha oa ho tsamaisa likhetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ke ‘mesa mohloane licheleteng tsa ho iketa le tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki. Molao o hlakisa hore mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki le fumanoeng le le molato oa ho tlola melaoana ea lichelete tsa ho iketa, le ka thibelo a abeloa lichelete tsa ho iketa tse fanoang ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho likhethong tse latelang. Molao o boetse o ea totobatsa hore moiketi kapa ofisiri ea lekhotla le mokha oa lipolotiki o tlotseng molao ona eka ahlololeoa ho hlola selemo

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chankaneng, kapa ho lefa kotlo ea LSL 10,000 (EUR 553).³¹ Le ha ho le joalo, ts'ebetsong Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ha ena bokhoni ba ho etsa lipatlisiso molemong oa ho fana ka likotlo. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e lisa fela lichelete tsa ho iketa tseo e li abelang mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki pokellong ea eona ea lichelete tse reretsoeng boiketo, e seng tseo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a li fumanang mehloling e meng kaha tsena li sa hlahlobisise ke sechaba. Litlaleho tsa ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tse romelloang Komising e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ha li ea teba, 'me sechaba ha se khone ho li fumana le ho li hlahlobisisa.

²⁸ SADC PEMMO Temana ea 4.10: “Lefapha le tsamaisang likhetho (EMB) ebe lona le ikarabellang tsamaisong le ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tsena tsa sechaba, 'me ba li abeloang ba fane ka lipolokelo tsa bona tsa lichelete tse ka netefatsoang ke EMB.”

²⁹ SADC PEMMO Art. 4.10: “Lichelete tsa sechaba li anetsoe ho mekha le makhotla ohle a lipolotiki ('moho le baiketi ba ikemetseng) a iketelang likhetho e bonahalang ena le bolateli ho latela lipalo tsa tseo mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki le khethuoeng tsona likhethong tse fetileng.

³⁰ SADC PEMMO Temana ea 4.10: “Maikutlo a tsepamisetsoe thehong ea melao e tsamaisang phatlalatso ea mehloli eohle ea chelete ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki.”

³¹ Molao oa Likhetho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba, 2011 Temana ea 72 (11).

Molao o fa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho matla a felletseng a ho etsa lipatlisiso, a akaretsang ho fuputsa ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tse abuoeng, ho kena le liofising tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki leho hlahloba libuka tsa lichelete, lipokello tsa lichelete le litokomane tsa mekha le makhotla, 'moho le ho bitsetsa motho ea amehang lipotsong ha ho hloka hahala. Leha ho le joalo, matla ana a Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho a ntse a ena le likhaello ka ha Komisi e hlahloba fela ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tse abuoeng molemong oa ho iketa. Ka lebaka la khaello ea lichelete le basebetsi ba ka etsang ts'ebetso ena ka ha ho ka hloka hahala basebetsi ba bangata ho hlahloba lichelete tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 56 a qothisaneng lehlokoa likhethong tsa 2022, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ena le likhaello ho etseng mosebetsi oa eona ka botlalo. Khaello ena ea lisebelisoa e sitisitse Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho phetha mosebetsi oa eona oa ho lisa lichelete. Ka lebaka lipehelo tse sa pharallang haholo ho etseng mosebetsi oa eona, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ha ena tokelo ea ho hlahloba karolo e kholo ea litlatsetso ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ka ha li le ka thoko ho meeli ea eona ea bolisa.

Khothaletso ea Manthla: Ho netefatsoe hore Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e etsa ts'ebetso ea eona ea bolisa, 'me e hlahlobisise ts'ebeliso ea lichelete ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le litlatsetso tsa bahoebi tseo mekha le makhotla a lifumanang, sena se etsoe e le mohato oa ho netefatsa ponaletso ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tsa ho iketa.

Ho ne ho ena le phapang e kholo ea bokhoni ba lichelete lipakeng tsa RFP le mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki a neng a qothisana lehlokoa le eona likhethong tsena. Boholo ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki bo ne bo its'etlehile ka pokello ea ona ea liabo tsa botho bo e leng LSL 1 kapa LSL 2 (60 cents to 1,10 EUR) motho ka mong ka selemo. Litlatsetso tsa lichelete tseo bahoebi ba neng ba li etsetsa mekha le makhotla a khale li ile tsa thefuleha haholo ka ha bahoebi ba ne ba ts'ehetsa RFP likhethong tsa 2022. Baiketi ba bangata ba ne ba ts'epetse ho khaso ea mahala e neng e fanoa ke LNBS, 'moho le mats'olo a ho kena ntlo le ntlo ho anetsa mohoo oa bona ho bakhethi ka lebaka la leqeme la lichelete, ha mekha le makhotla a kileng a eba pusong ona a ne a

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ena le bokhoni ba ho etsa liboka tse kholo ebile ba fa balateli likipa tsa mekha le lijo tsa mahala, ‘moho le ho ba lefella lipalangoang ho ea le ho khutla libokeng. Lichelete tse fokolang tse abuoang ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho li ne li se boemong ba ho batalatsa mabala lipakeng tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a sa lekaneng ka lichelete, haholo-holo mekha le makhotla a manyane le baiketi ba ikemetseng. Sena e ile ea eba monyetla ho RFP e nang le bokhoni ba ho patalla boiketi bo litjeo li holimo le mekhoha e fapaneng ea lipalangoang, moetapele oa eona o ne a tsamaea ka seroala-nkhoana ho potoloha le naha. Ho ile hoa fihla tlhokomelehong ea EU EOM hore ho bile le lietsahala tse ‘maloa tsa ts’ebeliso ea makoloi a ‘muso boiketong ba likhetho, likoloi tsena ke tseo ho le molaong hore li sebelisoa ke Matona le liofisiri tse ling tsa ‘muso ho phetha mabaka a ‘muso, empa ho li sebelisa boiketong ba likhetho ho khahlanong le mekhoha ea tikoloho e nepahetseng ea ts’ebetso.²²

Ha hona sekepele se beiloeng licheleteng tseo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ka li sebelisang ho iketela likhetho, hape ha hona lipehelo tse tlamang mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho fana ka tlaleho ea ts’ebeliso ea lichelete tsa boiketo ka nako. Sena se etsa hore ho se be le ponaletso ts’ebelising ea lichelete le litlatsetso tse etsetsoang mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, ‘me sena se siea karolo e bohlokoa haholo ea ts’ebetso ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki e sena bolisa le boikarabello.

Khothaletso ea Mantlha: E le mohato oa ho batalatsa mabala molemong oa baiketi bohle, ho behoe sekepele lits’enyehelong tsa boiketi, ho boele ho thibelo ts’ebeliso ea thepa ea ‘Muso mats’olong a ho iketela likhetho.

IX. BOPHATLALATSI

Seea-le-moea-pono sa Lesotho (LTV) se fane ka khaso ea litaba e ne e batla e lekana, ea boela ea aba lipapatso tsa mahala molemong oa mekha le makhotla a neng a iketa, empa monyetla o na ha oa ka oa abeloa baiketi ba ikemetseng.

Boemo ba Bophatlalatsi

Phumants’o ea tlhahiso-leseling e thatafatsoa ke hore ke halofo ea sechaba feela e nang le motlakase.²³ Seea-le-moea sa Lesotho se fihlela boholo ba libaka ka hare ho naha, ha seea-le-moea-pono sa Lesotho (LTV) e le sona feela seea-le-moea-pono se fumanehang ka hare ho naha. Ka bobeli li tsamaisoa ke setsi sa naha sa khaso le bophatlalatsi (LNBS), ‘me sona se boetse se tsamaisa Ultimate FM le Lesotho News Agency (LENA). Ho na le litsi tsa bophatlatsi tse laoloang ke Lekhotla la Taolo ea Likhokahanyo (LCA) ‘me tsona ke tse 18 tse ikemetseng le tse ts’eletseng (6) tsa sechaba, ho boetse ho na le maselinyana a litaba a leshome (10) a hatisoang beke le beke leha boteng ba o na marang-rang bo fokola.²⁴ Khahlanong le boitlami ba naha ea Lesotho

²² SADC PEMMO Temana ea 4.7: “Ts’ebeliso ea thepa ea sechaba molemong oa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki libokeng le mats’olong a ho iketela likhetho e qojoe ka mekhoha eohle”.

²³ Ho latela Lesotho Electricity Company, ke malapa a etsang karolo ea 45.8 lekholong a hoketsoeng motlakaseng. Holima moo, tlaleho ea 2019 ea Maemo a Mahlale (State of ICT Lesotho report of 2019) e entsoeng ke Setsi sa Taolo ea Likhokahano (Lesotho Communications Authority) (e sa phatlalatsoang) e supa hore ke malapa a etsang karolo ea 49.4 lekholong a nang le lia-le-moea ha karolo ea 30 lekholong e ena le lia-lemoea-pono.

²⁴ Liea-le-moea tsa sechaba, tseo qalong li thehiloeng ka t’sehetso ea Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Lesotho, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa le UNESCO, li fumaneha Literekeng tsa Mafeteng, Quthing,

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lipehelong tsa tikoloho le tsa machaba, LNBS ke karolo ea Lekala la Likhokahanyo, Mahlale le Ts’ebeliso ea Mahlale.³⁵

Khothaletso: LNBS e lokela ho fetoloa hore ebe setsi sa bophatlalatsi se ikemetseng sa sechaba; se lokela se be le boikemelo botsamaising, licheleteng le boliseng.

Ka lebaka la ‘maraka o kikitleng oa lipapatso, litsi tsa bophatlalatsi tse ikemetseng, haholo-holo litsi tsa khaso li na le bofokoli ba lichelete. Ho ea ka Bolebelli ba EU EOM, ha ho seea-le-moea le se le seng se ka nkoang se na le bokhoni ba ho ikemela. Ka lebaka la hore bophatlalatsi bo its’etlehile ka mehloli ea lichelete tse hlahang kante, hona ho ama boikemelo ba bohlophisi ba litaba ‘moho le sepheo sa bophatlalatsi, e leng ho netefatsa hore ba matleng a lipolotiki ba nka boikarabello. Balebelli ba EU EOM ba tlalehile hore ho bile le kena-kenano ho boikemelo ba bohlophisi ba litaba, e leng se entsoeng ke beng ba matlo a bophatlalatsi bao ka nako tse ling ba nkang karolo lipolotiking. Ka kakaretso, ha hona ponaletso litabeng tsa mehloli ea lichelete ea bophatlalatsi, le ba unang molemo bao e leng bona ba laolang litsi tsa bophatlalatsi.²⁵

Leha boholo ba ‘maraka oa lipapatso o sa tsejoe ka botlalo, le phano ea lipapatso tsa ‘Muso e sena ponaletso, balebelli ba bangata ba EU EOM ba lemohile hore ‘Muso ke mobapatsi ea ka sehloohong. Ba boetse ba hlalosa hore mehleng ea ho feta, phano ea lipapatso e ne e sebelisoa ho fokolisa boikemelo ba bohlophisi ba litaba le ho thibela ho ts’oauoa phoso.²⁶ E le ho thatiselletsa, meputso e sa lekanang le tlhokahalo ea koetliso e nang le boiphihlelo ea baqolotsi ba litaba li ne li etsa hore baqolotsi ba amohele lipatala hore ba phatlalatse ka mokhoa o nang le lits’ekamelo. Phatlalatso e patalletsoeng le ha e sa bonahale ha bobebe ke ntho e jeleng setsi. Ka mabaka a na, sechaba se nka liea-le-moea, e leng mofuta bophatlalatsi o sebelisoang haholo, li sekametse ho

Qacha’s Nek, Botha Buthe le Thaba Tseka ka tatellano. Dope FM eona e sebetse e le sea-le-moea sa sechaba sa National University. 35 Karolo ea bobeli ea African Charter ea 2001 holima Bophatlalatsi (2001 African Charter on Broadcasting in Part II) 1. E hlakisa hore “bophatlalatsi bohle bo laoloang ke ‘muso bo etsoe bophatlalatsi ba bosebeletsi ba sechaba, bo ikarabelle ho mekhahlelo eohle ea sechaba e emetsoeng ke boto e ikemetseng, bo sebeletse lithahasello tsa sechaba ka kakaretso, bo qobe ho nka lehlakore botlalehling ba litaba bo be qobe khaso e mabapi le tumelo, thahasello ea lipolotiki, moetlo, morabe le bong.” Sheba Serapa sa 39 sa Maikutlo-Kakaretso a 2011 a UNHRC (2011 UNHRC General Comment) No. 34 ho ICCPR le Mooloane (Principle) oa 13 oa Phatlalatso ea Meoloane holima Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo le ho Fumana Tlhahiso-leseling ka hara Africa (2019 Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa). Leano la Naha la Bophatlatsi le ananetsoeng Paramenteng ka la 29 Pulungoana 2021, le totobatsa hore “litsi tsa ‘muso tsa bophatlalatsi li tla fetoleloa ho bophatlalatsi bo sebetsang ebile bo tsitsitse, bo laoloa ‘moho ke ‘muso le mahlakore a ikemetseng kapa bo le taolong ea mahlakore a ikemetseng ka kotloloho, ho ipapisitsoe le maemo a moruo ka nako eo, e le mekhoha e metle eo ho ithutiloeng eona linaheng tse ling.”

²⁵ Meoloane ea 12.3 le 14.2 ea 2019 ea Phatlalatso ea Meoloane (Declaration of Principles 2019)8- mabapi le Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo le Ho fumants’soa Tlhahiso-leseling Africa, e bonts’a hore beng ba litsi tsa bophatlalatsi ba fane ka tiisetso ea bolokolohi ba bohlophisi ba litaba, le hore sechaba se tsebisoe hore na beng ba litsi tsa bophatlalatsi ke bo mang.

²⁶ Meoloane ea 24.2 ea 2019 ea Phatlalatso ea Meoloane (Declaration of Principles 2019)8- mabapi le Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo le ho fumana Tlhahiso-leseling ka hare ho Africa e totobatsa hore “Mebuso etla etsa bonnete ba ho aba lichelete tsa lipapatso tsa sechaba (public advertising) ka mokhoa o nang le ponaletso le boikarabello ho sechaba, ebile esa sebelise matla a eona hampe kabong ea lipapatso tsena.”

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mekha le makhotla a itseng a lipolotiki. Maselinyana a litaba a bonahala e le o na a fanang ka litaba tse batlisitsoeng empa joale khatiso ea o na e ea lieha.

Tokelo ea Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le Melao ea Bophatlalatsi

Molao-theo o lumella bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo le ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling. Le ha hole joalo, tiiso ea sena e angoa ke lipehelo tse hlahang ka hare ho Molao-theo. Le ha maemo a hlakisitsoeng ka hare ho ICCPR a totobatsa hore “litokelo kapa paballo ea seriti sa ba bang, polokeho ea sechaba kapa boikhutso ba sechaba, bophelo ba sechaba kapa boits'oaro”, Molao-theo o lumella ho katloa hoa tse ling tsa litokelo tsena “molemong oa ho behela basebeletsi ba sechaba lipehelo”. Ho sa le joalo, Molao-theo o lumella ho khinoa hoa “litokelo tsa mantlha le bolokolohi” molemong oa “sechaba”, ‘me sena se khahlanong le lipehelo tsa tikoloho le tsa machaba.²⁷

Ho ipapisitsoe le boitlamo ba machaba le tikoloho, ba la 18 ‘Mesa 2018, Lekhotla la Molao-theo le phatlalalitse hore ts’enyoo ea lebitso ke tlolo ea molao.²⁸ Le ha hole joalo, Melao e meng e ntse ena le lipehelo tsa ts’enyoo ea lebitso. Ka la 17 Loetse 2022, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea etsa khopotso leqepheng la Facebook ka Khaolo ea 169 ea Molao oa Likhetho e bont’sang kotlo ea LSL 1, 000 (59 Euros) e ka fanoang le/kapa ho koalloa chankaneng likhoeli tse 12 ka lebaka la litaba tse ka “khehosang” mabapi le mokhoa oa ho khetha kapa mafosisa a amanang le khulo ea moiketi kapa semelo sa bona. Ho sa le joalo, lipehelo tsa tlolo ea molao ea ho baka mefere-fere ka hara Molao o ts’oanang ha li ikamahanye le boitlamo ba naha lipehelong tsa machaba le tsa tikoloho.²⁹

Khonthaletso: Meralo ea molao ho kenyelletsa Molao-theo, Molao oa Litlolo tsa Molao ‘moho le Molao oa Likhetho li lokela li behoe boemong ba hore li ipapise le boitlamo ba naha ho lipehelo tsa tikoloho le tsa machaba mabapi le bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo; sena se ka etsoa ka ho tlosa lipehelo tsohle tse bonts'ang ts'enyoo ea lebitso e le tlolo ea molao.

Molao oa Likhokahanyo oa 2012 o laola Lekhotla la Taolo ea Likhokahanyo (LCA), e leng molaoli oa bophatlalatsi, o boetse o theha Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Litletlebo tsa Khaso (BDRP). Boikemelo ba litsi tsena ka bobeli bo fokolisoa ke tsela eo litho tsa boto ea LCA le litho tsa BDRP li khethoang ka eona ke Letona la Likhokahanyo, Mahlale le Ts’ebeliso ea Mahlale. Boitlami ba machaba le ba tikoloho mabapi le tokelo ea ho hlalisa maikutlo bo supa hore methati ea ho khetha litho tsa lekhotla le laolang bophatlalatsi e be e nang le boikemelo e be e sireletsoe khahlanong le

²⁷Maikutlo-kakaretso a 2011 a UNHRC (UNHRC General Comment) No. 34 ho ICCPR, Serapeng sa 22, e bont’sa hore khino ea tokelo ea bolokolohi ba ho hlalisa maikutlo ha e ea lumelleha tlasa mabaka a sa hlakisoa Serapeng 19.3 sa ICCPR, e tlameha e “fanoa ke molao” ‘me e ipapise le bohlahlobi ba tlhokahalo le litekanyetso tsa teng. Taba e ts’oanang e bonts’oa ke Mooloane oa borobong (Principle 9) ea Phatlalatso ea Meoloane ea 2019 holima Bolokolohi ba ho Hlalisa Maikutlo le ho Fumana Tlhahiso-leseling Africa (2019 Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa).

²⁸ Sheba Kahlolo.

²⁹ Phatlalatso ea Meoloane ea 2019 holima Bolokolohi ba ho Hlalisa Maikutlo le ho Fumana Tlhahiso-leseling Africa (2019 Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa), Serapeng sa 22, e ipiletsa ho Mebuso ho tlosa melao e etsang hore bohloheletsi, ho rohaka le ho phatlalatsa mafosisa e be litlolo tsa molao.

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“khamlamelo ea lipolotiki, ea lichelete kapa ea mofuta ofe kapa ofe”. Khetho ena e lokela e be le ponalestso ebe e kenyetsetse mafapha o hle a amehang.³⁰

Khothaletso ea Mantlha: Boikemelo ba Lekhotla la Taolo ea Likhokahanyo (LCA) bo lokela bo matlafatsoe, sena se ka etsoa ka ho fetola mokhoa oa ho khetha botsamaisi ho ipapisitsoe le boitlamo ba tikoloho le ba machaba.

Phatlalatso ea Boiketo ba Likhetho le Liphumano tsa EU EOM Bohlalobing ba Bophatlalatsi

Molao oa Bophatlalatsi oa 2022 o entsoeng ke BDRP o supa hore “litsing tsa naha le tse ikemetseng tsa bophatlalatsi, phatlalatso ea litaba e be e nang le ‘nete, e sa nke lehlakore ebile e abela mahlakore ohle toka; molao o na o boetse o fana ka tokelo ea ho rekisa nako ea lipapatso ho sebelisoa maemo a lekanang. LCA le BDRP li fuoe boikarabello ba ho kenya lipehelo tsena ts’ebetsong, ‘me tsona li matlafatsoa ke Molao oa Likhetho nakong ea likhetho moo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a boiketong a abeloang nako ea mahala litsing tsa bophatlalatsi tsa ‘Muso. Le ha hole joalo, ka molao, baiketi ba ikemetseng ha ba abeloe nako ea mahala ea ho iketa. Nako ea ts’ebetso ea litho tsa BDRP e ile ea fela mafelong a Phato 2022, sena se etsahetse pele ho ka khethoa litho tse ncha.³¹ Ho sa le joalo, litlaleho tsa tlhahlobo ha lia ka tsa phatlalatsoa, le liqeto tsa LCA tsa ho kenyoa hoa molao ts’ebetsong nakong ea likhetho ha lia ka tsa phatlalatsoa. Ha ho litlaleho tse amanang le boiketo tse ileng tsa etsoa.

Khothaletso: Bokhoni ba LCA bo lokela bo matlafatsoe e le hore e hlahlobe le ho kenya ts’ebetsong melao ea bophatlalatsi mabapi le “khaso ea litaba tsa ‘nete tse sa nkeng lehlakore li bile li abela mahlakore ohle toka” litsing tsa ‘muso le tse ikemetseng tsa bophatlalatsi. Sena se ka etsoa ka hoba le tlhaloso ea semolao ea bohlalobi le ho phatlalatsoa litlaleho tsa bohlalobi ka nako.

Ho ipapisitsoe le Molao oa Likhetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea aba lipapatso tsa mahala tse nkang hora ele ‘ngoe le metsotso e mashome a mararo (1.5 hrs) seea-le-moea-ponong sa Lesotho ‘moho le seea-le-moeng bakeng sa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a neng iketa. Phatlalatso ena e entsoe ho tloha ka la 10 Loetse ho isa ho la 5 Mphalane, ho ile hoa sebelisoa tlhahlamano ea litlhaku tse qalang ha ho ngoloa mabitso a mekha le makhotla a iketang. Ha ho moiketi ea ileng a qholotsa nako ea mahala e abiloeng, leha e le hore kabo ea lipapatso nakong ea sehlohlolo e ka nkoa e le monyetla ho ba abetsoeng nako e joalo. Ho ea ka liphumano tsa bohlalobi ba bophatlalatsi ba EU EOM, seea-le-moea-pono sa Lesotho se fane ka karolo ea 30, 17, 9, 9 le 7 lekholong, tsa nako ea sehlohlolo ho hasa ABC, RFP, DC, BAP, le LCD ka tatellano, ha mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki a 12 le moiketi a le mong a ikemetseng ba fumane khaso

³⁰ Sheba Serapa sa 39 sa Maikutlo-kakaretso a 2011 a UNHRC (UNHRC General Comment) No. 34 to ho ICCPR le Mooloane oa 17 oa Phatlalatso ea Meoloane ea 2019 holima Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo le ho Fumana Tlhahiso-leseling Africa (2019 Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa).

³¹ Letona la Likhokahano, Mahlale le Ts’ebeliso ea Mahlale le boletse hore le ne le batla ho thonya litho tse tla tlatsa likheo empa le ile la eletsoa ke LCA ho latela tsamaiso ka ho bapatsa likheo tseo ha bosebeletsi bo teng bo felloa ke nako. Litho tse ncha li ile tsa thonyoa ka la 6 Mphalane 2022.

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e fokolang. Litaba tsohle li ne li hasoa ka tsela e sa nkeng lehlakore. Litsi tsa bophatlalatsi tse ikemetseng li ile tsa bonts'a ts'ekamelolo e totobetseng khasong ea tsona ea litaba, ha kakaretso ea khaso ea litaba e ne e fokola. Litsi tse ikemetseng tsa bophatlalatsi tse hlahlobiloeng li fane ka khaso ea litaba eo palo ea eona e leng ka tlase ho karolo ea 10 lekholong papisong le khaso ea mananeo ao ho nts'oang maikutlo a ileng a abeloa palo e ka holimo ho karolo ea 60 lekholong. MoAfrika FM e abetse DC karolo ea 60 lekholong, ha RFP, baiketi ba ikemetseng le ABC ba abetsoe karolo ea 16, 7 le 4 lekholong ka tatellano. Karolo ea 33 lekholong ea khaso ea RFP e ne ele e khahlanong le eona. Ho sa le joalo, kamorao ho likhetho, khaso ea litaba ea MoAfrika FM e ne ele e sekameng ebile e arola sechaba.³² People's Choice FM e abile karolo ea 25 lekholong ho ABC le DC ka ho lekana, le karolo 22 lekholong ho MEC. Leha ho le joalo, karolo ea 70 lekholong ea khaso ea DC le karolo ea 41 lekholong ea khaso ea MEC li ne li le khahlanong le tsona. Ts'enolo FM e abile karolo ea 30, 24, 22 le 20 lekholong ea khaso ea litaba ho MEC, ABC, BAP le DC ka tatellano, 'me karolo ea 31 lekholong ea khaso ea DC le karolo ea 49 lekholong ea khaso ea MEC li ne li le khahlanong makhotla ana. Ho ea liphumano tsa bophatlalatsi le litlaleho tsa Balebelli ba Nako e Telele (LTO) mabapi le liea-le-moea tsa sechaba, ka kakaretso, liea-le-moea tsena li bapetse karolo ea bohlokoa ka ho fana ka tlhahiso-leseling litabeng tsa likhetho boemong ba sechaba, ho ne ho eba le mananeo a lipuisano le baiketi, ho bile hona le thuto ea bakhethi. Liea-le-moea tsa sechaba tse Qacha's Nek le Quthing li ne li hasa litaba ka lipuo tse latelang: isiXhosa, Sephuthi, Sesotho le Sekhooa. Ho tlalehiloe hore liea-le-moea tsohle tsa sechaba li ne li na le khaello ea lisebelisoa 'me li hloka ho pharalatsa khaso ea tsona hore e anele setereke.

X. LITOKELO TSA HO FUMANA MARANG-RANG A SECHABA

Boiketo ba marang-rang e ne e le bo hlomphang, bo imametseng le hoja ho ne ho sena methati ea ho netefatsa litaba, ka linako tse ling litaba tsa mafosisa li ne li phatlalatsoa maqepheng a marang-rang a 41 a ileng a hlahlojoa.

Maemo a Marang-rang a Sechaba

Sechaba se sebelisang marang-rang naheng ea Lesotho ke karolo ea 52 fela lekholong,³³ seo haholo-holo se fumanehang mabalane. Boholo ba mahaeng ha bona motlakase le khokahano ea marang-rang, sena se fokotsa tokelo tsa batho tsa ho nts'a maikutlo le ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling

³² 1) Ka la 18 le la 19 Mphalane, litabeng tsa eona tsa marang-rang a Facebook, MoAfrika FM e ile ea tlaleha molaetsa oa marang-rang a Facebook (Facebook post) e neng e le ts'oso maphelong a litho tsa RFP le malapa a bona ha li ka tsa ts'elela ho DC ka Ntlong e ncha ea Bakhetho ba Sechaba. Molaetsa ona oa marang-rang a Facebook o ne o ena le sets'oants'o sa sethunya sa letsoho 'me o ne phatlalalitsoe ke eo e leng karolo ea sechaba ka hara sehlopha sa marang-rang a Facebook se bitsoang "Revolution for Prosperity". 2) Ka la 21 Mphalane, ho ile hoa thoe bamameli ba khethole ho theoloa litulong hoa Baokameli ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC Commissioners) le hore 'Muso o theohang litulong o ts'oare likhetho tse ncha. 3) Molaetsa oa marang-rang a Twitter (tweet) o entsoeng ke monga MoAfrika FM ka la 24 Mphalane, oo a neng a bapisa taba ea ho kopanyoa hampe hoa litulo tsa Khekhethane ke IEC ho tlo hlohlelletsa meferefere e ts'oanang le ea selemo sa 1998 ha hone ho hanoa sephetho sa likhetho, o ile oa tlisa khalefo ho basebelisi ba marang-rang a Twitter. Ba bang ba Bahlomphehi, ba kenyeletsang Moemeli oa Lesotho ebile e le Letona la mehleng le Molula-setulo oa LCA oa mehleng, ba ile ba re molaetsa ona ke bohlohleletsi bo kotsi.

³³ [Datareportal](#), Pherekhong 2022.

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ka marang-rang.³⁴ Khokahano ea marang-rang ka mohala oa letsoho ke mokhoa oa mantlha oo batho ba fumanang marang-rang.⁴⁶ ke karolo ea sechaba ea 96 lekholong e sebelisang mehala ea letsoho ho kena marang-rang. Ka kakaretso, tsebo ea marang-rang a sechaba e ea fokola ‘me ke karolo ea sechaba e ka tlase ho 30 lekholong e sebelisang marang-rang a sechaba.³⁵

Marang-rang a Facebook ke ona a sebelisoang ka bongata ke basebelise ba 509,000, ‘me ke ona a neng a sebelisoa haholo ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho iketa. Le ha marang-rang a Instagram le YouTube a ntse a sebelisoa, ene ese ka bongata. Marang-rang a Twitter ona a sebelisoa ke batho ba 23,000 ‘me ona a sebelisoa ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a fokolang ka lipalo, ‘moho le baiketi le ba nang le ts’usumetso marang-rang. Ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 65 a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, EU EOM e tlalehetsoe hore ke BAP, MEC le RFP fela tse nang le mabota a marang-rang a website a sebetsang. Ba amehang lipolotiking, ‘moho le litsi tse kang Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, li ne li fetisa melaetsa ka lihlopha tsa marang-rang a WhatsApp (WhatsApp groups)³⁶ kaha mabota a tsona a marang-rang a website a sa ntlafatsoe nako le nako³⁷. Marang-rang a Facebook ene e le ona a ka sehloohong ao Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e neng e phatlalatsa melaetsa le ho fana ka thuto ea bakhethi e sebelisa puo ea Sesotho le Sekhooa.³⁸ Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) le eona e ne sebelisa marang-rang a Facebook ho phatlatsa lits’oantso tsa lithupelo tsa ona tsa thuto ea bakhethi, leha ka linako tse ling mekhatlo ena e ne e sa hlaisi matsatsi le libaka tseo lithupelo li entsoeng teng. Mokhatlo oa TRC o ile oa hasa lingangisano tse peli tsa naha tsa lipolotiki leqepheng la ona la marang-rang a Facebook.³⁹

Ho latela liphuputso tsa morao-roa holima bolokolohi ba ho hlaisa maikutlo Lesotho,⁴⁰ lihlopha tsa bacha le lihlopha tse ling joalo ka lihlopha tsa batho ba nang le likamano tsa lerato le batho ba bong bo ts’oanang (LGBTQ community) li fumana tlhahiso-leseling marang-rang haholo-holo. Moloko o mocha o bona marang-rang e le sebaka sa ho nts’a maikutlo a on aka bolokolohi, haholo-

³⁴Phatlalatso ea Meoloane ea 2019 holima Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo le ho Fumana Tlhahiso-leseling Africa (2019 Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa). Mooloane oa 37 Phumanaho ea Marang-rang: “Mebuso etla elelloa hore phumants’o ea marang-rang e akaetsang, e nang le tekano e khoneha ka theko e bohlokoa ho netefatseng bolokolohi ba ho hlaisa maikutlo, phumants’o ea tlhahiso-leseling le molemong oa ho phethahatsa litokelo tse ling tsa botho.” ⁴⁶ [GSMA Mobile Connectivity Index 2021](#).

³⁵ [Datareportal](#), Pherekhong 2022.

³⁶ EU EOM ha e hlahlobe marang-rang a melaetsa joalo WhatsApp ka mabaka a ts’ireletso ea lekunutu.

³⁷ African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights. Litataiso tsa phumants’o ea tlhahiso-leseling le Likhetho Africa. Phano ka ntle ho kopu: “Ba nang le kobo ea bohali likhethong ba tlameha ho phatlalatsa tlhahiso-leseling e thahasellong ea sechaba ka sebopeho, mesebetsi, matla, methati ea ho nka liqeto, lichelete ‘moho le ts’ebeliso ea tsona mabapi le likhetho.”

³⁸ Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho is aka la 18 Mphalane, IEC e phatlalalitse melaetsa e 44 eo ho eona karolo ea 64 lekholong e neng e le mabapi le thuto le tlhahiso-leseling ea bakhethi. Sheba karolo ea XX – Qhoaello ea 4 – Tse fumanoeng tlhahlobo ea marang-rang a sechaba.

³⁹ Transformation Resource Center, Bacha re Bacha, Patriot Vision in Action, Migrant Workers Association e ne e le eona Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e fanang ka tlhahiso-leseling mabapi le thuto ea bakhethi ka ho fetisisa marang-rang a sechaba a Facebook.

⁴⁰Tlaleho ea IEA Lesotho mabapi le Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo ea Pulungoana 2021 (IEA Lesotho Report Freedom of Expression in Lesotho, November 2021).

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holo lihlopheng tsa marang-rang a Facebook. Ba amehang ba bonts'itse ha ho hloka hlahala thuto ea ea marang-rang a sechaba le tse amanang le ona ka boemo bo holimo.⁴¹

Libeke tse peli pele ho likhetho, Komisi e Ikemetsing ea Likhetho 'moho le khoebo ea marang-rang Facebook Meta, li ile tsa etsa koetliso e neng e reretsoe boraliphatlatso ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki mabapi le ts'ebeliso ea marang-rang ho iketeleng likhetho.⁵⁴ Bolebelli ba Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU EOM) ha bo eaka ba memeloa ho ea labella koetliso eo, hape koetliso ena hae ea etsoa ka nako ka hona ene e sena monyetla oa ho tlisa phetoho e bonahalang boiketong.

Melao e Amanang le Litokelo tsa Marang-rang

Molao-theo oa Lesotho o sireletsa bolokolohi ba ho hlahisa maikutlo le ho fumants'oa tlhahiso-leseling ka ntle ho ts'etiso ea letho.⁴² Leha ho le joalo, ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling marang-rang e ntse e le pharela ka ha naha ea Lesotho e sena molao o totobetseng mabape le marang-rang. Sets'oants'o sa 2000 sa Molao oa Phumants'o ea Tlhahiso-leseling se ne se ntse se eso phetheloe ka nako eo tlaleho ena e neng e ngoloa.⁴³ Maikutlo a ba amehang ke hore sesosa sa bothata ba ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling ka marang-rang ke hore marang-rang a website a litsi tsa sechaba ha a nchafatsoe khafetsa. Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) esale e susumeletsa hore molao oa phumants'o ea tlhahiso-leseling o ipapisang le Molao a Machaba a Kopaneng a Africa (African Union Model Law on Access to Information) o kenye ts'ebetsong hore tlhahiso-leseling e hlahang litsing tsa sechaba joalo ka Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e tlamehang ho e phatlatsoa e tle e eketsoe, ho kenyelletsoa le e hlahang marang-rang.

Molao oa Likhokahano oa selemo sa 2012 (2012 Communications Act) o totobatsa hore litaba li fe kapa li fe tse arolelanoang marang-rang eka ba ka molumo (audio) kapa sets'oants'o-pono (video) li ka abeloa laksense kapa tsa nkoa e le bophatlatso, sena se khahlanong le boitlamo ba machaba le tikoloho.⁴⁴ Ka selemo sa 2020, Setsi sa Taolo ea Khaso le Bophatlatso (LCA) se ile sa etsa khothaleto ea hore motho e mong le e mong ea nang le bolateli ba batho ba fetang 100 marang-rang a sechaba a fuoe tumello (permit) ea bophatlatso. Sechaba se ile sa tletleba khahlanong le molao ona ka hore ke sesebelisoa sa ho laola le ho thibela sechaba ho hlahisa maikutlo ka bolokolohi.

⁴¹ 2019 Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa. Mooloane oa 37. Phumants'o ea marang-rang: "Mebuso e tla ikamahanya le methati ea ho fana ka marang-rang a akaretsang sechaba ka ho kenyelletsa: (e) ho fana ka koetliso ea mahlale e akaretsang molemong oa ts'ebeliso e ikemetseng." 54 Ho ile hoa ts'oaro koetliso ea liofisiri tsa bophatlatso ho hlaha mekheng le makhotleng a lipolotiki e kopanetsoeng, baemeli ba Meta ba ile ba nka karolo ka marang-rang. Koetliso ena e ne e ts'oaretsoe Maseru ka la 20 Loetse.

⁴² Molao-theo oa Lesotho. Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo (Temana. 14): "1. Motho e mong le e mong o tla ba le tokelo (kante ho tumello ea hae) ea ho se thibeloe ho fumana bolokolohi ba ho hlahisa maikutlo, 'moho le bolokolohi ba ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling kante ho ts'etiso [...]"

⁴³ Sets'oants'o sa Molao sa Phumants'o le Phumano ea Tlhahiso-leseling, sa Lesotho 2020. (Lesotho Access and Receipt of Information Bill 2020).

⁴⁴ Sheba 2021 UN, OSCE, OAS, ACHPR Phatlatso e Kopanetsoeng mabapi le Boralipolotiki le Ofisiri tsa Sechaba le Bolokolohi ba ho Hlahisa Maikutlo. (Joint Declaration on Politicians and Public Officials and Freedom of Expression). Bolokolohi ba Bophatlatso le Phapano (Media Independence and Diversity): "Mebuso e fokoletse tse hlokoang ho litsi tsa bophatlatso molemong oa ho ngolisa kapa ho fumana lakesense, ho hloka hlahala fela ho netefatsa ts'ebetso e nepahetseng bophatlatso [...]"

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Molao oa Likhetho ha o na lipehelo tsa boiketi ba likhetho bo etsoang marang-rang ‘moho le tsa khatikelo tsa molao tse etsoang marang-rang. Ka lebaka lena, nako ea boikhutso ba ho iketa, eo e leng lihora tse 24 pele ho letsatsi la likhetho hae eaka ea hlompheha marang-rang a Facebook, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a sa kang a ikobela nako ena ke ABC, MEC, BNP, LCD le Your Opportunity & Network Alliance (YONA). BAP eona e ile ea hlalisa sets’oants’o-pono sa puisano eo moetapele oa eona a neng a bua litaba tsa lipolotiki, empa khabareng sets’oants’o-pono seo sa tlosoa.

Molao-theo o sireletsa tokelo ea lekunutu, Molao oa Ts’ireletso ea Litaba oa 2011 (2011 Data Protection Act) o hlakisa lipehelo molemong oa ts’ireletso ea litaba (data) ele mohato oa hore moralo oa molao o ipapise le lipehelo tsa SADC tsa ts’ireletso ea litaba. Le ha ho le joalo, Komisi ea Ts’ireletso ea Litaba e hlahang ka kara ona ke hona e tla thehoa, bosieo ba komisi ena bo entse hore molao ose kenyele ts’ebetsong. Haeka ea khethoa, Komisi ena e tla nne e be le matla a fokolang papisong le litsi tse ling tsa naha tsa Africa ho netefatsa hore molao kenngoa ts’ebetsong, hae na matla a ho fan aka likotlo ho ba sa ikobeleng molao. Molao o boetse ha o bonts’e Komisi e ikemetse ka hona ho ntse ho ena le monyetla oa hore e ka susumetsoa.⁴⁵

Melaoana ea likhokahano ea selemo sa 2021 (2021 Communications Regulations),⁴⁶ e na le lipehelo tsa hore motho e mong le e mong a ngolise karete ea hae ea mohala oa letsoho (SIM card) molemong oa ho etsa pokello e kholo ea manane a basebelisi ba likhokahano tsa mehala ea letsoho(central database). Tse ling tsa lipehelo tse hatikelang Litokelo tsa Mantlha tsa Lekunutu (Fundamental Rights and Privacy) li ile tsa hlakolwa, lipehelo tse joalo ene e le tsa ho bokella litaba tsa marang-rang (biometric data) le ho khona ho fumana litaba tsa motho tsa marang-rang ka ntle ho taelo ea Lekhotla (accessing personal data without a Court order). Ba amehang ba ile ba bonts’a litlitlito mabapi le sena, ba bonts’a hore bosieo ba Komisi ea Ts’ireletso ea Litaba tsa marang-rang (Data Protection Commission) bo ka etsa hore ba sebetsanang pokello ea litaba tsa marang-rang (data collectors and processors) b aka hlekefetsa sechaba.

Paramente e ne e ile ea amohela Sets’oants’o sa Molao oa Tlolo ea Molao ka Likh’omphutha le Ts’ireletseho ea Marang-rang (Computer Crime and Cyber Security Bill) empa se ne sentse se emetse ho tiisoa ke Motlotlehi ha paramente e qhaloa ka Phupu 2022, ka hona Sets’oants’o sena ha se eaka sa feta. Leha ho ho le joalo, Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e supa hore hae eaka ea kenyelletsoa ha Sets’oants’o sena se etsoa ka hona se ne se ena le lipehelo tse hatikelang Litokelo tsa Mantlha.⁴⁷

⁴⁵ Moralo oa Molao oa Ts’ireletso ea Litaba oa SADC (SADC Data Protection Model Law HIPSSA). III Lekhotla la Ts’ireletso ea Litaba (Data Protection Authority): “Lekhotla la Ts’ireletso ea litaba (Protection Authority) le ikemetseng le thehoa ‘me le tla lisa le ho tsamaisa Moralo ona oa Molao (Model law) ‘moho le litokelo tsa lekunutu ka hara naha. Sena se bolela hore liqeto li tla nkoa kante ho ts’usumetso ea letho ho Lekhotla lena.”

⁴⁶ Lekala la Likhokahano (Ngoliso ea Likarete tsa Mehala ea Letsoho) (The Communications Subscriber Identity Module Registration) Melaoana, 2021.

⁴⁷ Liipehelo tsa 43 mabapi le ho Phatlalatsa mafosisa, li bonts’a ha kahlolo ea ho phatlalatsa mafosisa e kaba ho koallosa chankaneng ho isa ho lilemo tse hlano.

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Khothaletso: Ho kenngoe ts'ebetsong lipehelo tse matlafetseng molaong o teng oa ts'ireletseho ea litaba, ho be ho thehoe Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Ts'ireletseho ea litaba molemong oa netefatsa hore litokelo tsa motho e mong le emong tsa lekunutu lia hlompheua marang-rang, haholo-holo ka nako ea likhetho.

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Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo ile ba hlokomela hore ho ne ho ena le maqephe (page) a 151 le lihlopha (groups) tse 126 tsa marang-rang a Facebook tse amanang le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 65 a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, 'me ene e le maqephe le lihlopha tse fokolang fela tse tsamaisoang ka kotloloho ke mekha le makhotla ana a lipolotiki. Haho mabota a marang-rang a sechaba ao eka ea bang a lekhotla kapa mokha oa lipolotiki, moiketi kapa litsi tsa naha, a bonts'ang beche e putsoa ea tiiso (verification badge) ho bonts'a hore mabota ao a fela e le a 'nete. Bothata bona ba ho netefatsa mohloli oa litaba e bile qholotso ho bakhethi ho etseng liqeto tse nepahetseng.

Ka kakaretso, boiketo ba marang-rang bo ne bo ena le tlhompho ebile bo imametse. Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ka la 12 Mphalane 2022, Bolebelli ba Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU EOM) bo hlalobile melaetsa (post) e 1,447 ea marang-rang a Facebook le e 278 ea marang-rang a Twitter (tweets), ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le baiketi. EU EOM e hlalobile le maqephe le lihlopha tsa marang-rang tseo e seng tsa baiketi, 'me melaetsa ea tsona e ne e se e mebe kapa e hobosang.⁴⁸ Nakong ena, mekha le makhotla a supileng a neng a ena le litho paramenteng⁴⁹ e fetileng 'moho le RFP, a entse melaetsa eo kakaretso ea eona e leng 1,300 marang-rang a Facebook le 400 marang-rang a Twitter. MEC e ne ele ka sehloohong ka melaetsa ea marang-rang a Facebook e 487, ha DC e entse e 189, BAP 175, ha RFP eona e entse e 162. RFP e ne e sebelisa marang-rang a Facebook Live ka melaetsa e 99 'moho le Twitter haholo-holo, ka melaetsa e 178. Boholo ba litaba tse neng li hlalisoa marang-rang ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, ke lits'oants'o le lits'oants'o-pono tsa liboka tsa lipolotiki ka karolo ea 55 lekholong, phatlalatso ea matsatsi a lietsahala tse tlang ho latela ka karolo ea 10 lekholong, ha karolo e salang lekholong e ne e le melaetsa e meng ea boiketo.⁵⁰ Ka kakaretso, ho ne ho sena meralo e hlakileng ea ho sebelisa marang-rang boiketong 'me le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ane a sa sebelise lets'oao la # (hashtag) ka mehla mats'olong a ho iketa marang-rang. MEC le RFP li ne li ts'epetse haholo ts'ebelisoeng ea marang-rang a sechaba boiketong ele ho hohela bacha.

Hang ka mora likhetho, RFP e ile eaba eona e sebelisang mara-rang a Facebook haholo, le a Twitter ao basusumetsi ba litaba tsa marang-rang le baiketi ba likhetho ba seng ba a sebelisa boholo. Leha boiketo ba likhetho ka marang-rang bo ne bo amoheleile ka kakaretso, Borumuoa ba EU EOM bo ile ba ela hloko liketsahalo tseo ho tsona ho neng ho sebelisoa puo e hobosang RFP le baetapele

⁴⁸ Sheba Karolo ea XX – Qhoaello ea 4 – Tse Fumanoeng Tlhahlobong ea Marang-rang a Sechaba.

⁴⁹ ABC, AD, BAP, BNP, DC, LCD, MEC. Sheba Karolo ea XX – Qhoaello ea 4 – Tse fumanoeng Tlhahlobong ea Marang-rang a Sechaba.

⁵⁰ EU EOM e hlalobile melaetsa ea marang-rang a Facebook (posts) e 327 le melaetsa ea Twitter (tweets) e 278 e entsoeng ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a robeli. Sheba karolo ea XX – Qhoello ea 4 – Tse fumanoeng Tlhahlobong ea Marang-rang a Sechaba.

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ba eona ka kotloloho. Liketso tsena tsa khoboso li ne li etsahala maqepheng le lihlopheng tsa marang-rang a sechaba a Facebook⁵¹, ao e seng a semolao ebile a sa amane le likhetho.

Palo e fokolang ea maselinyana a litaba le litsi tsa semolao tsa bophatlalatsi, ke se susumetsang sechaba, haholo-holo moloko o mocha ho batla litaba maqepheng a litaba a marang-rang a sechaba, a sa tsebisahaleng ebile a kaba le khahlamelo. Lebaka ke hore maqephe ana a litaba a marang-rang, a bonahala ele ona a phatlalatsang litaba khafetsa. Leha a mang a maqephe ana a litaba a marang-rang a thehiloe ke baithuti ba boqolotsi ba litaba ka morero oa ho phatlalatsa litaba tse sa nkeng lehlakore, kotsi ke hore hase a semolao ‘me ka hona a kase nke boikarabello ha a phatlalalelitse sechaba mafosisa.⁵² EU EOM e hlalobile maqephe a 41 a litaba a Facebook ao e seng a semolao, maqephe ana a bonahetse a hasa litaba tse sa netefatsoang, tseo ka linako tse ling e neng e le tse ka khelosang sechaba. monitored 41 anonymous media Facebook pages, which disseminated unverified and at times misleading content.⁵³⁵⁴

Ha ho e aba le methati e nkue ho netefatsa litaba naheng ea Lesotho, sena se ne se etsa hore ebe ho k aba bobebe ho hasa mafosisa marang-rang a sechaba. Ele ho thibela khaso ea mafosisa, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea phatlatsa Molao oa Likhetho (Electoral Act) (S.169) leqepheng la eona la marang-rang, molao ona o totobatsa hore motho ea fumanoeng a le molato oa ho hasa mafosisa aka ahlolaloa ho ea hlola chankaneng.⁶⁷ Leha ho le joalo, beke e le nngoe pele ho letsatsi la likhetho, ho ile hoa eba le phetisetsano ea sets’oants’o-pono se neng se phephetsa seriti sa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho lihlopheng tse koetsoeng tsa marang-rang a WhatsApp, mehloli ea sona esa tsebisahale. Sena se ile sa susumetsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho etsa polelo ea semolao e eletsa sechaba ho netefatsa litaba pele se ka fetisa litaba tseo e kabang ke mafosisa e le ho qoba ho tlola molao. Ho ne ho sena methati ea semolao ea ts’ebeliso ‘moho lipakeng tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, ‘Muso le Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e le ho thibela mafosisa marang-rang haholo-holo nakong ea Likhetho.⁵⁵ Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo ile ba

⁵¹ Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo hlalobile melaetsa (posts) e 300 e entsoeng lihlopheng tsa sechaba tse 123 tsa marang-rang a Facebook. Melaetsa e 112 ene ena le litaba tse sa amohelehang, tseo bohola li neng li lebisitsoe ho RFP (karolo ea 71 lekholong). Ha melaetsa e etsang karolo ea 24 lekholong ene ena le puo e bohla, eo bohola e neng e hobosa RFP (karolo ea 81 lekholong). Holima mona, EU EOM e hlalobile melaetsa e amanang le likhetho e 202 e entsoeng maqepheng a marang-rang a Facebook ao mehloli ea ona esa tsebisahaleng, karolo ea melaetsa ena ea 38 lekholong ene ele ea boiketo bo sa amohelehang, haholoholo khahlanong le RFP ka karolo ea 34 lekholong. See Sheba karolo ea XX Qhoaello ea 4 – Tse fumanoeng Tlhahlobong ea Marang-rang a Sechaba.

⁵² [Investigating social media role in Crisis Communication. Case of Hoatiti News. August 2021.](#)

⁵³ Ka letsatsi la likhetho, maqephe ana a entse melaetsa (post) e 81 e fanang ka sephetho pele ho phatlalatsa sephetho ea semolao e etsoang ke IEC, ‘me hoa fumaneha hore melaetsa e 11 (karolo ea 14 lekholo) e fane ka sephetho se fosahetseng. Sheba Tse fumanoeng Tlhahlobong ea Marang-rang a Sechaba.

⁵⁴ UN, OSCE, OAS, ACHPR Joint Declaration on Politicians and Public Officials and Freedom of Expression (2): “Mebuso e se ikamahanye le melao e khinang phetisetsano ea litaba tseo e eseng ‘nete kapa joalo ka litaba tsa mafosisa (“fake news”) [...]”

⁵⁵ UN, OAS, OSCE Joint Declaration on Freedom of Expression and Elections in the Digital Age 2020 (1c): ‘Mebuso e ts’ehetse methati ea ho sebetsana le mafosisa a etsoang marang-rang, joalo ka ho khothaletsa mekhoe e ikemetseng a ho netefatsa taba, ‘moho le mats’olo a thuto, fela e ntse e qoba ho ikamahanya le melao e reng ho fetisa mafosisa ke tlolo ea molao.”

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kopa khoebo ea marang-rang ea Facebook Meta ka makhetlo ho fana ka leseli la methati e nkuoeng likhethong tsa Lesotho, empa Facebook Meta hae eaka ea etsa joale.

Khothaletso: Ho ts'ehetsoe methati e ikemetseng ea ho nefatsa litaba, e ka thusang ho loants'a phetisetsano ea mafosisa marang-rang le ho matlafatsa thuto ka marang-rang.

Ka Hlakola 2022, khoebo ea Facebook Meta e ile ea kenya Lesotho pokellong ea eona ea lipapatso (Facebook Ad Libray), 'me sena se entse hore lipapatso tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki bo be le ponaletso. Borumuoa bo etse hloko lipapatso tse 10 tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, ha mokha oa YONA ona o ne o bapatsa leqepheng la eona fela. EU EOM ha eaka ea ela hloko nako eo lipapatso li e nkang mang-rang a Facebook kaha mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ne a etsa lipapatso tse lefelloang 'me li phatlalatsoa ke maqephe a mehloli e sa tsebahaleng.⁵⁶

XI. KAROLO E NKOANG KE BASALI

Ho bile le keketso a fokolang ea basali ka paramenteng, keketseho ena hara tse ling e tlisitsoe ke mokhoa oa ("zebra") o sebelisitsoeng ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho etsa manane a khekhehane (PR candidate lists).

Palo ea basali ke karolo ea 50.6 lekholong ea sechaba sa Lesotho, empa ke karolo ea 23.3 fela lekholong eo e neng e le basali lithong tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa tse theohang litulong. Palo ena hae fihlele pallo ea Boitlamo ba Tekano ea Mokhatlo oa Nts'etso-pele ea Tikoloho e ka Boroa ho Africa (SADC).⁷⁰ Ho bile thata ho basali ho hlola likhetho tsa bokhothaletsuoa ka hara mekha le makhotla a bona. Ke kakaretso ea basali ba 837 ba neng ba thonyelitsoe ho emela likhetho tsa Masiea-sieane (FFTP), palo ena e etsa karolo ea 35.5 lekholong ea baiketi ka kakaretso. Ka hara mathathamo a khekhehane a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 48, ke a ts'eletseng fela a neng a ena le mabitso a basali ka holimo-limo. Kakaretso ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a etelletsoeng pele ke basali ke 11, empa ke a supileng fela a rometseng mathathamo a khekhehane ao basali ba neng ba le ka holimo-limo.

Ke basali ba 31 (karolo ea 26 lekholong) ba khethiloeng likhethong tsena, 'me palo ena e ka holimo ka litulo tse peli papisong le litulo tse 29 tsa basali Ntlong ea Bakhethoa e fetileng.⁷¹ Ke basali ba leshome le metso e 'meli le banna ba 67 ba khethiloeng ho litulo tse 79 tsa Masiea-siane (FFTP seats). Mokhoa oa "zebra" (zip) o reretsoeng ho phahamisa lipalo tsa basali mathathamong a Khekhehane (PR), o ekelitse boemeli ba basali ka hara Ntlo ea Bakhethoa, ka basali ba 19 ba

⁵⁶ Pokello ea lipapatso (Facebook Ad Library): Leqephe la marang-rang la YONA la semolao (official page) (2). Lipapatso tse ling li ne li etsoa maqepheng ao e seng a semolao kapa maqepheng a sechaba, a neng a ts'ehetsa RFP (1), MEC (2) le DC (5). Other ads were published by unofficial party and community pages in support of RFP (1), MEC (2) and DC (5). Sheba Karolo ea XX – Qhoaello ea 4 – Tse fumanoeng Tlhahlobong ea Marang-rang a Sechaba. ⁷⁰ Tumellano ea SADC e hlomathisang Tumellano holima Bong le Nts'etso-pele (SADC Protocol on Gender and Development) ea la 31 Phato 2016, Temana. 9: Mebuso e tla etsa sohle ho netefatsa boemeli ba basali maamong a ho nka liqeto lipolotiking, sechabeng le mafapheng a ikemetseng, ho kenyeletsoe ka hara tse ling, mekhoea e khethehileng a totobatsoang ke Temana ea 5. ⁷¹ Ka la 25 Mphalane, Motlatsi oa Moetapele oa MEC eo e bile eleng Motlatsi oa Motsamaisi oa Lipuisano Ntlong ea Bakhethoa, Mofumahali Ts'epang Mosena, ha a itokolla Bokhethoeng o ile a fokoletsa palo ea basali ka hara Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ho 30.

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khethiloeng le banna ba 21 empa palo ena e ntse ele ka tlase ho litebello tsa tikoloho. Basali ba ntse ba sa emeloa ka bongata likarolong tse etsang liqeta tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki.

khothaletso: Ho ntse ho tsoeloa-pele ka mokhoa oa “zebra”, ho be le tsela tse ling hape tsa ho khothaletsa hore basali ba kenyelletsoe ka bongata likarolong tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki tse etsang liqeto.

Ka ntle ho maemo ao batho ba khethuoang ka polotiki hore ba be ho ona, basali ba teng maamong a holimo ka hara litsi tsa naha, mohlala, Mohlahlubi ea Moholo oa Libuka tsa ‘Muso (Auditor General), Mochochisi e ‘Moholo (Director of Public Prosecution), le Motlatsi oa Mookameli oa Sepolesa (Deputy Commissioner of Police). ‘Muso o fetileng o ne o ena le matona a 34, a supileng ene e le basali. Lekhetlo la pele naheng ea Lesotho, mosali o thonyelitsoe ho ba motlatsi oa Tona-kholo ka ‘Muso ona o mocha, hape hara litho tse 15 tsa Lekhotla la Matona (Cabinet) tse tharo ke basali.

XII. KAROLO E NKOANG KE BATHO BA PHELANG LE BOKOOA

Ke moiketi a le mong ea phelang le bokooa ea khethiloeng, ha litsi tsa khethelo li ne li sa fihlelehe, le lisebelisoa le mats’olo a thuto ea bakhethi ane a fokola.

‘Muso o ntse o eso thehe Lekhotla le Ikemetseng la Likeletso la Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa (Persons with Disability Advisory Council) le hlahang ka hara Molao oa 2021 oa Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa (2021 Persons with Disability Act). Molao ona o ile oa fetisoa ele ho tliša Tumellano ea Machaba a Kopaneng a Lefats’e ea Tokelo tsa Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa (Convention for the Right of Persons with Disabilities) (CRPD) boemong ba lehae.

Ka molao, mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki le ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho le tlamelana ho netefatsa hore basali, bacha le batho ba phelang le bokooa ba nka karolo ka ho phethahala litabeng tsa lipolotiki.⁵⁷ Leha CRPD e hloka lithusa-thuto tsa ho khetha tse balehang ha bobebe, ho fihleleha hoa litsi tsa khethelo le ho khona ho khetha ka ntle ho ho thusoa, Molao oa Lesotho le litloaelo ha o fane ka lisebelisoa kapa mekhoa e meng ea ho khetha.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae eaka ea kenyelletsa Mekhatlo ea Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa hae lokisetsa likhetho, ‘me e ne e sena lipehelo tse hlakileng molemong oa ho kenyeletsa batho ba phelang bokooa methating ea ho khetha, ntle le amfologo e sebelisoang likhethong (tactile envelope) e etselitsoeng batho ba nang le bokooa ba pono litsing tse ling tsa ho khetha. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae eaka ea aba mathathamo a bakhethi le a baiketi ka mekhahlelo e ipapisitseng le batho ba phelang le bokooa joalo ka ha ele pehelo ea CRPD, ebile e ts’chetsoa ke Mokhatlo oa Naha oa Batho ba Phelang le Bokooa (National Federation of Disabled) (NFD), o bileng o supang hore ho be le litulo tse itseng tse behetsoeng batho ba phelang le bokooa. Boholo ba litsi tsa ho khethela tse neng li lebetsoe li ne li sa fihlelehe ha bobebe ho batho ba nang le liqholotso tsa ho tsamaea. Ka lehlakoreng le leng, moiketi a le mong oa RFP ea phelang le bokooa

⁵⁷ Molao oa Likhetho, Temana ea.30,1,a.

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ke Setho sa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa, ka mora ho hlola likhetho tsa Masiea-sieane (FPTP) lebatooeng la Maama, Setereke sa Maseru, ‘me o ile a thonyetsoa ho ba Letona la Teka-tekano, Bacha, Lipapali, Bonono, Bochaba le Nts’etso-pele ea Sechaba.

XIII. BOLEBELLI BA LIKHETHO BA SECHABA LE BA MACHABA

Ho ne ho ena le balebelli ba machaba ba bangata ha balebelli ba sechaba bona ba ne ba fokola naha ka bophara.

Molao o lamella balebelli ba likhetho ba sechaba le ba machaba. Likhethong tsena, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea phatlalatsa memo ea balebelli ba likhetho. Ho fapana le litloaelo tsa nako e fetileng, Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e nkileng karolo thutong ea bakhethi e ne esa hlapants’etsoa balebelli, kaha Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e bone ho keke hoa nepahala hore Mekhatlo ea Sechaba e fuoang lithuso tsa lichelete tsa thuto ea bakhethi ke Komisi, e ka boela ea eba balebelli. Mokhatlo oa Sechaba o ka sehloohong, o eleng mokhatlo oa mekhatlo ea Sechaba Lesotho Council of NGOs (LCN), o ne rerile ho sebetsa ka balebelli ba 359 empa liqholotso tsa ho fumana lichelete li ile tsa o tlama ho fokoletsa palo eo ho 200. Liphuputso le likhothaletso tsa LCN li ne li sa pharalla ebile li ne le mabapi le letsatsi la likhetho fela, kaha li ne li shebane ho fihleleha hoa litsi tsa ho khetha ho batho ba phelang le bokooa, mabitso a sieo lenaneng la bakhethi, tlhokahalo ea thepa le lisebelisoa tse ntlafetseng litsing tsa ho khetha ‘moho le ho se bonahale hoa baemeli ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki. Ka ho khetholoha, likhetho tsena li bonoe ele tseo balebelli ba sechaba ba bonahetseng ba fokola papisong le balebelli ba machaba.

Mekhatlo ea machaba ea African Union, SADC, SADC Electoral Commissions Forum (ECF), Commonwealth, le Brenthurst Foundation e ile ea romela balebelli ba likhetho ba nakoana.

XIV. LIKHOHLANO TSA LIKHETHO

Mokhoa oa ho rarolla litletlebo tsa likhetho o akaretsa methati eohle ea likhetho, empa ha ona meralo e hlakileng mabapi le nako le tokelo ea ho ipiletsa khahlanong le khatikelo ea melaoana ea boits’oaro.

Litletlebo le Maipiletso

Molao oa Likhetho o totobatsa moralo oa ho rarolla litletlebo tsa likhetho o akaretsang methati eohle ea likhetho. Molemong oa ho rarolla litletlebo, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e theha lekhohlano la litho tse tharo ho ahlola litletlebo tsena, mothati ona o hlaha ka hara Molaoana oa Boits’oaro oa baikiti ‘moho le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, o hlahang ka hara Molao oa Likhetho.⁵⁸

Molaoana ona o khahlanong le ts’ebeliso e mpe ea matla le lisebelisoa tsa ‘muso; ho ts’osa, theko le thekisetano ea likhetho; le ts’ebeliso ea libetsa nakong ea likhetho.⁵⁹ Molaoana ona oa

⁵⁸ Melaoana ea Boits’oaro (Code of Conduct) o kenyelletsoe ka hara Molao oa Likhetho.

⁵⁹ Ka la 14 Mphalane 2022, Lekhotlana la Boit’soaro la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile la ahlola Motlatsi oa Moetapele oa RFP LSL 3,000.00 (EUR 165) ka ho mo fumana a le molato oa ho tlola Molaoana oa Boits’oaro oa Likhetho, ka ho ts’episa ho aha setsi sa mabenkele Berea nakong ea likhetho. ⁷⁵ Moralo oa SADC oa Molao oa

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Boits'oaro o tlama mekha le makhotla ohle a lipolotiki a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, o akaretse le likotlo-qobello, ho tloha ka ho fana ka tlhokomeliso ea semolao ho isa ho tlhakolo ea ngoliso ea moiketi, mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki. Tlhakolo ena ea ngoliso ke kotlo-qobello e boima ebile ha ena meoloane e hlakileng hore na e sebelisoa mabakeng joalo ka ha ele lipehelo tsa machaba le boitlamo ba SADC li tlama mabapi le tokelo ea ho emela likhetho.⁷⁵ Molao oa Likhetho o fa Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Litsetlebo tsa Boits'oaro matla a ho rarolla fela litsetlebo tse amanang le khatikelo ea Molaona oa Boits'oaro, ha litsetlebo tse ling tsa pele ho likhetho, joalo ka tsa likhetho tsa bakhothaletsua, li rarolloa ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho eo ebileng e fetisang liqeto tsohle tse entsoeng ke Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Litsetlebo.⁶⁰ Molao oa Likhetho ha o hlakisi mokhoa oa ho khetha litho tsa Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Litsetlebo, boiphihlelo ba litho 'moho le lipehelo tsa nako.⁶¹

Khothaletso: Ho hlahlojoe le hona ho hlakisa matla a Lekhotlana la Likhetho la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, molemong oa hore le akaretse litsetlebo tsa pele ho likhetho. Ho kenggoe ts'ebetso methati e hlakileng mabapi le lipallo tsa nako le boiphihlelo ba litho tsa Lekhotlana.

Molao oa Likhetho o bonts'a hore liqeto tsa Lekhotlana la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ebe tsa moshoelella, ka hona ha o fane ka monyetla oa mokhahlelo oa bobeli oa tharollo ea Lekhotla moo ho nang le lipelaello. Leha bohlo ba litsetlebo tse bileng teng bo ile ba isoa Lekhotleng le Phahameng la Molao, ho bohlokoa hore mokhahlelo oa bobeli oa litharollo o kenyeletsoe ka hara Molao oa Likhetho.⁶²

Khothaletso: Ho fanoa ka tokelo ea ho ipiletsa khahlanong le liqeto tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho Lekhotleng le Phahameng la Molao mabapi le melaoana ea boits'oaro.

Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Litsetlebo le ne le hloka ponaletso. Ho fumaneha hoa tlhahiso-leseling mabapi le linyeoe, liqeto le pokello ea linyeoe ho mafapha a amehang ho ile hoa etsahala fela ka mora hore EU EOM e etse kopo, ka hona hase litaba tse fumanehang hang-hang marang-rang.⁶³

Likhetho 2018 Serapa.3.5 (2018 SADC Model Law on Elections para. 35): Moahi e mong le e mong o na le tokelo ea ho khethoa, 'me tokelo ena e ka thibela ha fela ho ipapisitsoe le tsela ea ts'ebetso e hlokanang lits'ekameloe ebile ena le mabaka a utloahalang.

⁶⁰ Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e tlalehile litsekisano tse 45 ka kakaretso, tse 19 li ne li le mabapi le tlolo tsa Melaoana ea Likhetho, ha tse 12 li ne ntse li emetse kahlolo nakong ea ho ngolisa hoa tlaleho ena. Litsetlebo tse tharo li ne li amana le phalliso e seng molaong ea bakhethi ho isoa mabatooeang a mang 'me tsona li ile tsa qheleloa ka thoko ka mora hore lipatlisiso li etsoe.

⁶¹ Moralo oa SADC oa Molao oa Likhetho, Serapa sa 92: Lekhotlana la Likhetho le thehoa ke setsi se nang le makhabane joalo ka ha Molao oa Likhetho o supa, 'me Lekhotlana lena le tla amohela le ho mamela litsetlebo le likhang tsa likhetho tse mabapi le Melaoana ea boits'oaro. 2003.

⁶² Meoloane ea Tsamaiso, Bohlalobi le Bolebelli ba Likhetho Tikolohong ea SADC Serapa sa 3 ba PEMMO (PEMMO Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation in the SADC Region para. 3): Methati ea Maipileto etla thehoa molemong oa Likhetho tsohle 'me etla sebelisoa ke Makhotla.

⁶³ Maikutlo-Kakaretso a Machaba a Lefatse a Kopaneng a 1996 No. 34 a ICCPR, Bolokolohi ba litlhahiso le ho nts'a maikutlo (1996 United Nations Human Rights Committee General Comment No. 34 to Article 19 of the ICCPR, Freedoms of opinion and expression): Ho atlehisa tokelo ea ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling, Mebuso e tla fana ka litaba

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Le ha linyeoe tse sebetsoang ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho li ne li buletsoe sechaba, matsatsi le libaka tseo linyeoe li ts'oareloang ho tsona li ne li sa hlakisoa, ebile Komisi e ne e sa tlalehele sechaba liqeto tsa eona. Le hoja Molao-theo o kenyelletsa “bolokolohi ba ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling kantle ho ts’etiso”, lipehelo tsena li tlameha ho hlakisoa le ho kengoa ts’ebetsong ka mafapha a ka tlasana a molao.

Khothaletso: Ho thehoe pokello ea litaba ea semolao e fupereng litletlebo, liqeto le molao oa naha.

Litletsebo mabapi le likhetho tsa bakhothaletsua

Mokhethi, mokha kapa lekhotla lefe kapa lefe la lipolotiki le ka kenya tletsebo Komising e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho boemong ba lebatooa mabapi le khetho ea bakhothaletsua. Komisi e tlameha ho nka qeto ka hara nako ea matsatsi a mahlano. Molli a ka boela a ipiletsa khahlanong le qeto ea Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho Lekhotleng le Lehlo, ‘me lona le tlameha ho fana ka kahlolo bonyane nakong ea matsatsi a mabeli pele ho phatlalatso ea bakhothaletsua. Le litletsebo tsa litulo tsa Khekhethane methati e ts’oanang e ntse e lateloa, le hoja lipallo tsa nako li etsoa ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ebile e li phatlalatsa ka hara alemanaka ea eona ea likhetho.

Ka kakaretso, Lekhotla le phahameng le tlalehile linyeoe tse 23 tsa likhetho tsa bakhothaletsua le likhang mabapi le hoba molaong hoa likomiti tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki. Linyeoe tse ling li ne li le mabapi le likhetho tse nyopileng mabatoong a literekeng tsa Quthing, Berea le Mafeteng, moo bakhothaletsua ba bararo (ba babeli ba MEC le a le mong oa DC) ba hlotsoeng ho emela likhetho tsa mabatooa ka mora ho qheleloa ka thoko ke Lekhotla.⁶⁴ Ke kakaretso ea linyeoe tse 10 tsa likhetho tsa bakhothaletsua tse ileng tsa fetisetsoa Lekhotleng la Maipileto.⁶⁵ Ka lebaka la likahlolo tsa makhotla, mabitso a bakhothaletsua ba 36 a ile a tlameha ho fetoloa mathathamong a bakhothaletsua; ebile a 21 a RFP, a 14 MFP, le le leng AD. Linyeoe tse nkileng nako e telele li ile tsa tlola le nako ea ho phahamisa bakhothaletsua ka la 9 Loetse 2022, ‘me sena se ile sa tlama Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho kena lipakeng (sheba karolo ea V). Leha ho le joalo, sena ene ese fela ka lebaka la liqeto tsa Lekhotla tse liehileng ho etsoa empa le ka lebaka la mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho lieha ho ikobela tsamaiso le ho romela tse hlokahalang ka nako.

Khatikelo ea Molao oa Likhetho

Litlolo tsa Molao oa Likhetho lia hlaha ka hare ho Molao oa Likhetho, ‘me tsona li kenyeletsa ho reka likhetho (theko le thekisetano), ts’ebeliso e mpe ea matla nakong ea boiketo, ts’ebeliso ea

tsa ‘Musu tse thahasellong ea sechaba. Litsi tsa ‘Musu li etse tsohle tse matleng a tsona ho netefatsa hore bohle ba fumana litaba tsena ha bobele ebile e le kapele.

⁶⁴ Ka la 29 Loetse 2022, Lekhotla le Phahameng le ile la amohela linyeoe tse peli, ele nngoe ea DC le ele nngoe ea MEC ka tatellano, tse kopang Lekhotla ho khina IEC ho tsoela pele ka likhetho tsa mabatooa a Sempe (No.66 Seterekeng sa Quthing), Mosalemane (No.19 Seterekeng sa Berea) le Matelile (No. 4 Seterekeng sa Mfeteng) ele hobane bakhuthaletsua ba ona ba behelletsoe ka thoko ka hore ke basebeletsi ba ‘Musu.

⁶⁵ RFP: Nyeoe tse ‘ne tse neng li amana le phahamiso ea bakhuthaletsua; MEC: Nyeoe tse tharo tse neng li amana le ho behelloa ka thoko hoa bakhuthaletsua ba bararo mabatoong a mararo; DC: Nyeoe e le nngoe e ne amana le sephetho sa likhetho tsa lekala; AD: Nyeoe e le nngoe ene amana le phahamiso ea mokhuthaletsuaone; le MFP: Nyeoe e le nngoe mabapi le hoba molaong hoa Komiti ea Kholo ea Bophethahatsi (National Executive Committee).

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makoloi a ‘muso nakong ea likhetho, ntle le likoloi tsa Matona le liofisiri tsa ‘Muso. Likotlo ka mokhoa litefiso li tloha ho LSL 250 (EUR 14) ho isa ho LSL 10,000 (EUR 576), ha ho hlola chankaneng hona ho tloha ho likhoeli tse tharo ho isa ho lilemo tse peli bakeng sa litlolo tsa molao tse kang ho ikhakanya, ho kenakenana le lipampiri tsa ho khetha, le ho iketsetsa litokomane tsa likhetho tsa lefofo.

Ho se Ananele Sephetho sa Likhetho

Lekhotla le Phahameng⁶⁶ ka boemo ba lona e le Lekhotla la Likhetho, le na le matla a khethehileng a ho ahlola nyeoe e amanang le khetho setho sefe kapa sefe sa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba, hore na setulo hase ea tlatsoa kapa hore na litulo tsa Khekhethane li abuoae ka nepo. Likhanyetso tsa likhetho li tlameha ho hlaleloa ka hara matsatsi a 30 ka mora ho phatlalatsoa hoa sephetho ‘me liqeto li tlameha ho phatlalatsoa ka hara matsatsi a 30 ka mora tulo ea ho qetela ea nyeoe. Qeto ea Lekhotla le Phahameng ke ea moshoelella.⁶⁷ Pallo ena ea nako e telele ‘me e ka lelefatsa ho hloka ts’epo sephethong sa likhetho.⁶⁸

Ka Labohlano la la 21 Mphalane 2022, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea hlalela kopo e potlakileng Lekhotleng le Phahameng e kopa tokiso kabong ea litulo tsa Khekhethane tse ileng tsa phatlalatsoa ka Molao ka la 14 Mphalane.⁶⁹ Ka ho khetholoha Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e kopa ho abela Democratic Congress (DC) litulo tse 8 tsa Khekhethane ho fapana le tse 11, Alliance of Democrats (AD) litulo tse peli tsa Khekhethane ho fapana le tse tharo. Litulo tse ‘ne tse abuoeng ka phoso ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho DC (tse tharo) le AD (se le seng) ka nepo li abeloee Basotho National Party (BNP), Basotho Patriotic Party (BPP), Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC) le United for Change (UFC), ka mora qeto ea Lekhotla.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea hlokomela kabo e fosahetseng ea litulo tsa Khekhethane ka nako ea boitlhatlhobo mabapi le sephetho.⁷⁰ Leha Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e amohetse

⁶⁶ Lekhotla le Phahameng le Maseru. Karolo e nngoe ea Lekhotla le Phahameng e Leribe ‘me e ahlolela linyeoe tse hlahang Leribe, Botha Bothe, Mokhotlong’ (Phatlalatso e potolohang ea litaba tsa Boahloli ea No.2 selemong sa 2022) (Judiciary Circular No.2 of 2022).

⁶⁷ Ho latela Molao oa Likhetho le Molao-theo, liqeto tsa Lekhotla le Phahameng ke tsa moshoelella, mahlakore a hlotsoeng ke nyeoe a ntse a ka leka ho ipiletsa Lekhotleng la Maipiletsa, le ka ananelang qeto ea Lekhotla le Phahameng tlasa Mooloane oa Khaolo (Section) ea 123 (4) ea Molao oa Motheo, hore Lekhotla la Maipiletsa ke Lekhotla le Lehlo ka hona leka ahlola maipiletsa afe kapa afe a hlaleloang khahlanong le liqeto tsa Lekhotla le Phahameng.

⁶⁸ Ka letsatsi la likhetho, lebatooeng la Thaba-Pechela (# 52 Mafeteng) moikiti oa RFP o ile a hana sephetho ka le reng o hlotse likhetho litsing tsa ho khetha tse (48) ka ntle ho tse tharo tse hlotsoeng ke DC. IEC e ile ea bala bocha ‘me hoa fumaneha sephetho se ts’oanang le sa pele.

⁶⁹ Tletlebo ena e ile ea hlakisoa IEC ele ea Molao oa Motheo empa bonneteng e le tletlebo ea likhetho (election petition) ‘me e hlakisitsoe ke Khaolo ea 125 ea Molao oa Likhetho e hlakolang Khaolo ea 69 (d) ea Molao oa Motheo.

⁷⁰ Kabo ea litulo tsa Khekhethane ene e kenyelletse “Schedule 3” ea Molao oa Likhetho, e bonts’ang mehato e fapaneng. Ho latela Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, ka ha RFP e fumane litulo tsa mabatoa tse ngata ho feta lipehelo tsa kabo ea litulo tsa Khekhethane, RFP ene esa tlamehe ho fumana litulo tsa Khekhethane ka hona lipalo tsa eona tsa khetho li ne li tlameha hore li se kenyelletsoe kakaretsong ea lipalo nakong eo ho neng ho abuoae litulo tsa Khekhethane. Leha taba ena e hlakile mohlaleng oa molao (National Electoral Act 2011) hae ea hlakisoa methating e fapaneng ka hona eaba e tloisoa mahlo ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho. ⁸⁷ 24 Mphalane, 4 Pulungoana, 16 le 17 Pulungoana 2022

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liphoso tsa eona tsa ho kopanya lipalo hampe kabong ea litulo tsa Khekhethane, ts'epo ho eona mabapi le tsamaiso ea likhetho e ile ea sisinyeha ho ba amehang likhethong.

Tulong tse hlahlamang tsa Lekhotla, Lekhotla le ile la ananela kopo tsa BNP le BPP tsa ho kenyelletsoa nyeoeng kaha li ka ameha kabong e ncha ea litulo tsa Khekhethane, ha 'moho le RFP kaha nyeoe ena eka ama popeho ea Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba.⁸⁷ Ka la 16 le la 17 Pulungoana, Lekhotla la DC le ile la teka hore ke ka phoso nyeoe ena e etelletsoeng pele ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, ho fapana le hore ebe e kopile Lekhotla ho hlaloba kabo e nepahetseng ea litulo tsa Khekhethane joalo ka ha ele pehelo e teng Molaong le Molao-theong, hore ebe ka kotloloho Komisi e se e entse kabo e ncha ea litulo tsa Khekhethane eo e kopang Lekhotla ho e ts'ehetsa. Nyeoe ena e ile ea chechisetsoa ho la 1 Ts'itoe 2022.

Leha Lekhotla le nka nako e telele ho phethela nyeoe ena, ho bonahala Lekhotla le nka methati e nepahetseng ebile le its'etleile ka liphelelo tsa linyeoe tse mabapi le sephetho, tse supang hore liqeto li fanoeng nakong ea matsatsi a 30 ka mora tulo ea ho qetela ea lekhotla mabapi le nyeoe e joalo. Kaha nako ea ho kenya linyeoe mabapi le sephetho e felile ka la 10 Pulungoana, ha hona nyeoe e 'ngoe e teng ka pele ho Lekhotla le Phahameng e amanang le sephetho.

XV. HO KHETHA, PALO LE THATHAMISO EA SEPHETHO

Letsatsi la likhetho le tsamaisitsoe tlasa maemo a khotso; ho buloa hoa litsi tsa khethelo, ho khetha le palo ea sephetho li sebelitsoe ka nepo.

Kakaretso ea Ts'ebetso ea ho Khetha

Letsatsing la likhetho, basebetsi ba litsi tsa khethelo ba tsamaisitse ts'ebetso ea ho bula litsi, ho khetha le palo ea sephetho ka tsela e bonts'ang boiphihlelo e bile e sa bonts'e lits'ekamelolo. Mesebetsi e lebetsoeng litsing tsa khethelo e tsamaisitsoe maemong a nang le taolo 'me baemeli ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ba ne ba le teng. Boholo ba litsi tsa khethelo tse neng li lebetsoe ke EU EOM li butsoe ka nako. Holima palo ea litsi tsa khethelo tse 37 tse neng li lebeletsoe, ke ho tse 24 moo ho bonahetseng hona le ponaletso e kholo 'me baemeli ba mekha le makhotla ba na le monyetla oa ho hlaloba ts'ebetso ea ho khetha kantle ho ts'etiso.

EU EOM e lebetse likhetho litsing tsa khethelo tse 302. Karolo ea 99 lekholong ea litsi tse neng li lebeletsoe ho bonahetse ha tsamaiso ea ho khetha e ne e nepahetse haholo. Nakong ea ho khetha, maemo e ne ele a khutsitseng, palo ea bakhethi e le e mahareng litsing tsohle tsa khethelo tse ileng tsa eteloa. Baemeli ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki le ba baiketi ba ikemetseng ba ne ba le teng ho karolo ea 89 lekholong ea litsi tsa khethelo tse neng li lebetsoe. Bolebelli bo neng bo etelletsoe pele ke sechaba bo bile teng litsing tsa khethelo ka karolo ea 15 lekholong.

Litsi tse nkang karolo ea 42 lekholong li bonahetse li sa fihlelehe ho bakhethi ba e nang le bokooa ba ho tsamaea, ha maemo ka hare ho litsi tse nkang karolo ea 74 lekholong a bonahetse a lumelleha molemong oa batho ba nang le bokooa ba ho tsamaea. Ts'ebetso ea ho khetha e ne e sa fane ka

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mehato e ikhethileng ho batho ba phelang le bokooa hore ba khethe ba sa thusoe, pampiri ea ho khetha e etselisoeng batho ba phelang le bokooa ba pono ene e fumaneha litsing tsa ho khetha tse fokolang.

Khothaletso: Mehato e ikhethileng e kenngoe ts'ebetsong molemong ho thusa batho ba phelang le bokooa hore ba fumane tlhahiso leseling ka likhetho; le hore ba khone ho khetha ba sa thusoe.

Boleleng ba letsatsi, balebelli ba EU EOM ba tlalehile hore karolo ea 13 lekholong litsing tsa khethelo tse neng li lebelletsoe ho bile le ts'ubuhlellano. Thlophiseho ea litsi tsa khethelo le tlhopho ea ea lebokosana la ho khethela e ne e sa netefatse khetho ea lekunutu litsing tse nkang karolo ea 18 lekholong.

Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo tlalehile lietsahala tse 'maloa tseo ho tsona mabitso a bakhethi a neng a sa hlahe mananeng kapa e le ba sa tsebeng litsi tseo ba khethelang ho tsona. Boholo ba lietsala tsena bo bonahetse mabatoong a neng a sa tsoa sehoa bocha. Basebetsi ba likhetho ba ile ba fetisetsa mahlasipa a lietsahala tsena ho liofisiri tsa mabatooa ho ba thusa ho fumana litsi tsa bona tsa khethelo. 'Mokeng oa baphatlalatsi ba litaba o bileng teng ka letsatsi la likhetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e netefalitse lietsahala tse fokolang moo bakhethi ba ngolisitseng ba bile ba fihlela lipehelo tsa ho khetha ba sa hlahang mananeng a bakhethi.

Palo

Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo fumane ts'ebetso ea ho koala litsi le palo ea sephetho e tsamaisitsoe ka khotso. Balebelli le baemeli ba mekha le makhotla lipolotiki ba bile le monyetla oa ho lebella methati eohle ho se ts'etiso. Liphoso tsa tsamaiso tse fokolang tse sa kang tsa setisa ts'ebetso li ile tsa tlalehoa molemong oa litokiso. Tlhahlobo e akaretsang ea litsi tsa khethelo e bonts'itse maemo e ne ele amohelang. Le ha hole joalo, basebetsi ba likhetho ba bonahetse ba khathetse haholo hoesa qetellong ea palo ea sephetho, ba ile ba tlameha ho ba litsing tsa khethelo bosiu ho emela hore sephetho se felehetsoe ho ea litsing tsa palo ea sephetho tsa mabatooa mesong.⁷¹

Thathamiso ea Sephetho

Morero oa pele oa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho oa ho tsamaisa sephetho ho tloha lebatooeng le leng le le leng ho ea Ntlo-khoho ea Khutliso ea Sephetho Maseru o ile oa tlameha ho fetoloa ka lebaka la tlhokahalo ea lisebelisoa. Liphetho tsohle li tsamaisitsoe ho tloha litsing tsa khethelo ho ea litsing tsa khutliso tsa sephetho tsa mabatooa, moo ts'ebetso ea ho kopanya lipalo e ile ea etsoa ka matsoho, sena se entsoe ho ea ka tlhahlamano ea tsona ha li fihla setsing. Sephetho sa likhetho ho tsoa mabatoong se ile sa felehetsoa ke basebetsi ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ho ea ofising tsa mabatooa tsa setereke tse se fetisitseng ka marang-rang a email ho ea Setsing sa Naha sa Khutliso ea Sephetho Maseru. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae ea ka ea phatlalatsa ho marang-rang a eona sephetho se arotsoeng ka lihlopha sa setsi se seng le se seng sa khethelo. Balebelli ba likhetho ba EU EOM ba nako e telele (LTOs) ba tlalehile liqholotso tse fokolang tse bonahetseng ha ho thathamisoa sephetho boemong ba lebatooa. Le ha hole joalo, lihora tse telele

⁷¹ Litsing tse ling tsa khethelo bakhethisi ba nkile ho feta matsatsi a mabeli.

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tša ts'ebetso 'moho le maemo a boima a ts'ebetso a bakile tichiso methating ea thathamiso ea sephetho.

Khothaletso: Ho matlafatsoe ponaletso methathing ea thathamiso ea sephetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e phatlalatse sephetho se arotsoeng ka lihlopha sa setsi se seng le se seng sa khethelo marang-rang a eona, e boele e fane ka lisebelisoa tse lumellang thathamiso ea sephetho ho sebelisoa mekhoha ea mahlale.

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea hloma setsi sa khutliso ea sephetho moo manane a sephetho a tsoang mabatoong a 80 a neng a kenngoa ka hare ho mokhoa oa ho sebetša sephetho oa mahlale. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea sebetša thathamiso ea sephetho, sena se ne se kenyelletsa feela thathamiso ea sephetho sa mabatooa ho neng ho etsoa ka mokhoa oa mahlale; ho ne ho sa kenyelletsoe sephetho sa litsi tsa khethelo. Ho thathamisa sephetho sa mabatooa a 79, ho sebelisitsoe mokhoa oa ts'ebetso oo batho ba babeli ba kenyang manane. Mekhoa e meng ea ho netefatsa ene e etsoa ke Komiti ea Sephetho ea Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e bopiloeng ka baemeli ba hlahang mekheng le makhotleng a lipolotiki a ngolisitsoeng. Manane a sephetho a ile a kenngoa, a amoheloa a ba a hlalisoa hang-hang maboteng a maholo a lits'oants'o-pono ha 'moho le marang-rang a Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, sena se thusitse hore ho be le ponaletso mothating o na oa ts'ebetso.

XVI. PHATLATATSO EA SEPHETHO LE MAEMO KAMORA LIKHETHO

Ka morao ho likhetho, ho bile le 'muso oa kopanelo oa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a mararo maemong a khutsitseng, le ka mora liphoso tse entsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho sephethong.

Phatlalatso ea Sephetho

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea phatlalatsa sephetho sa ho qetela ho tloha ka la 8 ho isa ka la 10 Mphalane, 'me ea etsa Phatlalatso ea Semolao (Gazette) ka la 14 Mphalane 2022.⁷² Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba e ncha e na le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 14 joalo ka Paramente e fetileng. Ha hona moiketi ea ikemetseng ea fumaneng setulo Ntlong ea Bakhethoa.

Likhethong tsena ho khethile karolo ea 37.7 lekholong ea kakaretso ea bakhethi, 'me ke palo e ka tlase ka hofetisisa esale naha ea Lesotho e Ipusa. Lipalo li putlame ka sekhahla se holimo se etsang

⁷² Ha tokiso ea kabo ea litulo tsa Khekhethane eo IEC e e kopileng ka la 21 Mphalane e ka atleha Makhotleng, Ntlo e ncha ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba e tlabe ena le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 17 ho fapana le a 14, ho kenyelletsoa le mekha le makhotla a nang le setulo se le seng fela. LPC e tlabe e fumane setulo ka ho khethoa ke batho ba 2,069 fela. RFP e tlabe e ntse e ena le litulo tse 56 'me kopanelo ea eona ea puso le AD, e tlabe se ena le litulo tse 'ne ho fapana le tse hlano, le MEC ka litulo tse 'ne etla be e ntse ena le bongata ba litulo tse 64 ka hara Ntlo e ncha ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba e nang le litho tse 119.

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karolo ea 9 lekholong papisong le likhetho tsa 2017.⁷³ Ba amehang ba bonts'itse ho putlama hona ho bakoa ke ho nyahama le ho hloka thahasello hoa bakhethi, 'moho le tlhahiso-leseling e fokolang le ho hloka mats'olo a rutang sechaba ka lenane la bakhethi. Palo ea khetho tse tlalehiloeng li senyehile ene e le nyane haholo ka karolo ea 1.2 lekholong.

Litung tse 119 tseo sephetho sa tsona se phatlalalitsoeng semolao,⁷⁴ tse 79 tsa Masiea-sieane (FPTP) le tse 40 tsa Khekhethane (PR) seats, RFP e fumane litulo tse 56 tsa Masiea-sieane, 'me hae ea fumana setulo sa Khekhethane. Ke palo e phahameng ka ho fetisisa e fumanoeng ke mokha o le mong oa lipolotiki ho tloha likhethong tsa 2007. Lekhotla la DC, leo e neng ele karolo ea puso e fetileng ea kopanelo e fumane litulotse 29 ka kakaretso, tse 18 ke tsa Masiea-sieane ha tse 11 ele tsa Khekhethane. Mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki a fumane litulo tse ka tlase ho leshome ha tse ts'eletseng li fumane fela setulo sele seng.

Likhetho tsena li bonoe ele phetoho e kholo haholo ho mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a neng a ena le bongata ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba e fetileng. Baetapele ba ABC, AD, LCD, BNP le BAP ha ba atleha ho hapa litulo tsa mabatooa empa ba atlehile ho kena Paramenteng ka Khekhethane (PR). Lekhotla le leholo ka ho fetisa Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba e fetileng ke ABC eneng e ena le litulo tse 48, e lahlehetsoe haholo ka hore hae ea hapa lebatooa likhethong tsena. Leha ho le joalo e ntse e le teng ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba ka litulo tse robeli tsa Khekhethane.

Ka kabo ea litulo tse 40 tsa Khekhethane, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a robeli a sa hapang litulo tsa Masiea-sieane a emetsoe ka Ntlong ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba. Ka lebaka la tlhokahalo ea sekepele kabong ea litulo tsa Khekhethane, palo ea khetho tse fumanoeng ho fumana setulo sa Khekhethane e ne ele nyane haholo, mokha kapa lekhotla la lipoloti le ne le fumana setulo ha le na le khetho tse 3,713 (karolo ea 0.7 lekholong). Litho tsa Ntlo ea Bakhethoa li lula ka likarolo tse fapaneng ho latela hore na li pusong kapa bohanyetsing, 'me bosieong ba tlhopho-bocha ea Molao, li ntse li ka ts'ela fela ho latela lithahasello tsa bona e le batho.

Mekha le makhotla a neng a le Pusong e fetileng joalo ka DC a ile a potlakela ho amohela tlhoko le sephetho sa likhetho, 'me ba lumela hore likhetho tsena li bonts'a thato a sechaba. Moetapele oa ABC le ena o ile a amohela sephetho 'moho le oa BAP, 'me sena sa bonts'a hore e tlaba bohanyetsi bo matla bo tla soaea 'Muso mohloare.

Lietsahala tsa ka mora likhetho

Ka la 11 Mphalane, RFP, le MEC 'moho le AD li ile tsa phatlalatsa tumellano ea ho theha 'Muso oa kopane. Ka kakaretso, 'Muso o mocha o ne o ena le bongata ba litulo tse 65. Tulo ea pele ea Ntlo ea Bakhethoa ba Sechaba e bile ka la 25 Mphalane 2022 moo ho ile hoa khethoa Monghali

⁷³ IEC e fumane palo ea bakhethi e tlase haholo lebatooeng la Maputsoe, Seterekeng sa Leribe ka karolo ea 26 lekholong papisong le e ka holimo ka ho fetisa ea lebatooa la Mokhetsoaneng Seterekeng sa Berea ka karolo ea 48.5 lekholong.

⁷⁴ Ka lebaka la lefu la moikiti haufi ho letsatsi la likhetho, IEC ha e eaka ea lukisetsa likhetho tsa Masiea-sieane (FPTP) lebatooeng la Stadium Area Seterekeng sa Maseru.

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Tlohang Sekhamane oa RFP e le Motsamai oa Lipuisano⁷⁵ Ntlong ea Bakhethoa, ena a tlatsuo ke Mofumahali Ts'epang Mosena oa MEC. Tlhapants'o ea Tona-kholo e ncha e bile ka la 28 Mphalane ha Lekhotla la Matona le lecha le hlapants'itsoe ka la 4 Pulungana 2022.

Tona-kholo e ncha ebile e le moetapele oa RFP, Mohlomphehi Sam Matekane o ile a phatlalatsa moralo oa matsatsi a 100 o kenyelletsang ho fokotsoa hoa palo ea Makala a 'Musu, phatlalatso ea maruo a liofisiri tsa 'Musu tse ka sehloohong, le ho kenngoa ts'ebetsong likhonthaletso tsa ho qetela tsa Mohlahlubi e Moholo oa libuka tsa 'Musu. Ho tloha selemong sa 2012, 'Musu one o ena le bonyane Makala 27 ho isa ho a 35. 'Musu ona o mocha o fokolelitse palo ea Matona ho 15, ho kenyelletsoa Tona-kholo le Motlatsi oa hae. Puso ena ea kopanelo e boetse e ikitlahellelitse ho akufisa tlhopho-bocha ea litsi tsa 'Musu kaho khutlisa Sets'oants'o sa Molao seo eleng pokello ea lits'oants'o tsa melao e fetisoang e le sets'oants'o se le seng sa Molao.

⁷⁵ Ka ho khethoa ke litho tse 69, tse 'ne hofeta litho tsa 'musu oa kopanelo e etelletsoeng pele ke RFP, khetho ea Motlatsi oa Motsamai oa Lipuisano hae eaka ea phephetsoa.

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2	12	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e sena methati ea ho etsa le ho phatlalatsa liqeto tsa eona se molao. Leha molao o fa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho matla a kenyelletsang ho hlakisa litsela tsa ts'ebetso, ho ntse ho ena le phapang e kholo melaoaneng ea tsamaiso ea likhetho. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e na le matla a ho fana ka botoloki melaoaneng ea methati e fapaneng tsamaisong ea likhetho, empa ts'ebetsong, melaoana ena hae tsebisoe sechaba ka molao, 'me sena se fokotsa ponaletso mosebetsing oa Komisi.	Khothaletso ea mantlha: Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e phatlalatsa liqeto tsa eona le melaoana ea mekhoha ea ts'ebetso ea likhetho semolao.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokahalang melaong e amanang le likhetho	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho	Puso ea Molao ICCPR, GC 34, para. 19: “Ho akofisa tokelo ea ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling, Linaha tse amehang li lokela ho beha sechaba leseling ka litaba tsa ‘Muso tseo sechaba se ka bang le thahasello ho tsona le hore litaba tseo ho be bobebe ho li fumana [...]’.” Moralo oa Molao oa Likhetho oa 2018 oa SADC para. 25 (1)(2): “1) Ho kenngoa ts'ebetsong hoa melao le melaoana ea likhetho e tla ba boikarabello ba EMB, e leng setsi se hlophisetsang le ho tsamaisa likhetho ho ipapisitsoe le Molao-theo. Ho fetisoa kapa ho se ananeloe hoa melaoana ena ha ho boikarabellong ba Letona le tsamaisong Molao oa Likhetho kapa letona le feng kapa le feng kapa mookameli.”
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3	13	Chelete e abetsoeng likhetho e ne e sa arabele litlhoko ebile e sa natse lenane le eketsehileng ka sekhahla la baiketi. Ho feta moo, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae ea fumana chelete ka nako ebile chelete e lefuoa ka likhaohana tsa beke; 'me sena se amme tokisetso ea likhetho hampe 'moho le nts'etso pele ea mesebetsi ea bohlokoa e neng e reriloe.	Khothaletso ea Mantlha: Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e fuoe matla ts'ebelisoeng ea lichelete 'me e abeloe lichelete tseo e li hakanyelitsoeng ke 'Muso ka nako, sena se etsahale ka lipallo tse matla tse netefatsang ponaletso le boikarabello.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Likhetho tsa 'nete tse bonts'ang bolokolohi ba bakhethi ho etsa thato ea bona Boikemelo ba tsamaiso ea likhetho Litloaello le Lipehelo SADC PF tsa Likhetho tikolohong ea SADC, karolo ea 2 (5) (iii): E le ho matlafatsa boikemelo le ho hloka lits'ekameloa hoa Komisi ea Likhetho, e lokela ho ba le chelete eo e leng ea eona e ts'chelitsoeng ka kotloloho ke Paramente, hae ea lokela ho abeloa chelete ke Lekala kapa Lefapha la Muso.”
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4	14	Tichiso e bakiloeng ke 'Muso ea ho abela Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho lichelete e amme ho thakholoa ka nako hoa mats'olo a thuto ea bakhethi, e ileng ea fokotsoa ho tloha ho likhoeli tse tharo ho isa ho libeke tse tharo pele ho likhetho.	Khothaletso ea mantlha: Ho kenngoe ts'ebetsong thuto ea bakhethi ea nako le nako ka mokhoa o matla, ho akaretsoe litsi tsa thuto, 'me le mats'olo a thuto ea bakhethi a etsoe ka nako marang-rang le ka theko ho marang-rang. Ka kotloloho, ho tsepamisoe maikutlo ho bacha, basali le batho ba phelang le bokooa.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokahalang melaong e amanang le likhetho	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho	Tokelo le monyetla oa khetha ICCPR Art 25 Tokelo ea ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling ICCPR, Kakaretso ea Maikutlo ea 25, seratsoana sa 11, 12: “Mats'olo a thuto ea bakhethi lea ngoliso a bohlokoa molemong oa ho netefatsa ho kenngoa ts'ebetsong hoa temana ea 25 litokelo tsa ba amehang [...] Mehato e amohelang e lokela e nkoe molemong oa ho hlola mathata a kang a ho se tsebe ho bala le ho ngola, lits'etiso tse bakoang ke lipuo, bofuma, kapa lits'itiso bolokolohing ba motsamao tse ka sitisang batho ba nang le tokelo ea ho khetha ho phetha tokelo ea bona.” ICCPR GC 25, para. 11: “Mats'olo a thuto ea bakhethi lea ngoliso a bohlokoa molemong oa ho netefatsa ho kenngoa ts'ebetsong hoa temana ea 25 litokelo tsa ba amehang.”
NGOLISO EA BAKHETHI						

5	14	Basotho bao lekhotla le ba fumanang ba ena le bokulo ba kelello ha ba na tokelo ea ho ingolisetsa ho khetha.	Ho ipapisitsoe le lipehelo tsa machaba, ho hlalohoe molao hore batho ba nang le mafu a kelello ba abeloe litokelo tsa bona tsa lipolotiki tse felletseng.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Tokelo tse lekanang tsa ho khetha Litekana tsa 12 le 29 tsa CRPD serapeng sa 9.4 sa 2013 sa Lipuisano tsa Komiti (Committee's Communication) ea CRDP No. 4/2011: “[...] li bonts’a hore ho se lumelloe ho khetha hoa motho ka lebaka la ho se bonoe a phethahetse kelellong, kapa ka lebaka la bokooa ba kellello ke khethollo khahlanong le batho ba phelang le bokooa.”
6	15	Lenane la bakhethi le ile la tletlibisa bohoto ba batho ba amehang likhethong ka lebaka la boteng ba bafu lenaneng ‘moho le liphoso tse ling tse ileng tsa bonahala mananeng. Ka letsatsi la likhetho, bohoto ba bakhethi ha baa ka ba fumana mabitso a bona mananeng a bakhethi ‘me hona ho ile hoa bakela ba bang ts’itiso ea ho khetha.	Khohaleto ea mantlha: Ho matlafatsoe lethathamong la lenane la bakhethi hore le kenyetsetse bohole.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokalahalang melaong e amanang le likhetho	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho	Tokelo le monyetla oa ho khetha Litloaello le Lipehelo SADC PF tsa Likhetho tikolohong ea SADC, karolo ea 1 (1) (ii): Ho lokela ho be le litokisetso le mehato e sebitsang hore ho lule ho ba le ngoliso ea bakhethi khafetsa, hape lenane la bakhethi le nchafalitsoeng le lokela le fumant’soe mafapha ohle a amehang likhethong.”
MAEMO A BOIKETI						
7	17	Molao o thibelang mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho iketa ka morao ho pallo e behiloeng ea ho iketa ha oa ka oa kenngoa ts’ebetsong, hape ha ho bohato bo ileng ba nkoa. EU EOM e hlokometse hore mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ile a iketa pele le kamorao ho nako ea semolao ea boiketo.	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e nke bohato khahlanong le boiketi bo etsoang le ka morao ho letsatsi la pallo ea nako ea ho iketa.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Likhetho tsa ‘nete tse bonts’ang thato ea bakhethi / Toka boiketong ba likhetho ICCPR, GC 25, para 19: “Batho ba nang le kabelo ea ho khetha ba lokela ho ba bolokolohing ba ho khetha. Ha hoa lokela ho be le li lits’usumetso kapa liqobello tsa mofuta o fe kapa o fe tse ka setisang mokhethi ho etsa thato ea hae. Bakhethi ba lokela ho etsa maikutlo a ikemetseng ba sa qhekelloe ka tsela e fe kapa e fe.

LICHELETE TSA HO IKETA						
8	19	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e na le matla a ho e tsa lipatlisiso ts'ebeliso e mpe ea lichelete tse tsoang pokellong ea chelete tse abetsoeng mekha kapa makhotla a lipolotiki. Ha ha joale, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hae na lisebelisoa tse lekaneng hore e ka etsa ts'ebetso ea eona ea ho lisa ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki le tsa boiketi.	Ho netefatsoe hore Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e etsa ts'ebetso ea eona ea bolisa, 'me e hlalobisise ts'ebeliso ea lichelete ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki 'moho le litlatsetso tsa bahoebi tseo mekha le makhotla a li fumanang, sena se etsoe e le mohato oa ho netefatsa ponaletso ts'ebeliso ea lichelete tsa ho iketa.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhetho e le ho ekelletsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho matla a ho lisa thepa tsohle tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki. Ho eketsoe chelete e abeloang Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho	Paramente	Likhetho tsa 'nete tse bonts'ang thato ea bakhethi Thibelo ea bobolu/Toka boiketong ba likhetho Litloaello le Liphelelo SADC PF tsa Likhetho tikolohong ea SADC: “[Komisi ea Likhetho] e lokela e matlafatsoe hore ebe le bokhoni ba ho netefatsa hore litjeo tsohle tsa likhetho li romeloa ka nako, ho hlaloba libuka tsa lichelete tsa mekha le makhotla, le hore mekha e ba le libuka tse hlalobiloeng li bile li netefalitsoe.” Boikopanyo ba Machaba a Kopaneng Khahlanong le Bobolu (UNCAC), art.7.3: “Naha e ‘ngoe le e ‘ngoe e nkang karolo e tla nka methati e lokelang ea molao le ea tsamaiso [...] ho akofisa ponaletso mekhoeng eo baiketi ba fumanang lichelete ka eona.
						UNCAC, art.6.2: “Naha e ‘ngoe le e ‘ngoe e amehang e tla fa lefapha kapa mafapha [...] boikemelo bo hlokahalang [...] e le mohato oa ho thusa lefapha kapa mafapha ho phetha ts'ebetso ka nepo ho se ts'usumetso ea letho e tsoang kantle. Ho fanoa ka lisebelisoa tsohle tse hlokahalang, basebetsi ba litsebo tse ikhethileng, 'moho le koetliso e hlokahalang ho thusa ba sebetsi ho phetha ts'ebetso ea bona.”

9	19	Melao e teng ha ha joale hae behe sekepele holim'a lichelete tseo mekha le makhotla le baiketi ba ka li sebelisang boiketong. Hona ha ho batalatse mabala lipakeng tsa mekha le makhotla a nang le bokhoni le a hlohang.	Khothaleto ea Mantlha: E le mohato oa ho batalatsa mabala molemong oa baiketi bohle, ho behoe sekepele lits'enyehelong tsa boiketi, ho boele ho thibelo ts'ebeliso ea thepa ea 'Muso mats'olong a ho iketela likhetho.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Likhetho tsa 'nete tse bonts'ang thato ea bakhethi Thibelo ea bobolu/Toka boiketong ba likhetho HRC, CCPR, GC No. 25, para. 19: “Ho behoa hoa liphelelo tse lekaneng licheleteng tsa boiketo ho ka thusa moo ho hlokalang ho netefatsa hore bakhethi ba etsa khetho ba lokolohile kapa hore methati ea boiketo ebe e lekaneng esa anngoeng ke lichelete tse sa lekaneng molemong oa moiketi o fe kapa o fe kapa mokha/lekhota le fe kapa le fe.
BOPHATLALATSI						
10	20	Khahlanong le boitlami ba Lesotho lilekaneng tsa machaba le tsa tikoloho, LNBS ke karolo ea Lekala la Likhokahanyo, Mahlale le Ts'ebeliso ea Mahlale.	LNBS e likela ho fetoloa hore ebe setsi sa bophatlalatsi se ikemetseng sa sechaba; se lokela se be le bolkemelo botsamaising, licheleteng le boliseng.	Molao o mocha oa hlokalala	Paramente	Bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo Litumellano tsa 2001 tsa Africa Bophatlalating: “Litsi tsohle tsa bophatlalatsi tse taolong ea Naha kapa ea 'muso li tlameha li fetoloe ebe tsa sechaba, li ikarabelle ho likarolo tsa sechaba se imetsoeng ke boto e ikemetseng. Litsi tsena li boele li sebetse molemong oa sechaba, li qobe khaso ea litaba e nkang lehlakore mabapi le bolumeli, lipolotiki, litumelo, moetlo, morabe le boleng.” Maikutlo a akaretsang a 2011 a UNHCR No.34 ho ICCPR: “Linaha tse nkang karolo li lokela ho netefatsa hore litsi tsa sechaba tsa bophatlalatsi li sebetse ka tsela e nang le boikemelo. 32 Ka tsela ena, Linaha tse nkang karolo li tlameha ho netefatsa hore litsi tsa sechaba tsa bophatlalatsi li sebetse ka tsela e nang le boikemelo.32 Se na se supa hore Linaha tse nkang karolo li tlameha ho netefatsa boikemelo ba tsona le tokoloho ea bohlophisi. Li

						tlameha ho li abela lichelete ka tsela e sa fokoliseng boikemelo ba tsona.”
						Phatlalatso ea 2019 ea Lits’iea tsa Bolokolohi ba ho Nts’a Maikutlo le Phumants’o ea Tlhahiso-Leseling Africa (Ts’iea ea bo 13): “Linaha li tla theha litsi tsa bophatlalatsi tsa sechaba tse taolong ea boto e khethiloeng ka ponaleto ebile e ts’ireletsoa khahlanong le ho kena-kenoa ka tsela ea lipolotiki, lichelete kapa tsela ea mofuta o fe kapa ofe.”

11	21	Ho ipapisitsoe le boitlamo ba machaba le ba tikoloho, ka la 18 Mots'eanong 2018, Lekhotla le Phahameng le ile la phatlalatsa hore ts'enyō ea lebitso ke tlolo ea molao. Le ha hole joalo, melao e meng e ntse e kenyelletsa lipehelo tsa ts'enyō ea lebitso. Ka la 17 Loetse 2022, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea fana ka khopotso ea Khaolo ea 169 ea Molao oa Likhetho marang-rang a Facebook. 'Me ona u fana ka kotlo ea Maloti (LSL) a 1000 (59 Euros) le/kapa ho hlola chankaneng likhoeli tse 12 ka mabaka a ho khelosa sechaba mokhoeng oa ho khetha, ho fana ka mafosisa a ho huloa hoa moiketi, kapa ho etsa mafosisa ka botho ba moiketi. Ho feta moo, lipehelo tsa bohlohlletsi ka hare ho Molao e amanang le Botloli ba molao le likahlolo li ntse li sa ikamahanye le boitlami ba machaba le ba tikoloho.	Meralo ea molao ho kenyelletsa Molao-theo, Molao oa Litlolo tsa Molao 'moho le Molao oa Likhetho li lokela li behoe boemong ba hore li ipapise le boitlamo ba naha ho lipehelo tsa tikoloho le tsa machaba mabapi le bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo. Sena se ka etsoa ka ho tlosa lipehelo tsohle tse bonts'ang ts'enyō ea lebitso e le tlolo ea molao.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Motheo, Molao oa Litlolo tsa Molao le Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo Maikutlo a akaretsang a 2011 a UNHCR No.34 ho ICCPR: “Linaha tse nkang karolo li tlameha ho fetola molao o bonts'ang ha ts'enyō ea lebitso e le tlolo ea molao, empa ho ka sebelisoa molao oa litlolo tsa molao maemong a liqoso tse holimo, le ha ho le joalo, ho koallosa chankaneng ha se kahlolo e lokelang.” Phatlalatso ea 2019 ea Lits'iea tsa Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le Phumants'o ea Tlhahiso-Leseling Africa, Ts'iea ea 22: “Linaha li tla hlakola melao e bonts'ang ho hlohlletsa mefere-fere, ho rohakana, le ho phatlalatsa mafosisa e le litlolo tsa molao
12	22	Molao oa Likhokahanyo oa 2012 o laola Lekhotla la Taolo ea Bophatlalatsi (LCA), o bile o theha Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Littlelebo tsa Khaso (BDRP). Boikemelo ba lisi tse na ka bobeli bo fokolisoa ke hore Letona la Likhokahanyo, Mahlale le Ts'ebeliso ea Mahlale ke lona le thonyang litho tsa Boto e tsamaisang LCA le BDRP. Boitlami ba machaba le ba tikoloho ho tokelo ea ho nts'a maikutlo bo hloka hore tsela ea ho thonya litho tsa bophatlalatsi ba sechaba e lokela hoba le boikemelo ebe e tsi'ireletsoe	Khothaletso ea mantlha: Boikemelo ba Lekhotla la Taolo ea Likhokahanyo (LCA) bo lokela ho matlafatsoa, se na se ka etsoa ka ho fetola mokhoa oa ho khetha botsamaisi ho ipapisitsoe le boitlamo ba tikoloho le ba machaba.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhokahanyo oa 2012	Paramente	Bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo Maikutlo a akaretsang a 2011 a UNHCR No.34 ho ICCPR: “ho thehoe lekhotla la taolo ea bophatlalatsi la sechaba le ikemetseng” Phatlalatso ea 2019 ea Lits'iea tsa Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le Phumants'o ea Tlhahiso-Leseling Africa, (Ts'iea ea 17): “methati ea ho khetha litho tsa setsi se laolang bophatlalatsi, likhokahanyo tsa mehala kapa marang-rang e tla ba e ikemetseng ebile e ts'ireletsoe khahlanong le ho kenoa-kenoa. [...] Tse'ebetso e na e tla ba e

		khahlanong le ho kenoa-kenoa. Ts'ebetso ena e lokela ebe e bulehing, e na le ponaletso e bile e kenyelletsa mafapha ohle a amehang.				bulehileng, e na le ponaletso ebile e kenyelletsa mafapha fapaneng. [...] Setsi se fe kapa se fe se nang le matla a ho laola bophatlalatsi, likhokahanyo tsa mehala le marang-rang se tla ikarabella ho sechaba.”

13	22	Molao oa Bophatlatsi oa 2012 o entsoeng ke BDRP o hlohonolofatsoa ke Letona o supa hore ho hlokahala phatlalatso ea litaba e be e nang le ‘nete, e sa nkeng lehlakore ebile e abela mahlakore ohle toka, Molao o na o boetse ofana ka tokelo ea ho rekisa nako ea lipapatso ho sebelisoa maemo a lekanang. LCA le BDRP li fuoe boikarabello ba ho kenya lipehelo tsena ts’ebetsong, ‘me tsona li matlafatsoa ke Molao oa Likhetho nakong ea likhetho moo mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a boiketong a abeloang nako ea mahala litsing tsa bophatlalatsi tsa ‘Muso. Nako ea ts’ebetso ea litho tsa BDRP e ile ea fela mafelong a Phato 2022, sena se etsahetse pele ho ka khethoa litho tse ncha. Ho sa le joalo, litlaleho tsa tlhahlobo ha lia ka tsa phatlalatsoa, le liqeto tsa LCA tsa ho kenyoa hoa molao ts’ebetsong nakong ea likhetho ha lia ka tsa phatlalatsoa. Ha ho litletlebo tse amanang le boiketo tse ileng tsa etsoa.	Bokhoni ba LCA bo lokela bo matlafatsoe e le hore e hlahlobe le ho kenya ts’ebetsong melao ea bophatlalatsi mabapi le “khaso ea litaba tsa ‘nete tse sa nkeng lehlakore li bi le li abela mahlakore ohle toka” litsing tsa naha le tse ikemetseng tsa bophatlalatsi. Sena se ka etsoa ka hoba le tlhaloso ea semolao ea bohlahlobi le ho phatlalatsoa litlaleho tsa bohlahlobi ka nako.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhokahanyo oa 2012 le/kapa ho kenngoe melaoana ts’ebetsong	Paramente	Bolokolohi ba ho nts’a maikutlo Phatlalatso e Kopaneng ea 2020 ho Bolokolohi ba ho Nts’a Maikutlo le Likhetho Mehlang ea Mahlale ke Setsebi sa Machaba a Kopaneng litabeng tsa Bolokolohi ba ho Nts’a Maikutlo, Moemeli oa OSCE ho Bolokolohi ba Bophatlalatsi (FRoM) le Setsebi sa OAS ho Bolokolohi ba ho Nts’a Maikutlo: “Linaha li lokela ho tlisa ts’ebetsong meralo ea ts’ebetso e ts’chetsang bophatlalatsi bo lokolohilleng, bo nang le boikekemelo ebile e le ba mefuta e fapaneng; sena se etsahale mefuteng ea khale ea bophatlalatsi le bophatlalatsi bo sebelisang mahlale. Sena se ka thusa ho fa bakhethi tlhahiso-leseling e akarelitseng e bile e le ea litabeng tsa likhetho.”
LITOKELO TSA MARANG-RANG A SECHABA						

14	25	Molao-theo o sireletsa tokelo ea lekunutu, Molao oa Ts'ireletso ea Litaba oa 2011 (2011 Data Protection Act) o hlakisa lipehelo molemong oa ts'ireletso ea litaba (data) ele mohato oa hore moralo oa molao o ipapise le lipehelo tsa SADC tsa ts'ireletso ea litaba. Le ha ho le joalo, Komisi ea Ts'ireletso ea Litaba e hlahang ka kara ona ke hona e tla thehoa, bosieo ba komisi ena bo entse hore molao ose kenyoe ts'ebetsong. Haeka ea khethoa, Komisi ena e tla nne e be le matla a fokolang papisong le litsi tse ling tsa naha tsa Africa ho netefatsa hore molao kenngoa ts'ebetsong, hae na matla a ho fana ka likotlo ho ba sa ikobeleng molao. Molao o boetse ha o bonts'e Komisi e ikemetse ka hona ho ntse ho ena le monyetla oa hore e ka susumetsoa.	Ho kenngoe ts'ebetsong lipehelo tse matlafetseng molaong o teng oa ts'ireletseho ea litaba, ho be ho thehoe Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Ts'ireletseho ea litaba molemong oa netefatsa hore litokelo tsa motho e mong le emong tsa lekunutu lia hlompheua marang-rang, haholo-holo ka nako ea likhetho.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Ts'ireletso ea Litaba	Paramente	Tokelo ea hoba le Lekunutu ACHPR. Phatlalatso ea Meoloane ea Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le Phumants'o ea Litaba Africa. Mooloaane oa 40. Lekunutu le Ts'ireletso ea litaba tsa motho (I): “Motho e mong le e mong o na le tokelo ea hoba le lekunutu, ho kenyelletsa le lekunutu la lipuisano tsa hae le tsireletso ea litaba tseo e leng tsa motho.”
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						Moralo oa Molao oa SADC HIPSSA – Ts’ireletso ea Litaba. Khaolo III (1): “Lekhotla le ikemetseng la tsamaiso le bitsoang Lekhotla la Ts’ireletso le tla thehoa, ‘me le tla lisa le be le laole Moralo ona oa Molao le litokelo tsa hoba le lekunutu naheng e amehang. Hona ho supa hore Lekhotla le na le tla ba le boikemelo ba ho etsa liqeto ho se ts’usumetso ea mofuta o fe kapa o fe.” ICCPR, art. 17: “Ha ho mang kapa mang eo ho ka kena-kenoang le tokelo ea hae ea likunutu ka thoko ho molao, e kaba ea hae ele motho, lelapa kapa lehae, hape ha ho motho eo ho tla etsoa lits’oso seriting sa hae. 2. Motho e mong le e mong o na le tokelo ea ho ts’ireletsoa khahlanong le melao e sa hlomphehang lekunutu kapa lits’oso.” ICCPR, HRC, art. 17, GC 16, para. 10: “Ho bokella le ho boloka litaba tseo e leng tsa lekunutu tsa batho ho li kh’omphutha, libanka tsa litaba le lisebelisoeng tse ling, e kaba setsi sa sechaba kapa motho bo mong ba hae ho tlameha ho laoloe ka molao (...). Molemong oa hoba le ts’ireletso e phethahetseng, motho e mong le e mong o na le tokekelo ea ho tseba ka botlalo hore ke litaba li feng tsa hae tsa lekunutu tse bolokiloeng lipolokelong tsa mahlale, le hore li bolokiloe ka morero o fe.”
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15	26	Boholo ba libaka tse mahaeng ha li na likhokahanyo tsa marang-rang, sena se setisa tokelo ea sechaba ea ho nts'a maikutlo le tokelo ea ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling marang-rang. Bahlahlobi ba nang le kobo ea bohali ba bonts'itse ha hona le tlhokahalo e kholo ea thuto ka litaba tsa mahlale le marang-rang a sechaba.	Ho ts'ehetsoe methati e ikemetseng ea ho netefatsa litaba, e ka thusang ho loants'a phetisetsano ea mafosisa marang-rang le ho matlafatsa thuto ka marang-rang.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokahalang melaong ea likhetho	'Muso, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, bophatlalatsi, CSOs, mafapha a mang a likhetho, lithala tsa marang-rang a sechaba le balekane ba nts'etso-pele ba machaba	Ponaletso le Phumants'o ea litaba Thibelo ea bobolu/Toka boiketong ba likhetho ACHPR. Phatlalatso ea Meoloane ea Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le Phumants'o ea Litaba Africa. Mooloane oa 37. Phumants'o ea khokahano ea marang-rang: “2. Mebuso etla elelloa hore phumants'o ea marang-rang e akaretsang, e nang le tekano e bile e khoneha ka theko e bohlokoa molemong oa ho netefatsa bolokolohi ba ho nts'a maikutlo, phumants'o ea tlhahiso leseling 'moho le ho phethahatsa litokelo tse ling tsa botho.
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		Ha ho methati e nkuoeng ho netefatsa litaba naheng ea Lesotho, sena se ne se etsa hore ebe ho kaba bobebe ho hasa mafosisa marang-rang a sechaba. Ele ho thibela khaso ea mafosisa, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ile ea phatlatsa Molao oa Likhetho (Electoral Act) (S.169) leqepheng la eona la marang-rang, molao ona o totobatsa hore motho ea fumanoeng a le molato oa ho hasa mafosisa aka ahloleloa ho ea hlola chankaneng. Ho ne ho sena methati ea semolao ea ts'ebeliso 'moho lipakeng tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, 'Muso le Mekhatlo ea Sechaba (CSOs) e le ho thibela mafosisa marang-rang haholo-holo nakong ea Likhetho.			3. Ho sebetsoa 'moho le mafapha a lokelang, Mebuso e tla ananela melao, maano le mehato e meng ho fumants'a sechaba marang-rang ka tsela e akaretsang, e na le tekano e bile e khoneha ka theko. Sena se tla etsoa ho se khethollo, ka tsela ea: e) ho ruta batho ka ts'ebeliso ea marang-rang hore a sebelisoa ka kakaretso le molemong ts'ebeliso bakeng sa motho bo mong ba hae.” Phatlalatso e Kopanetsoeng ea UN, OSCE, OAS, ACHPR mabapi le Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le “Mafosisa”, le litaba tse ka lahleng sechaba (3e): “Mebuso e nke mehato ea ho matlafatsa bophatlalatsi le litsebo tsa marang-rang, ho kenyetse boithuti ba marang-rang lithutong tsa sekolo, le ho sebetsa 'moho le mekhatlo ea sechaba le mafapha a amehang ho lemosa ka litaba tsena” Phatlalatso e Kopanetsoeng ea UN, OSCE, OAS, ACHPR mabapi le Boikemelo ba Bophatlatsi le Phapang Mehlang ea Ts'ebeliso ea Mahlale (5): Mebuso, lithala tsa marang-rang le mafapha a amehang, li lokela ho sebetsa ka kopanelo ho ts'ehetsa bophatlalatsi bo ikemetseng, bo fapana ka maikutlo bo bile bona le moralo oa lichelete o utloahalang. Bophatlalatsi ba mofuta ona bo tla sebetsa e le mokhoa oa ho bokella litaba o ts'epelang.” Phatlalatso e Kopanetsoeng ea UN, OSCE, OAS mabapi le Bolokolohi ba ho Nts'a Maikutlo le Likhetho Mehlang ea Ts'ebeliso ea Mahlale: “Mebuso e lokela ho ts'ehetsa mehato e amohelang ho rarolla qaka ea mafosisa marang-rang, sena se ka etsoa ka ho etsa meralo e ikemetseng ea ho hlahloba litaba le mats'olo a ho
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						ruta sechaba. Sena se etsoe ho sa sebelisoa melao e tla fetola ho khelosa sechaba tlolo ea molao.”
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16	27	Hangata basali ba thulana le mathatha a ho hlola likhetho tsa bokhonthaletsua ka hare ho mekha le makhotla a bona a lipolotiki. Boemeli ba basali boeta-peleng ba mekha le makhotla bo ka akofisoa ka nka methati e ba khothatsang joalo ka ho matlafatsa boemo ba lichelete ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki.	Ho ntse ho tsoeloa-pele ka mokhoa oa “zebra”, hobe le tsela tse ling hape tsa ho khothaletsa hore basali ba kenyelletsoe ka bongata likarolong tse etsang liqeto tsa mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki.	Ho hlomathisoa Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Karolo e nkoang ke basali litabeng tsa sechaba/ Tekano lipakeng tsa banna le basali 2015 AU Agenda 2063 para. 3.2.6 Agenda 2063: “Ho ea ka litabatabelo tsa Agenda 2063, ka hare ho kontinente ea Africa, mafapha ohle a sechaba a lokela hoba le monyetla oa ho nka karolo e lekanang meralong eohle ea nts’etso pele ea sechaba ho sa tsotellehe boleng, ts’ekamelo ea lipolotiki, tumelo, morabe, sebaka, lilemo le tse ling.” Tumellano ea 2003 ea AU ho Melao ea Africa mabapi le Litokelo tsa Botho e leng Liktokelo tsa Basali ba Africa Temana ea 9: Linaha tse nkang karolo li tla nka mehato e ikhethileng ho matlafatsa puso e kenyelletsang bohle, basali ba bapale karolo e lekanang lipolotiking tsa linaha tsa bona, ho etsoe mekhoha e khothalletsang basali ho kena lipolotiking. Melao ea linaha le mehato e meng li lokela ho netefatsa hore: a) Basali ba nka karolo likhethong tsohle ntle ho khethollo; b) Boemeli ba basali bo lekana le ba banna methating eohle ea likhetho. Tumellano ea SADC e Hlomathising Tumellano ea SADC mabapi le Boleng le Nts’etso-pele, 31 Phato 2016, Art. 9: “Linaha tse nkang karolo li lokela netefatsa boemeli ba basali bo lekanang maemong ao basali batlang ho etsa liqeto ka hara lipolotiki, litsing tsa sechaba le tse ikemetseng. Ho kenyelletsoe mehato e ikhethileng e hlalosoang ka hare ho Temana ea 5.”
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LITLETLEBO TSA LIKHETHO						
17	29	Lekhotlana la Likhetho la Komisi Ikemetseng ea Likhetho le thehiloe ho rarolla litletlebo tsa likhetho, empa Molao oa Likhetho ha o hlakisi mokhoa oa ho khetha litho ha ‘moho le liphelelo tsa nako, kapa methati ea ts’ebetso.	Ho hlahlajoe le hona ho hlakisa boiphihlelo ba Lekhotlana la Likhetho la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho, molemong oa hore le akaretse litletlebo tsa pele ho likhetho. Ho kenngoe ts’ebetsong methati e hlakileng mabapi le lipallo tsa nako le boiphihlelo ba litho tsa Lekhotlana.	Ho hlomathisoa Khaolo ea 123 ea Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Tokelo ea ho Fumana Tharollo e Sebetsang Moralo oa Molao oa Likhetho oa SADC, para 92: “Lekhotlana la Likhetho. Lekhotlana la Likhetho le tla thehoa ke setsi sa taolo se nang le boiphihlelo, sena ke taelo e hlakang ka har’a molao oa likhetho. Lekhotlana la Likhetho le thehoa molemong oa ho amohela le ho mamela litletlebo tse amanang le likhetho le likhanyetso mabapi le boits’oaro kapa methati ea likhetho.”
18	29	Molao oa Likhetho o bonts’a hore liqeto tsa Lekhotlana la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho ebe tsa moshoelella, ka hona ha o fane ka monyetla oa mokhahlelo oa bobeli oa tharollo ea Lekhotla moo ho nang le lipelaello.	Ho fanoe ka tokelo ea ho ipiletsa khahlanong le liqeto tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho Lekhotleng le Phahameng la Molao mabapi le melao ea boits’oaro.	Ho hlomathisoa Khaolo ea 123 ea Molao oa Likhetho	Paramente	Tokelo ea ho Fumana Tharollo e Sebetsang Meoloane ea PEMMO ea 2003 mabapi le Ho laola, Ho hlahloba, le Ho Lebella Likhetho Tikolohong ea SADC para. 3: “Methati ea boipeletso e tlameha e thehoe likhethong tsohle, ‘me e lokela e sebetsoe ke makhotla.”
19	30	Lekhotlana la Tharollo ea Litletlebo le ne le hloka ponaleto. Ho fumaneha hoa tlhahiso-leseling mabapi le linyeoe, liqeto le pokello ea linyeoe ho mafapha a amehang ho ile hoa etsahala fela ka mora hore EU EOM e etse kopo, ka hona hase litaba tse fumanehang hang-hang marang-rang.	Ho thehoe pokello ea litaba ea semolao e fupereng litletlebo, liqeto le molao oa naha.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokalahalang melaong ea likhetho	Paramente	Ponaleto le Phumants’o ea Tlhahiso-leseling Komisi ea Litokelo tsa Botho ea Machaba a Kopaneng 1996, Maikutlo a Akaretsang No. 34 ho Temana ea 19 ea ICCPR, Litokelo tsa hoba le Maikutlo: “Ho netefatsa ho sebetsoa hoa tokelo ea phumants’o ea tlhahiso-leseling, Mebuso e nkang karolo e lokela beha litaba tsa ‘Muso tseo sechaba se ka bang le thahasello ho tsona moo mang le mang a li fumanang. Mebuso e lokela ho nka methati e hlokalahalang ho netefatsa hore litaba tsena li fumanoe ka bobebe le kapele.”

HO KHETHA, PALO LE THAHTHAMISO EA SEPHETHO

20	32	Litsi tse nkang karolo ea 42 lekholong li bonahetse li sa fihlelehe ho bakhethi ba e nang le bokooa ba ho tsamaea. Ts'ebetso ea ho khetha e ne e sa fane ka mehato e ikhethileng ho batho ba phelang le bokooa hore ba khetha ba sa thusoe, pampiri ea ho khetha e etselisoeng batho ba phelang le bokooa ba pono ene e fumaneha litsing tsa ho khetha tse fokolang.	Mehato e ikhethileng e kenngoe ts'ebetsong molemong ho thusa batho ba phelang le bokooa hore ba fumane tlhahiso leseling ka likhetho; le hore ba khone ho khetha ba sa thusoe.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokahalang melaong ea likhetho; empa pehelo ea Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ea hlokahala	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho	Naha e lokela e nke methati e nepahetseng ho netefatsa hore litokelo li ea sebetsa Tokelo le monyetla oa ho khetha Temana ea 29(a) ea CRPD: “Ho netefatsoe hore batho ba phelang le bokooa ba nka karolo e phethahetseng lipolotiking le likarolong tse ling tsa bophelo ka tekano le bohle [...] hara tse ling, ho netefatsoe hore methati ea ho khetha, lisebelisoa tsa ho khetha le li nepahetse le hore lia fihleleha le hoba bobebe ho sebeliseha.”
21	33	Thathamiso ea sephetho e etsoa ka matsoho litsing tsa khethelo le mabatoeng. Sephetho sa litsi tsa khethelo ha se phatlalatsoe.	Ho matlafatsoe ponaletso methathing ea thathamiso ea sephetho, Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e phatlalatse sephetho se arotsoeng ka lihlopha sa setsi se seng le se seng sa khethelo marang-rang a eona, e boele e fane ka lisebelisoa tse lumellang thathamiso ea sephetho ho sebelisoa mekhoha ea mahlale.	Ha ho phetoho e hlokahalang melaong ea likhetho; empa pehelo ea Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ea hlokahala	Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho	Ponaletso le Phumants'o ea Tlhahiso-leseling Likhetho tsa 'nete tse bonts'ang thato ea bakhethi ICCPR, Komisi ea Litokelo tsa Botho ea Machaba a Kopaneng, Maikutlo a Akaretsang a 34 p.18 le temana ea 19 (2) ea ICCPR: “tokelo ea ho fumana tlhahiso-leseling e litsing tsa sechaba.”

XVIII. QHOAELLO EA 2 – SEPHETHO SA LIKHETHO

Lebitso la Mokha/ lekhota	Khutsufatso ea mokha/lekhota	Kakaretso ea liulo tsa Semolao	Litulo tsa Mabatooa tsa Semolao	Litulo tsa Khekhethane tsa Semolao	Kakaretso ea litulo tse kothalelitsoeng	Litulo tsa Khekhethane tse kothalelitsoeng	% Khetho	% Litulo
African Ark	AA						0.08	
All Basotho Convention	ABC	8	0	8	8	8	8.67	6.72
Alliance of Democrats	AD	5	2	3	4	2	4.80	3.36
Alliance for Free Movement	AFM						0.46	0.00
Allies for Patriotic Change	APC						0.05	0.00
African Unity Movement	AUM						0.17	0.00
Basotho Action Party	BAP	6	0	6	6	6	6.73	5.04
Basotho Council for Economic	BCEF						0.07	0.00
Basotho Covenant Movement	BCM	1	0	1	1	1	0.95	0.84
Basotho Congress Party	BCP						0.44	0.00
Basutoland Democratic Congress	BDC						0.27	0.00
Basotho Democratic National Party	BDNP						0.27	0.00
Basotho Economic Enrichment	BEE						0.23	0.00
Basotho Liberation Movement	BLM						0.35	0.00
Basotho National Party	BNP	1	0	1	2	2	1.70	1.68
Basotho Patriotic Party	BPP		0		1	1	0.74	0.84
Basotho Poverty Solutions Party	BPSP						0.11	0.00
Basotho Social Party	BSP						0.13	0.00
Bahlabani Ba Tokoloho Movement	BTM						0.11	0.00
Basotho Thabeng ea Sinai	BTS						0.00	0.00
Basotho Redevelopment Party	BRP						0.07	0.00
Basutoland African National Congress	BANC						0.10	0.00
Basutoland Total Liberation Congress	BTLC						0.20	0.00
Community Freedom Movement	CFM							
Cry Not Child	CNC							
Democratic Congress	DC	29	18	11	26	8	29.59	21.85
Development Party for All	DPA						0.11	0.00

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Empowerment Movement for Basotho	EMB						0.06	0.00
Khothalang Basotho	KB						0.19	0.00
Lekhotla La Mekhoa Le Meetlo	LMM						0.13	0.00
Lesotho Congress for Democracy	LCD	3	0	3	3	3	2.81	2.52
Lesotho Economic Freedom Fighters	LEFF						0.27	0.00
Lesotho Peoples Congress	LPC		0		1	1	0.48	0.84
Marematlou Freedom Party	MFP						0.41	0.00
Metsi Natural Resource Party	METSI						0.12	0.00
Movement for Economic Change	MEC	3	1	3	4	3	3.95	3.36
Mookoli Theocratic Front	MTF						0.06	0.00
Mphatlalatsane	HOPE	1	0	1	1	1	0.86	0.84
Mpulule Political Summit	MPS	1	0	1	1	1	1.04	0.84
National Independent Party	NIP	1	1	0	1	0	0.86	0.84
Peoples Convention	PC						0.05	0.00
Popular Front for Democracy	PFD	1	0	1	1	1	1.07	0.84
Prayer Shawl and Light	PSL						0.03	0.00
Reformed Congress of Lesotho	RCL						0.42	0.00
Revolution Alliance of Democracy	RAD						0.10	0.00
Revolution for Prosperity	RFP	56	56	0	56	0	46.17	47.06
Socialists Revolutionary Party	SR	2	1	1	2	1	2.48	1.68
Tsepo-ea-Basotho	TEB						0.10	0.00
Tsebe Social Democrats	TSD						0.03	0.00
United For Change	UFC		0		1	1	0.67	0.84
Yearn for Economic Sustainability	YES						0.05	0.00
Your Opportunity & Network Alliance	YONA						0.17	0.00
Shao (Independent)	Shao						0.03	0.00
Kakaretso		119	79	40	119	40		

XIX. QHOAELLO EA 3 – TSE FUMANOENG TLHAHLOBONG EA BOPHATLATSI

Bolebelli ba Likhetho ba Mokhatlo oa Linaha tse Ikopantseng tsa Europe (EU Election Observation Mission) bo ile ba hlahloba sehlopha sa litsi tsa bophatlalatsi ba Lesotho ba liea-le-moea, seea-le-moea-pono le maselinyana a litaba, ka mokhoa oa bohlopholli ba lipalo le bohlopholli boleng ba litaba, khasong ea litaba tsa likhetho. Tlhahlobo ena ea bophatlalatsi e ile ea sebelisoa ho sheba

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nako le sebaka se fuoang ba nang le kobo ea bohali lipolotiking, ‘moho le tsela eo litaba li neng li hasoa ka eona.

Litsi tse hlahlobuoeng:

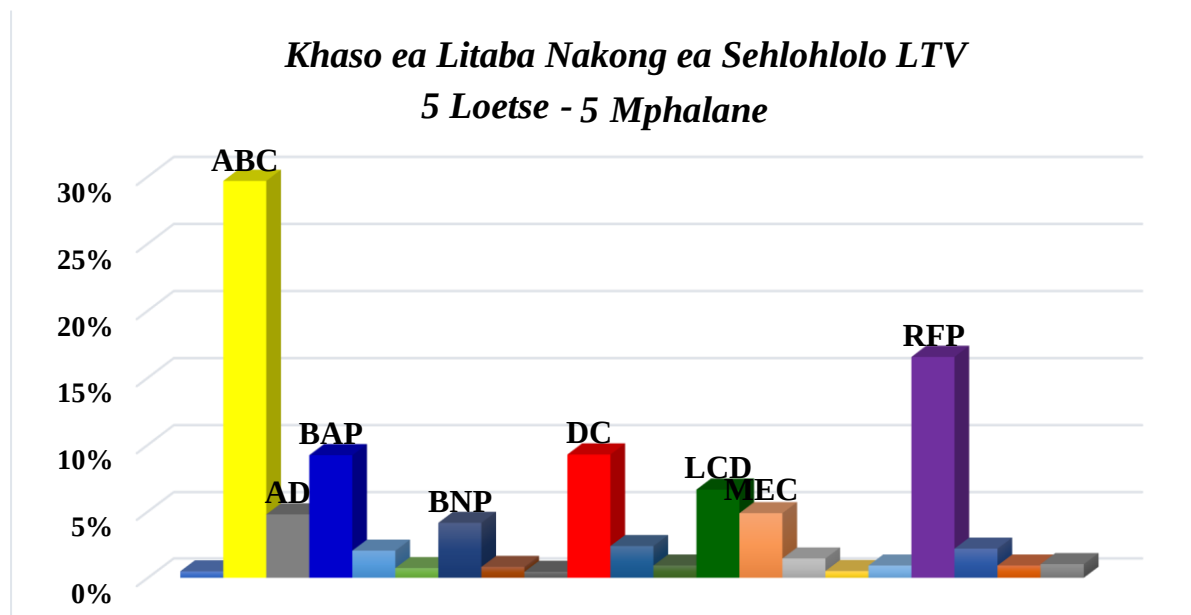
- Seea-le-moea-pono se le seng: Seea-le-moea-pono sa ‘muso sa *Lesotho Television (LTV)*. Seea-le-moea-pono se hlahlobuoe nakong e lipakeng tsa 18:00 le tse 24:00.
- Liea-le-moea tse robong: Seea-le-moea sa ‘muso *Radio Lesotho*, sea-le-moea se ikemetseng sa *MoAfrika FM*, *People’s Choice FM* le *Ts’enolo FM*, ‘moho le liea-le-moea tsa sechaba tse Literekeng tsa Butha Buthe (*Moeling FM*), Mafeteng, Qacha’s Nek (*Souru FM*), Quthing (*Mose Ho Seaka*, *Emeshea Seaka*, *Peshakwe Qgilie FM*) le Thaba Tseka (*Motjoli FM*). Liea-le-moea li hlahlobuoe letsatsi le letsatsi nakong e lipakeng tsa 06:00 le 09:00 ‘moho le lipakeng tsa 18:00 le 21:00.
- Maselinyana a litaba a mararo: *Moeletsi oa Basotho e ngolang ka Sesotho*, le *Lesotho Times* ‘moho le *The Post*.

Tlhahlobo ea bophatlalatsi e entsoe ho tloha ka la 05 Loetse 2022 ho isa ka la 05 Mphalane 2022.

SEEA-LE-MOEA-PONO

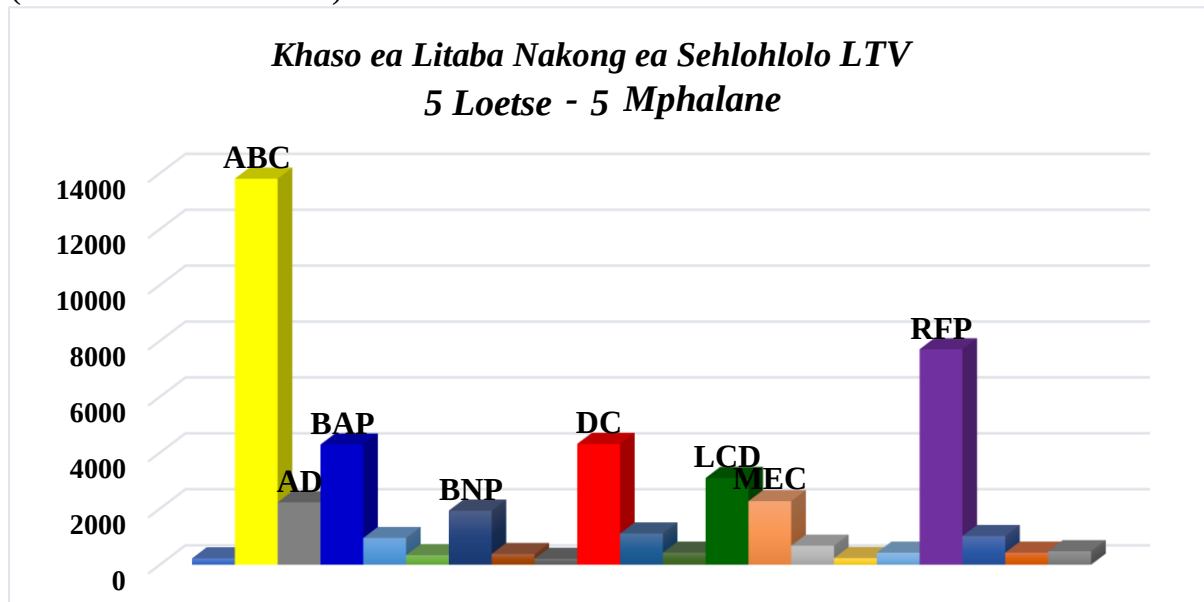
Khaso ea Likhetho

Sets’oants’o se latelang se bonts’a nako (ka karolo ea lipalo lekholong) e abetsoeng baiketi ba likhetho ke seea-le-moea pono sa Lesotho (LTV). Khaso eohle e ne ele ka mokhoa o motle kapa o senang lits’ekamelu.



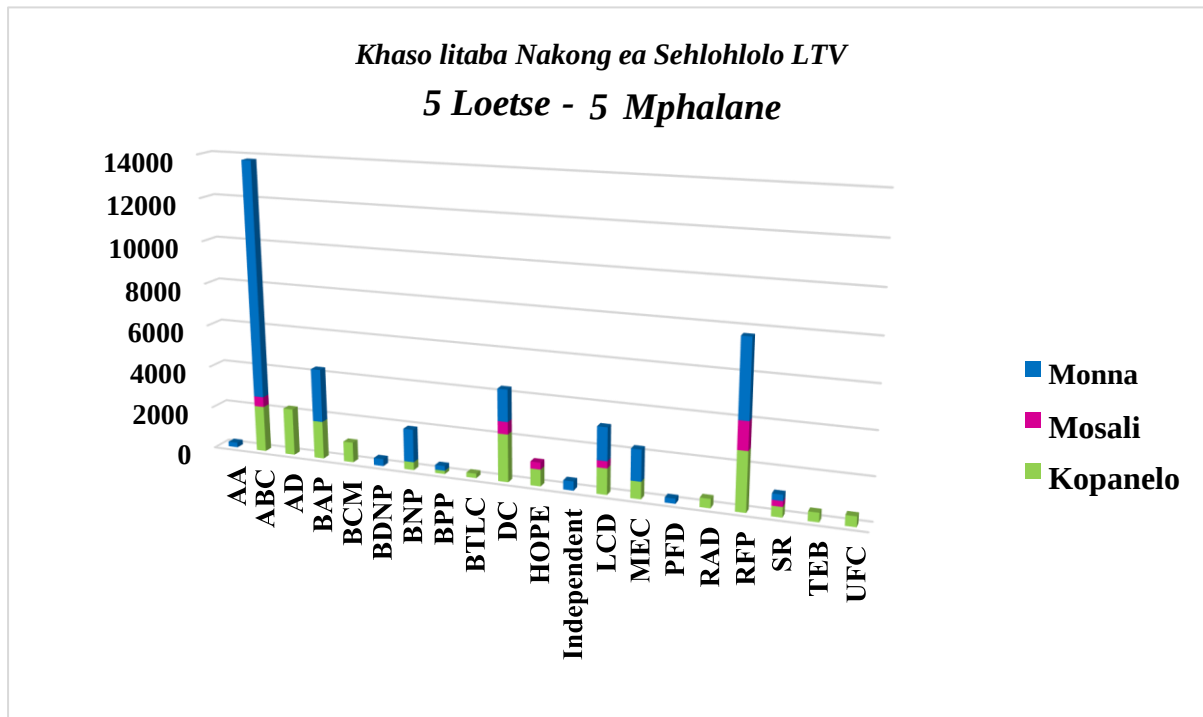
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Sets'oants'o se latelang se bonts'a kabo ea nako (ka metsotsoana) e fuoeng baiketi ba likhetso le LTV. Kakaretso ea lihora tse 12 le metsotso e 55,5 ea khaso ea litaba e ne e le nakong ea Sehlohlo (metsotso e 25 ka letsatsi).



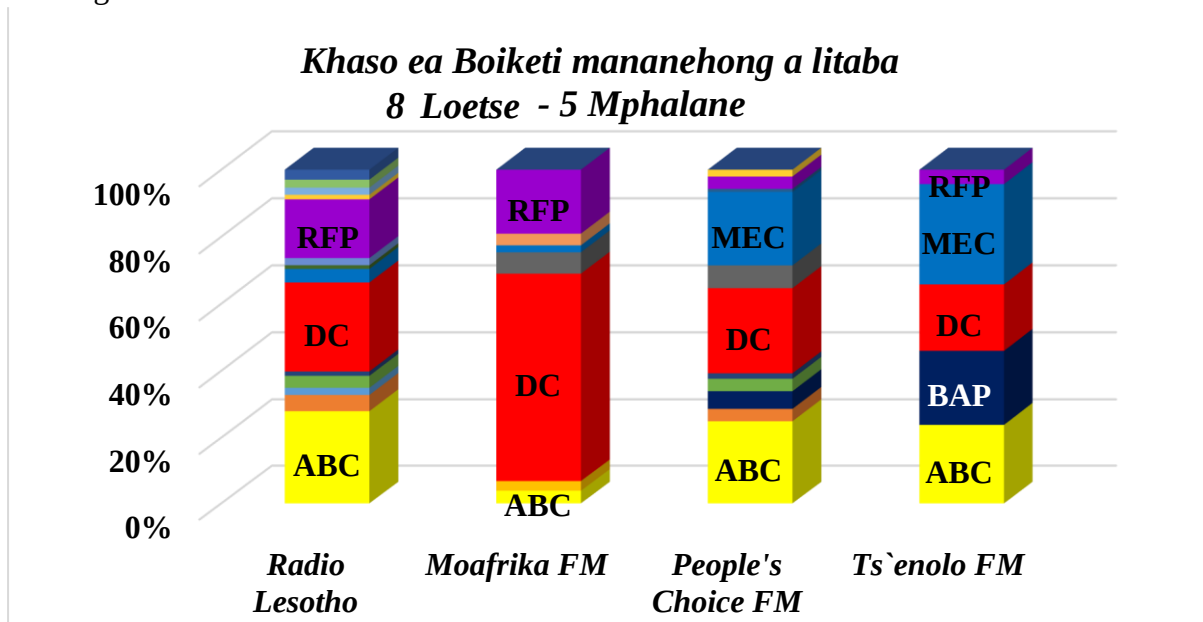
Sets'oants'o se latelang se bonts'a khaso ea bapolutiki nakong ea sehlohlolo LTV ho ipapisitsoe le bong. Bapolutiki ba basali ba fuae khaso ea metsotso e 54 ka kakaretso nakong ea sephethephethe papisong le khaso ea lihora tse 6 le metsotso e 58 e fumanoeng ke bapolutiki ba banna.

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Liea-le-moea

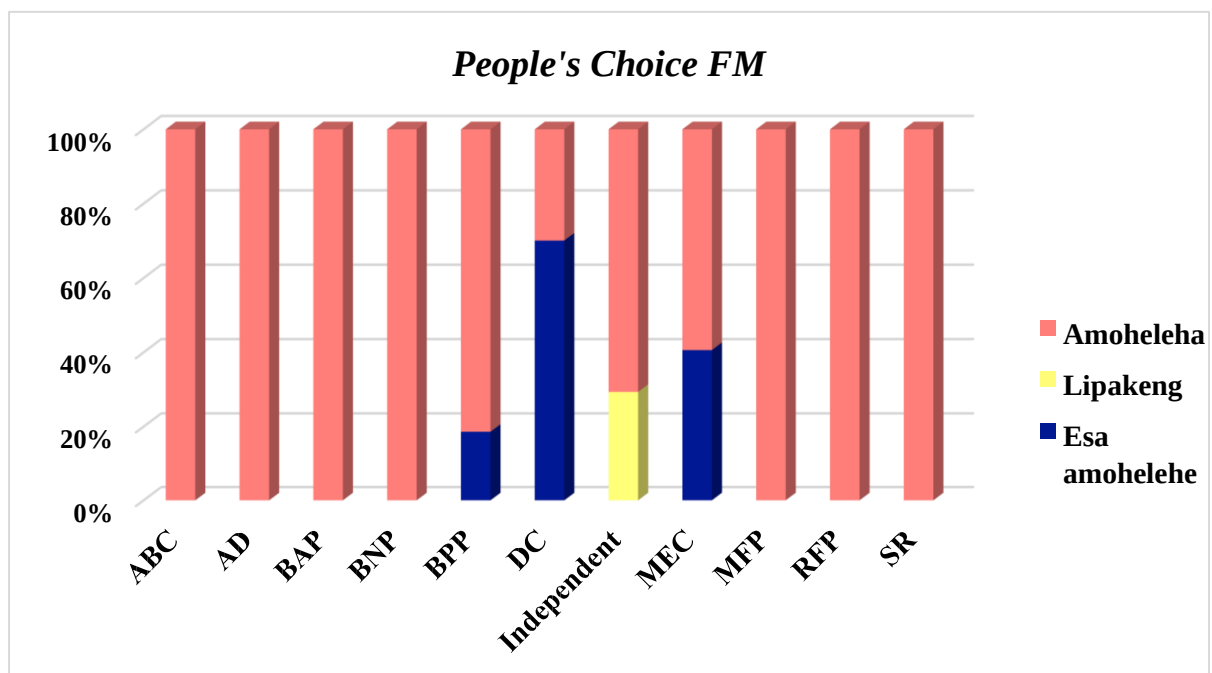
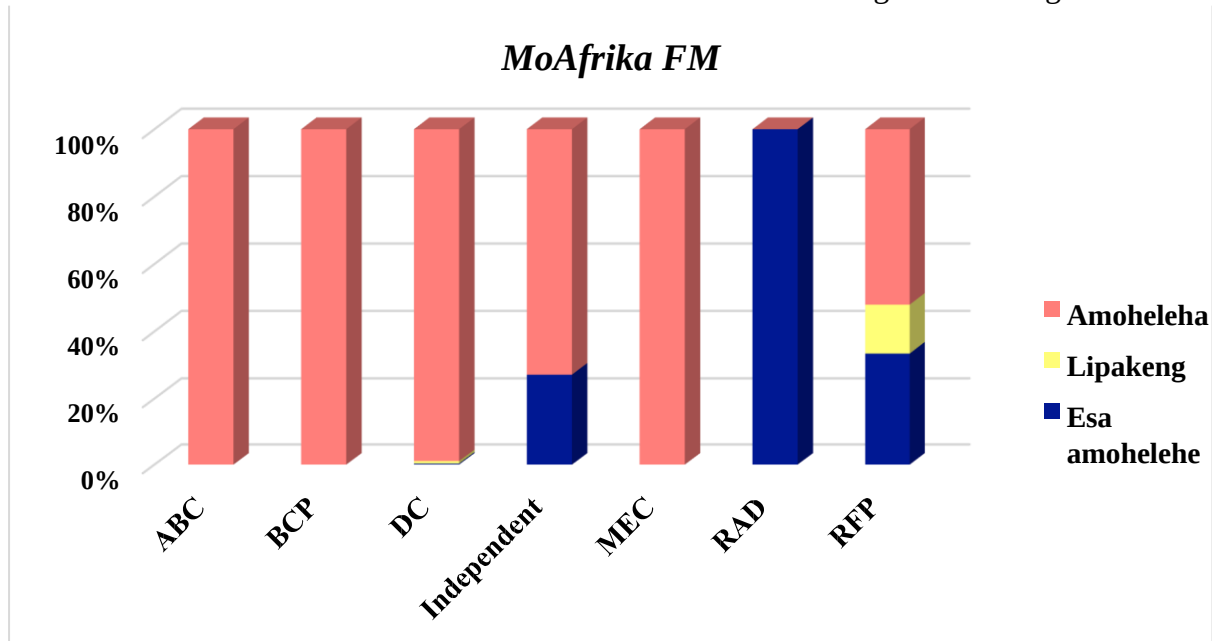
Sets'oants'o se latelang se bonts'a kabo ea nako (ka karolo ea lipalo lekholong) e abetsoeng moiketi e mong le e mong oa likhetho seea-le-moeng ka seng. Kakaretso ea khaso ea litaba liea-le-moeng tse hlahlobuoeng e ne ele tlase papisong le mananeo ao bamameli ba nts'ang maikutlo. Lihora tse 4 le metsotso e 55 ene e le litaba papisong le lihora tse 115 le metsotso 53 eo bamameli ba neng ba hlahisa maikutlo a bona.



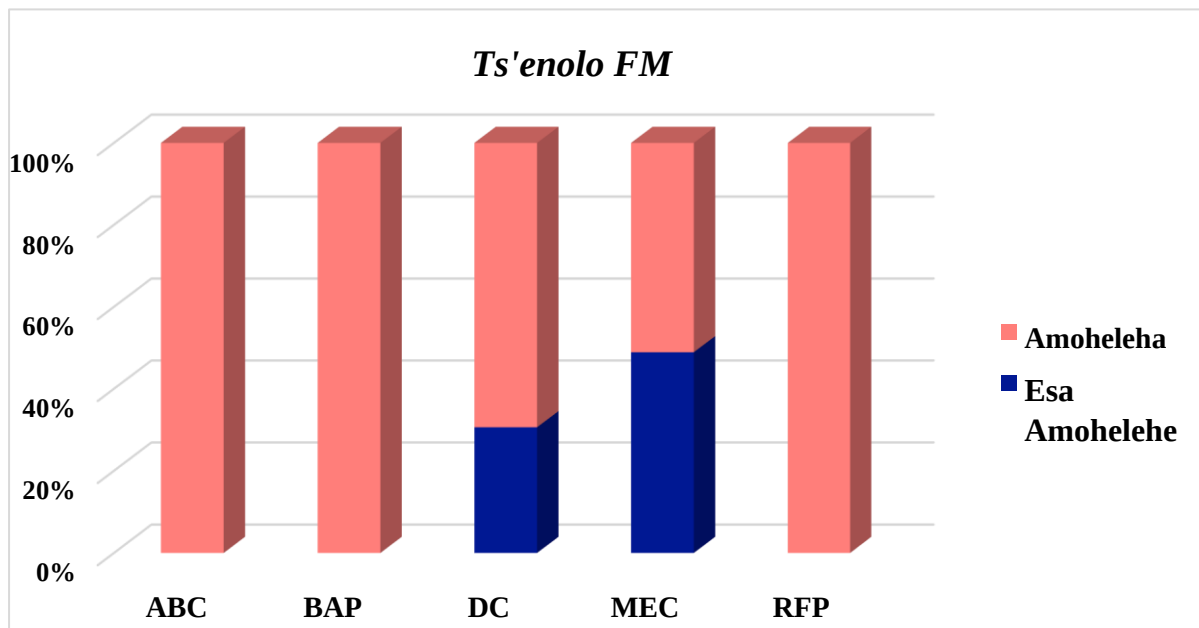
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Sets'oants'o se latelang se bonts'a tsela eo litaba li neng hasoa ka eo lieea-le-moeng tse hlalobuoeng (amoheleha, lipakeng, esa amohelehe).

Radio Lesotho e ile ea hasa litaba tsa baiketi ka tsela e amohelehang mananehong a eona a litaba.

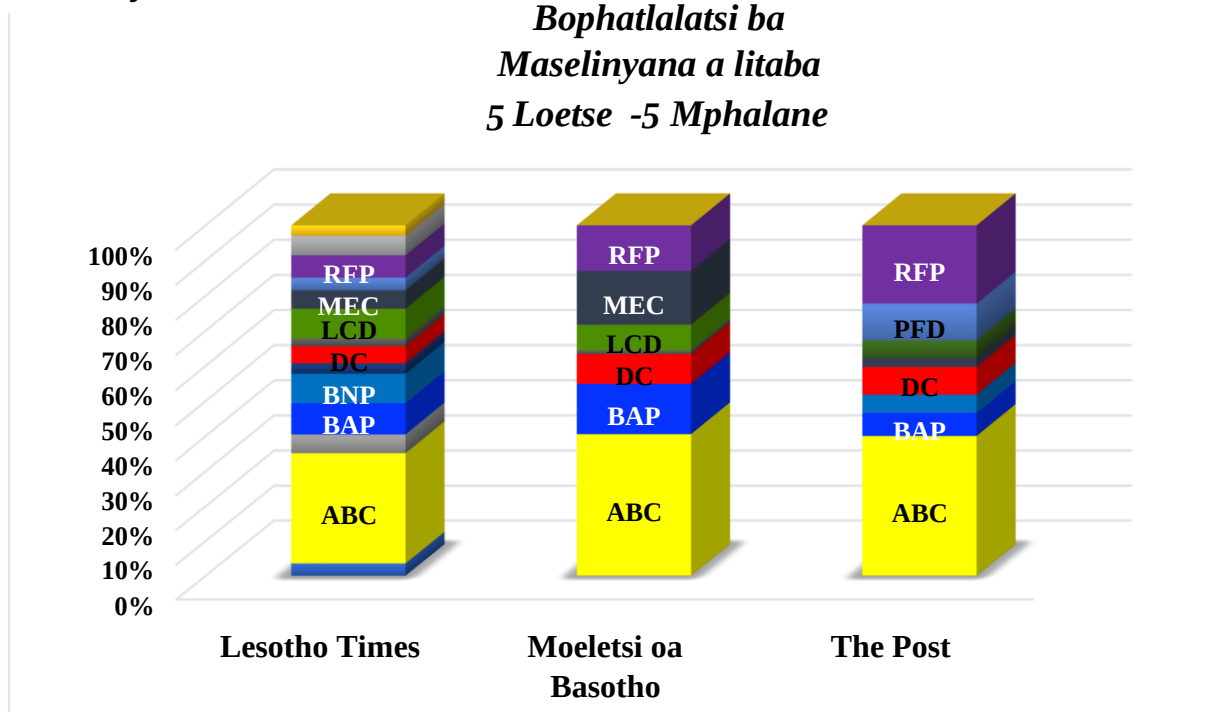


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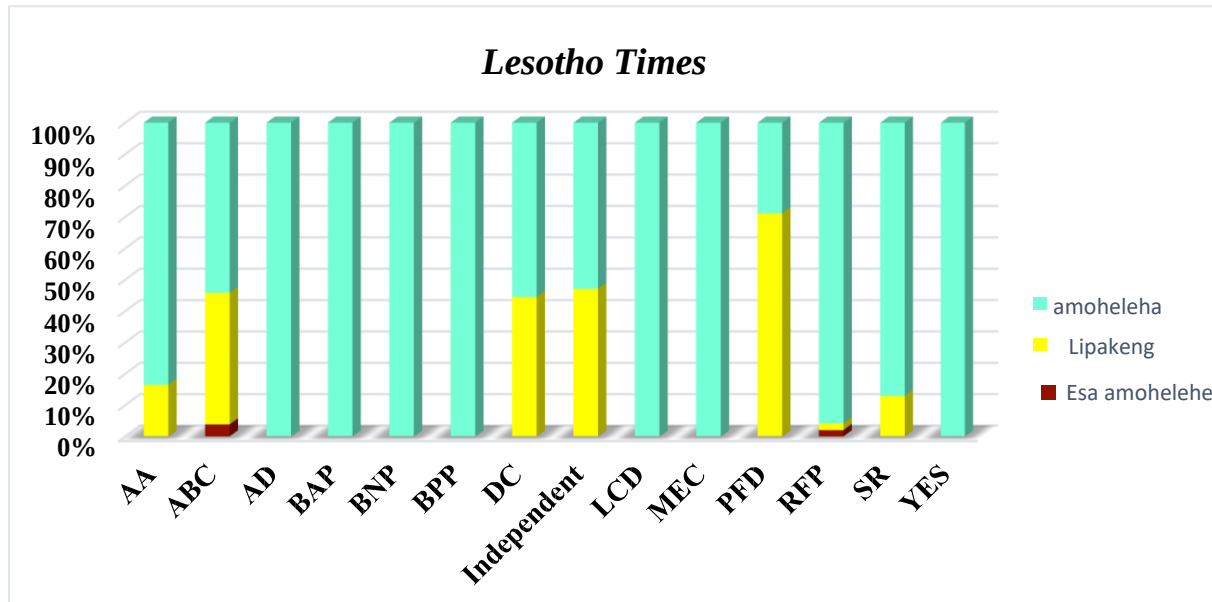
Ka linako tse ling, likhatiso tse sa hlakang li ne li thatafatsa bohlopholli ka mokhoa oa lipalo, ho sheba nako e abeloang ba nang le kobo ea bohali lipolotiking Lia-le-moeng tsa sechaba.

Maselinyana a Litaba

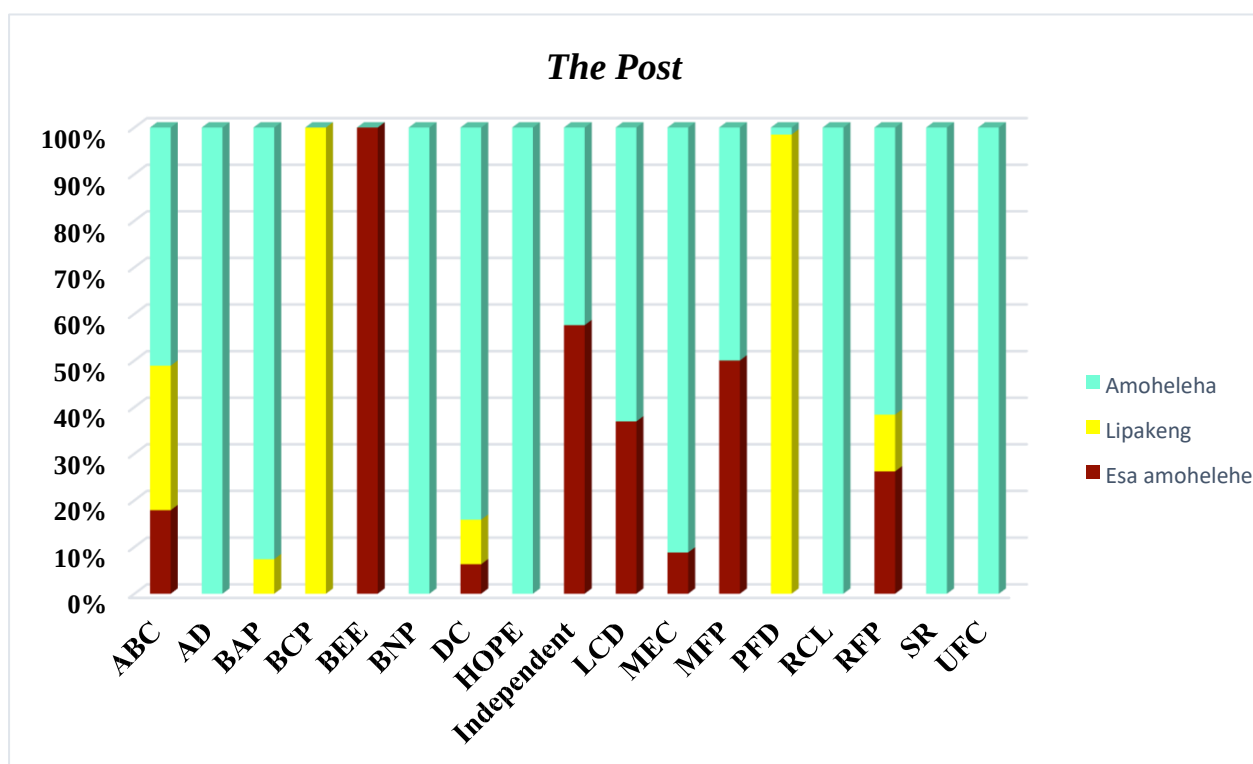
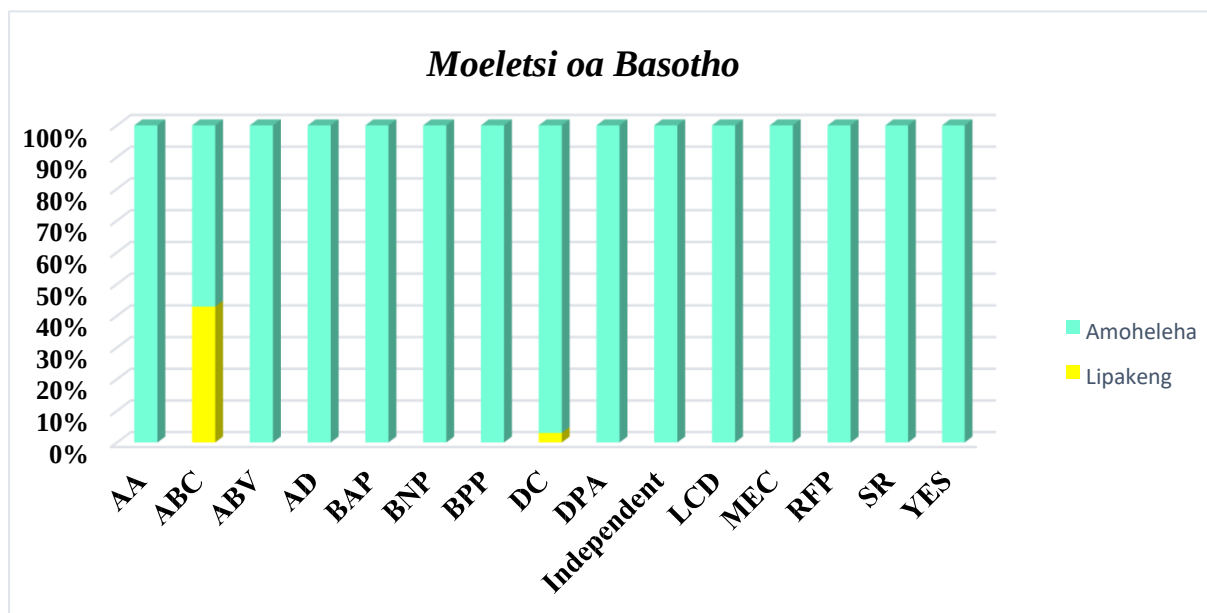


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Sets'oants'o se latelang se bonts'a hore na bophatlatsi ba maselinyana a litaba bo ne phatlalatsa litaba ka tsela e joang (amohela, lipakeng, esa amohela).



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XX. QHOAELLO EA 4 – TSE FUMANOENG TLHAHLOBONG EA MARANG-RANG A SECHABA

1. MAEMO A MARANG-RANG A SECHABA

Social Media Landscape in Lesotho 2022

Total population, internet and social media users in Lesotho as of January 2022

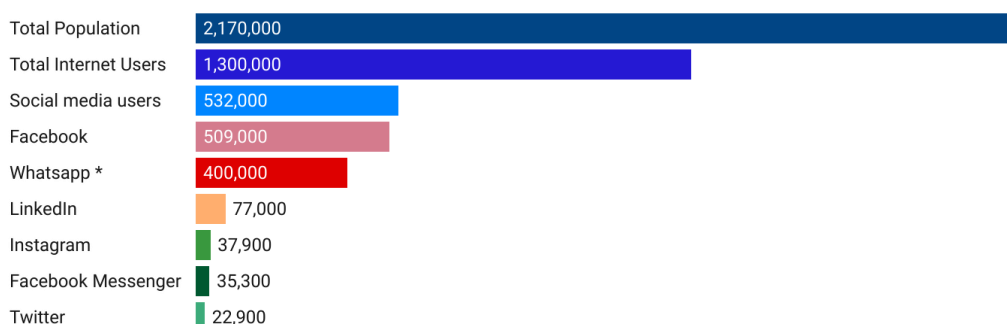


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Social Media Landscape in Lesotho 2022

Social media users in Lesotho per platform in January 2022, broken down by gender and age

Social media	Total users	% of total population	% male	% female	% Aged 13+
All platforms	532,000	25	46	55	34
Facebook	509,000	24	45	55	33
LinkedIn	77,000	4	42	58	6
Instagram	37,900	2	43	57	2
FB Messenger	35,300	2	47	54	2
Twitter	22,900	1	N/A	N/A	2

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2. MOKHOA OA LIPHUPUTSO OA EU EOM LESOTHO 2022

EU EOM Lesotho 2022 e sebelisitse mekhoha e fapaneng empa e tlatsana ho fuputsa lithala tsa marang-rang ho hlaloba litaba tse amanang le likhetho marang-rang a sechaba.⁷⁶ Mekhoa ena e

⁷⁶ Ho hlaloba marang-rang a melaetsa joalo ka WhatsApp, Telegram, Viber kapa Messenger ha o ea kenyeletsoa mokhoeng oa ts'ebetso oa EU EOMs/EEM ka lebaka la t'sireletso ea litaba le lekunutu la batho (data protection and privacy). Leha hole joalo, EOMs eka kenyelletsa litaba tse hlokalahalang tse hlahang ho mekhatlo ea naha kapa ea machaba e ts'epehang, e sebitsanang le ho hlaloba lithala tsa marang-rang.

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kenyeletsa mokhoa oa ho hlopholla litaba ka lipalo le mokhoa oa ho hlopholla litaba ka boleng, bohlopholli ba molao le likopano le ba nang le kobo ea bohali. Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ho la 12 Mphalane 2022, EU EOM Lesotho 2022 e ile ea hlahloba ka mekhahlelo mabota a marang-rang a sechaba a 601 ka lihlopha tse khethiloeng, tseo e leng tsa baiketi ba likhetho le bao eseng baiketi. Sena se entsoe ka morero oa ho fuputsa litaba tsa mantlha tse amanang le boiketi ba likhetho ho pharalla le lithala tse ka sehloohong tsa marang-rang a sechaba (Sheba Tafale e latelang). Tlhahlobo ena ea marang-rang a sechaba e entsoe ka ts'ebeliso CrowdTangle, SentiOne, Tweetdeck and Twitonomy.

EU EOM e ile ea hlahloba le boipapatso ba lipolotiki ho marang-rang a Facebook letsatsi le leng le le leng ka Pokello ea Lipapatso ea Facebook Meta Ad Library 'moho le tlaleho ea Lesotho ho hlaha Pokellong ea Facebook Meta Ad Library. Boipapatso bo bong ba lipolotiki bo phatlalalitsoeng melaetseng (posts) ea marang-rang a Facebook, bo ile ba hlahlojoa ka mokhoa oa ho lebella le ka mokhoa oa ho etsa lipatlisiso ho CrowdTangle.

Social Media Accounts Monitored

Sample of accounts	Facebook Pages	Facebook Groups	Twitter Accounts	Instagram Accounts	YouTube Accounts
Political Candidates	19		18	6	
Eight Political Parties (official)	8		8	4	4
Eight Political Parties (tv pages official)	5				
Eight Political Parties (supporters)	91	123			
57 political parties	47				
EMB (IEC)	1	3	1	1	1
Public Institutions	12		4	1	
International Organisations	6		8	3	4
CSOs	27		11	4	4
Social Media Influencers	35		50		
Official Media	17		15	7	4
Anonymous Media	41		5	2	1
Total 601	309	126	120	28	18

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EU EOM e ile ea hlahloba kakaretso ea maqephe a 151 le lihlopha tse 123 tsa marang-rang a sechaba tse amanang le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 65 ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho. Ke maqephe a fokolang a neng a bonahala a laoloa le ho tsamaisoa ka kotloloho ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki, ha maqephe a mang a ne a laoloa le ho tsamaisoa ke bats'ehetsi ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho tloha boemong ba mabatooa. Baemeli ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ba ne basa tsebe kakaretso ea lenane la maqephe a marang-rang a sechaba a laoloang le ho tsamaisoa ke bats'ehetsi ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki boemong ba mabatooa. Boemong bona boo maqephe a marang-rang a sechaba a Facebook a thehoang ke sechaba, ha ho eaba bobebe ho EU EOM ho fumana palo ea maqephe a hlileng a laoloang le ho tsamaisoa ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ka kotloloho ho ana a 151.

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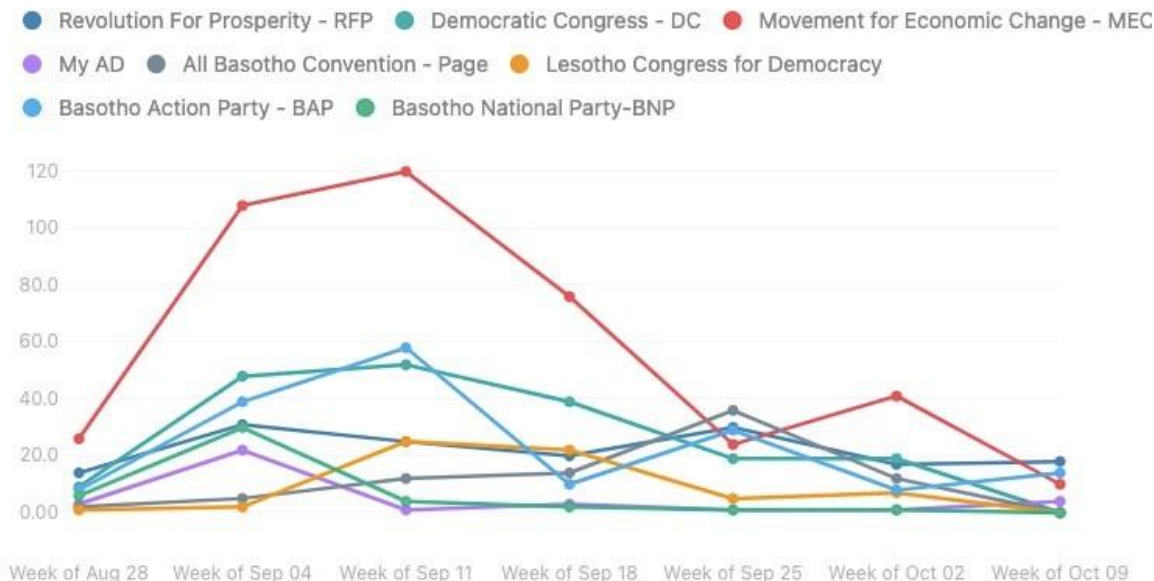
- Ka lebaka lena, EU EOM e ile ea fumana le ho hlaloha ka mokhoa o hlophisitsoeng ka methati maqephe a marang-rang a sechaba a robeli, a mekha le makhotla a supileng a ka sehlohong ho latela botho ka paramenteng. (ABC, AD, BAP, BNP, DC, LCD, MEC) le RFP, mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a bonts'itsoeng e le **“Maqephe a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a Robeli”** ka hara qhoaello ena.
- EU EOM e ile ea hlaloha ka mokhoa o hlophisitsoeng ka methati maqephe a 143 a marang-rang a sechaba a mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki, a bonts'itsoeng e le **“Maqephe a mang a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki”**. Mathathamo a lihlaloboa tsa maqephe ana a hlophuo ka mokhoa o latelang:
 - Maqephe a 91 a amanang le mekha le makhotla a robeli a lipolotiki (bats'ehetsi le boemong ba mabatoa);
 - Maqephe a mahlano a akaretsang le kanale tsa lieea-le-moea-pono tsa marang-rang a sechaba (TV channels) tsa mekha le makhotla a robeli tsa semolao;
 - Maqephe a 47 a amanang le mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki a 57.
- Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ho la 12 Mphalane, EU EOM e ile ea hlaloha lefupu la melaetsa (posts) e 1,447 marang-rang a Facebook, e phatlalalitsoeng ke baiketi ba likhetho le bao e seng baiketi, 'moho le e ka hara maqephe le lihlopha tsa marang-rang. Melaetsa ena ene e ngotsoe ka Sekhooa le ka Sesotho. Melaetsa ena e ne e hloailoe ho latela eo ts'ebetso ea eona eleng ka sehloohong mathathamong a tlhahlobo ea beke le beke ea CrowdTangle. Melaetsa ena e ile ea hlaloloa ka mekhahlelo e latelang; mofuta oa boleng ba litaba, mofuta oa sehlooho le bao litaba li lebisang ho bona.
- Melaetsa esa amoheleng e ile ea hlaloloa ho latela mekhahlelo e latelang; mofuta oa boleng ba litaba (boiketo bo sa amoheleng- puo e bohla- puo e hlohleletsang- puo e jalang lehloeo), mofuta oa sehlooho le bao melaetsa o lebisitsoeng ho bona.
- EU EOM e hlalobile melaetsa (posts) e **1,447 marang-rang a Facebook le melaetsa (tweets) e 278 ea marang-rang a Twitter** ka tsela e latelang:
 - **Melaetsa (posts) e 327 ea marang-rang a Facebook** e phatlalalitsoeng **“Maqephe a mekha le makhotla a robeli”**
 - **Melaetsa (tweets) e 278** e phatlalalitsoeng ke mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a ka sehlooho sethaleng sa marang-rang a Twitter
 - **Melaetsa (posts) e 214 ea marang-rang a Facebook** e phatlalalitsoeng ke **“Maqephe a mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki”**
 - **Melaetsa (posts) e 300 ea marang-rang a Facebook** e phatlalalitsoeng lihlopheng tsa marang-rang a Facebook (balateli le bao e seng balateli)
 - **Melaetsa (posts) e 202 ea marang-rang a Facebook** e mabapi le likhetho e phatlalalitsoeng ke maqephe ao mehloli ea ona esa tsebisahaleng
 - **Melaetsa (posts) e 360 ea marang-rang a Facebook** e phatlalalitsoeng ke maqephe ao mehloli ea ona e sa tsebisahaleng ka letsatsi la likhetho (07 Mphalane)
 - **Melaetsa e 44 ea marang-rang a Facebook** e phatlalalitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho.

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3. BOIKETI BA LIKHETHO BA BAIKETI MARANG-RANG



MAQEPHE A MARANG-RANG A FACEBOOK A MEKHA LE MAKHOTLA A ROBELI



Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa la 12 Mphalane 29 2022, mekha le makhotla ana a robeli a lipolotiki a phatlalalitse melaetsa e 1,300 ka kakaretso, ka bonyane ba melaetsa e 23 ka beke. MEC e ne e le eona e etsang melaetsa (posts) ka ho fetisisa, ka melaetsa (posts) e (486), e hlahlangoa ke DC (189), BAP (175), RFP (160) le ABC (92). Bekeng ea la 11-19 Loetse, MEC e ile ea bonahala e eketsa phatlalatso ea eona ea melaetsa, ka melaetsa e 120 e kenyelletse le liboka tsa mabatoeng a fapaneng. Ka beke e ts'oanang, BAP le eona e ile ea eketsa phatlalatso ea eona ea melaetsa ea marang-rang, e ile ea phatlalatsa melaetsa e 58.

Type of content shared by eight political parties - Facebook

Over 1,300 posts were published from 29/08 till 12/10/2022

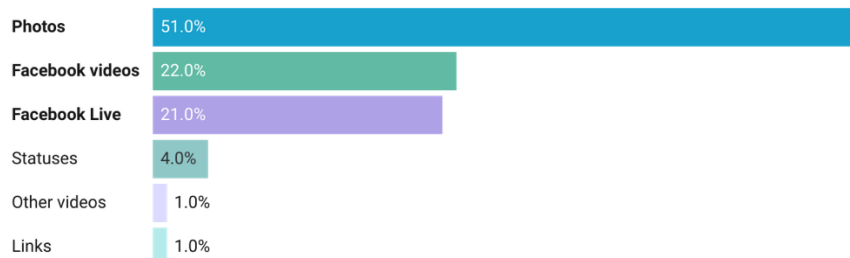


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Boholo ba melaetsa (posts) ena ene e le lits'oants'o (656), lits'oants'o-pono (274) le le phatlalatso tse otlohileng (Facebook live sessions) (266), li lateloa ke mabota a liseteithase (statuses) (48), lits'oants'o-pono tse ling (9) le aterese tsa marang-rang (links) (7).

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Type of content per political party - Facebook

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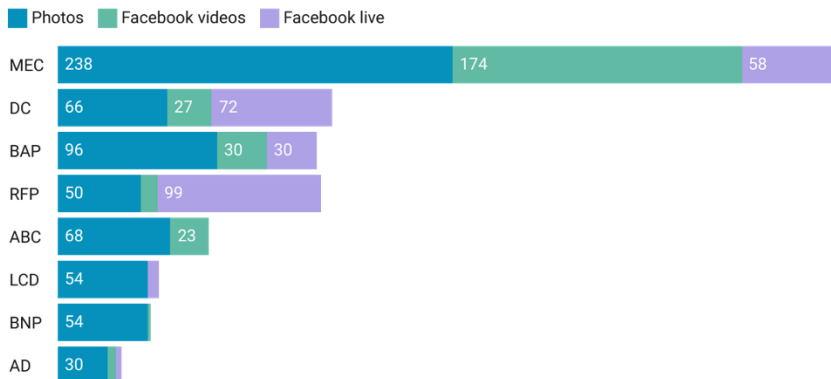


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MEC ene e le eona e phatlalatsang lits'oants'o tse ngata ka ho fetisisa (photos) (238) le lits'oants'o-pono (Facebook videos) (174). RFP eona ene e etsa phatlalatso tse otlohlileng tsa marang-rang (Facebook Live) ka ho fetesisa (99). BAP e ne e tla bobeling ka ho phatlalatsa lits'oants'o (photos) (96) le lits'oants'o-pono (Facebook videos) (30), ha DC e ne e tla bobeling ka ho etsa phatlalatso tse otlohlileng (Facebook live) (72).

Total interactions of eight political parties - Facebook

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Maqephe a Facebook a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a robeli a ile a fumana bolateli ba 301,200 ka kakaretso ka 234,593 e bonts'itseng maikutlo (reaction) le 53,319 e buileng maikutlo (comments) le 12,217 e arolelaneng melaetsa (shares).

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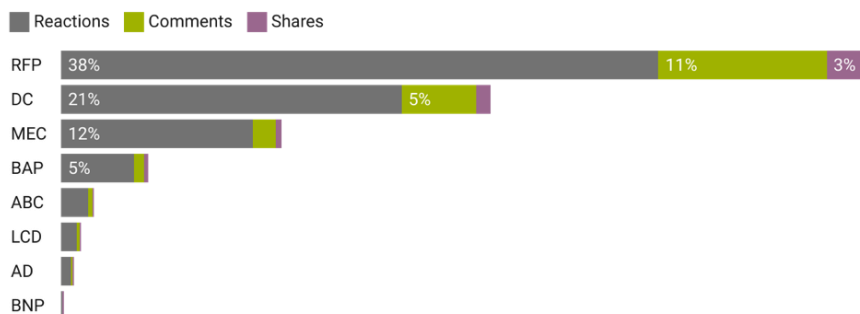
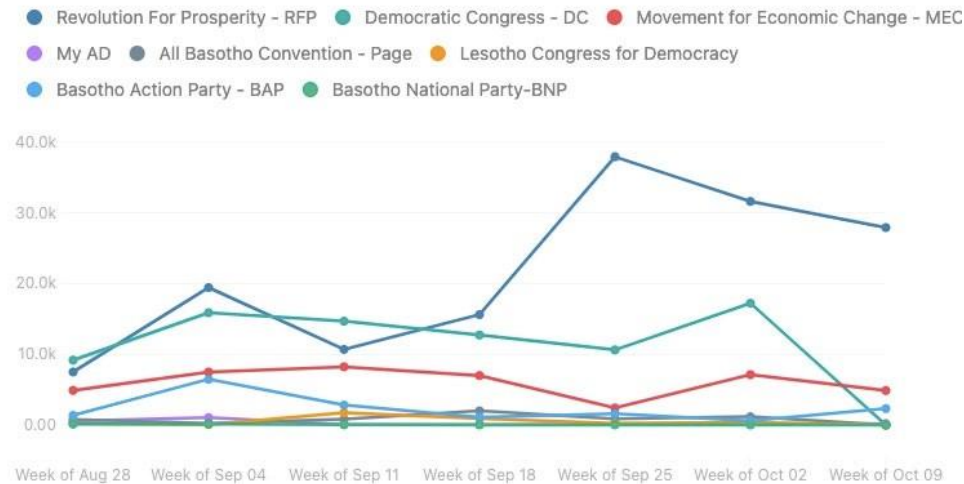


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Le hoja ene ese mophatlatsi ea ka sehloohong, RFP ene e le eona e etellang pele ka lipuisano ka palo e ka holimo-limo (150,600), e neng e le haufi le ho menahanya ea DC ha beli (80,200). Sena seka hlaloso ke ts'ebeliso e phahameng ea phatlalatso e otlohlileng (FB live), eo e leng mokhoa o thokolang lipuisano, le thahasello ea balateli. MEC e fumane lipuisano tse fokolang ka ho fetisisa (41,000), le hoja e ne e

phatlalatsa melaetsa e mengata ka ho fetisisa.

Mphalane 2022 leqephe la 78 ho a 96



RFP e fihletse palo e ka holimo-limo ea lipuisano bekeng ea la 01/10/22, ka lits'oants'o-pono (videos) tse fapaneng le lipatlalatso tse otlolohileng (FB live) tsa seboka se seholo: "RFP Festival" (sets'oants'o-pono se shebueeng ka ho fetisisa se ile sa se shebue ke 193,419 ka kakaretso).

Tone of posts - Eight political parties Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 327 posts from 29/08 till 07/10/2022



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EU EOM e hlalobile melaetsa (posts) e 327 e phatlalalitsoeng maqepheng a semolao a mekha le makhotla a lipolitiki a robeli ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ho la 7 Mphalane, moo melaetsa e 314 eneng e amoheleha, e ll ene e le lipakeng ha e 'meli e ne esa amohelehe.

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Main topics eight political parties - Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 314 posts with positive tone from 29/08 till 07/10/2022

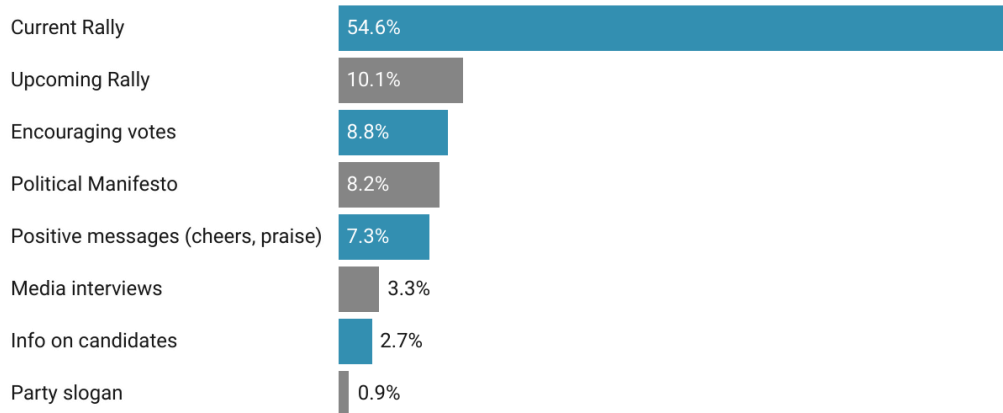


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Tlhahlobo ea melaetsa (posts) e 314 e neng e amoheleha e bonts'itse hore e ka holimo-limo e arolelanoeng ene e le ea liboka tsa morao-rao (178), e hlahlangoa ke ea liphatlalatso tsa liboka tse tlang ho latela (33), e neng e khothaletsa sechaba sa Basotho ho ba khetha (29), melaetsa (posts) e neng e ena le mehoo ea mekha le makhotla a lipoloyiki (27), melaetsa ea likhothatso le lithoholeto (24), liphatlalatso tsa lipuisano (interviews) le litsi tsa bophatlalatsi (11), tlhahiso-leseling mabapi le baiketi (9) le mapetjo a mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki (3).

Political Manifesto Main Topics - Facebook

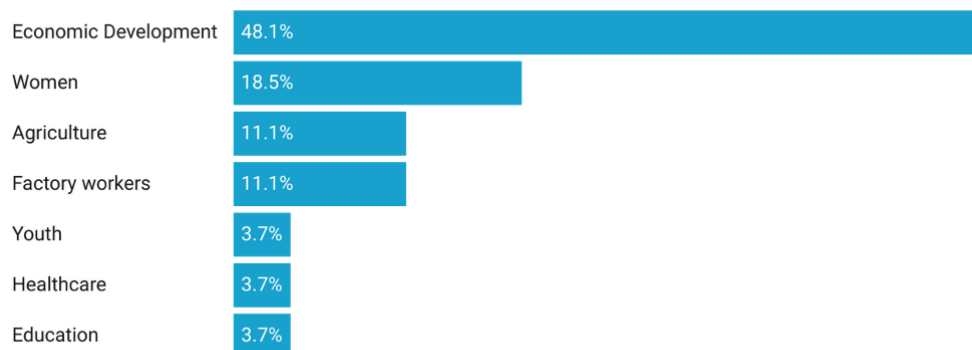


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Tlhahlobo ea EU EOM ea melaetsa (posts) e neng e fupere mehoo ea mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki e bonts'itse hore lihlooho tse hlhileng haholo ene ele khuliso ea moruo (17), matlafatso/ntlafatso ea basali (5), basebetsi ba lifeme (3), temo (3), matlafatso/ntlafatso ea bacha (1), thuto (one), le bophelo (1).

Mphalane 2022 leqephe la 80 ho a 96

Topics shared per each political party - Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 314 posts with positive tone from 29/08 till 07/10/2022.

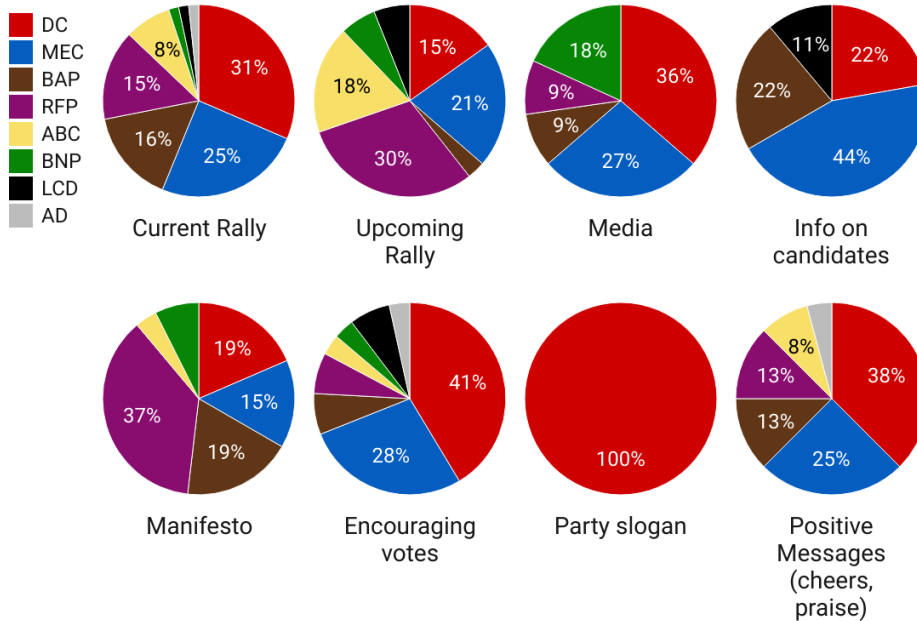


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Follower growth eight political parties - Facebook

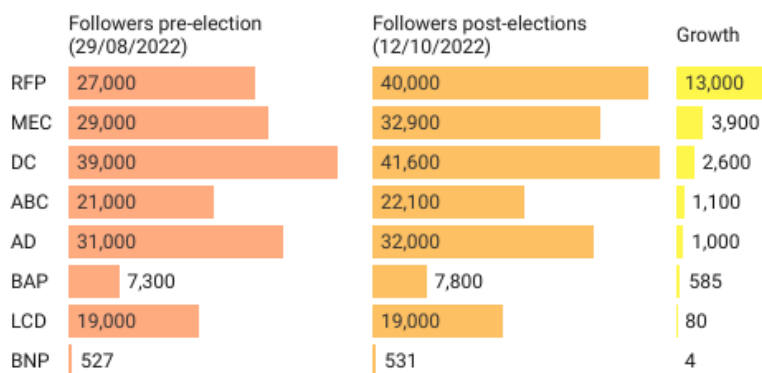


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RFP e bone kholo e kholo ea balateli ka mora ho hlola likhetho.

Mphalane 2022 leqephe la 81 ho a 96



MARANG-RANG A MEKHA LE MAKHOTLA A LIPOLOTIKI A TWITTER

EU EOM e hlahlobile melaetsa ea Twiter (tweets) e 278 ea mekha le makhotla a mane a sebelisang sethala sa marang-rang Twitter haholo (BAP, DC, MEC and RFP), ‘me melaetsa ena kaofela e ne e amoheleha.

Mphalane 2022 leqephe la 82 ho a 96

Main topics political parties - Twitter

The EU EOM analysed 278 tweets from 29/08 till 07/10/2022



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Topics shared per political party - Twitter

The EU EOM analysed 278 tweets from 29/08 til 07/10/2022

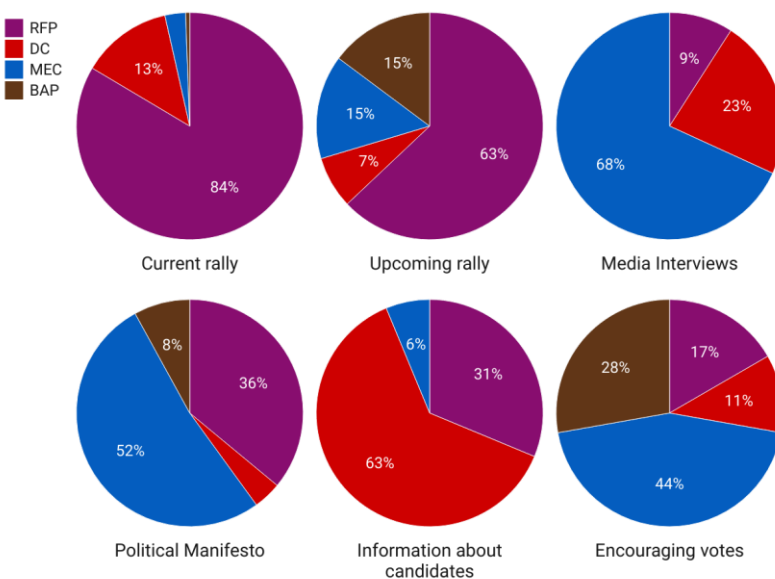


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Follower growth per political party - Twitter

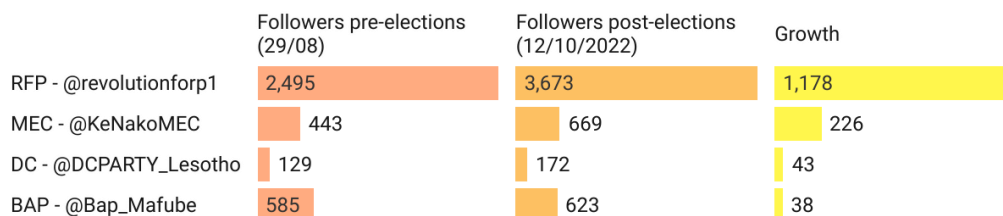


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Mphalane 2022 leqephe la 83 ho a 96



**MAQEPHE A MANG A AMANANG LE MEKHA LE MAKHOTLA A
LIPOLOTIKI**

EU EOM e hlalobile Maqephe a mang a 143 a Facebook a amanang le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a 65 a ngolisitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho. Ka hara ona a 96 a ne a amana le mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki a robeli, ha a 47 a ne a amana le mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki. Bolebelli ba EU EOM bo hlalobile melaetsa (posts) e 214, ‘me e 203 ene e amoheleha, e 7 ele lipakeng, ha e mene e ne esa amohelehe.

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Tone of posts - Other party pages Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 214 posts from 29/08 till 07/10/2022

Positive Neutral Negative



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Main topics other party pages - Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 203 posts with positive tone from 29/08 till 07/10/2022

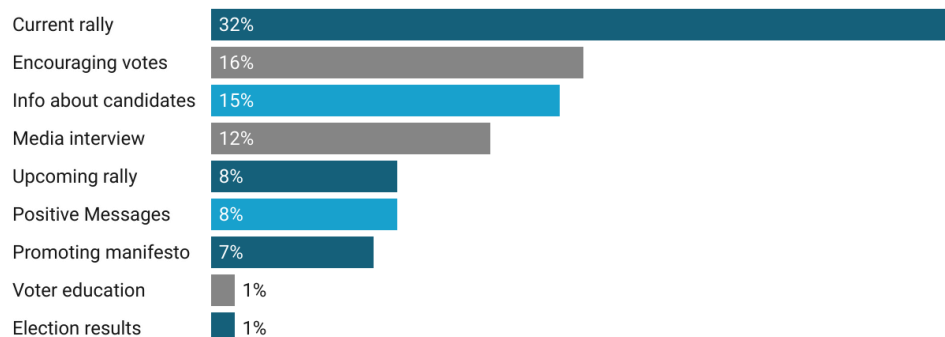


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Topics per each political party - Other party pages Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 203 posts with a positive tone from 29/08 till 07/10/2022

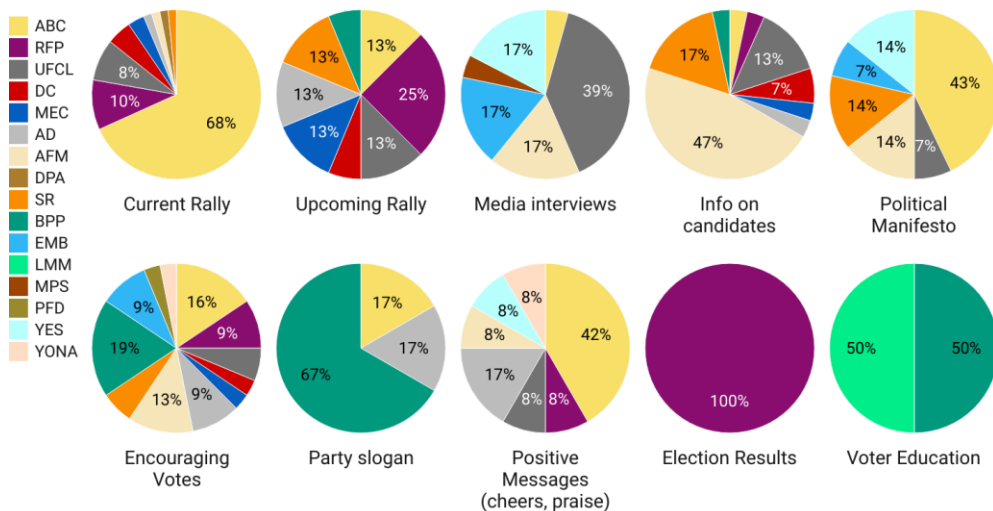
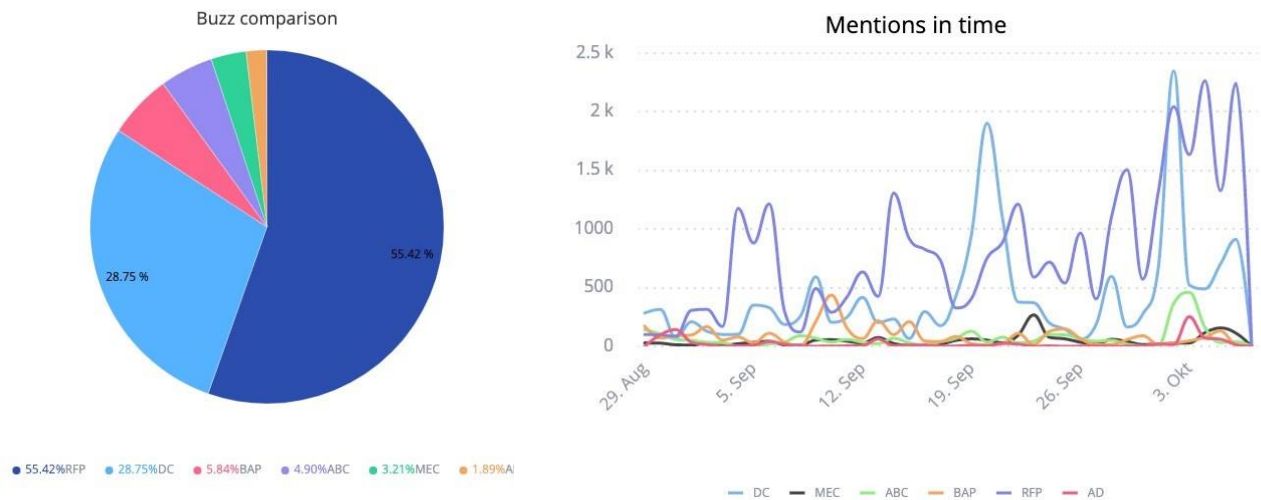


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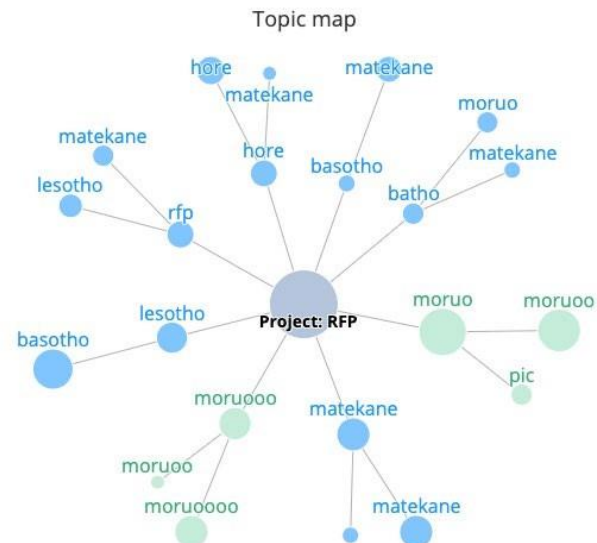
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PAPISO EA BUZZ COMPARISON EA MEKHA LE MAKHOTLA A ROBELI A LIPOLOTIKI MARANG-RANG A SECHABA

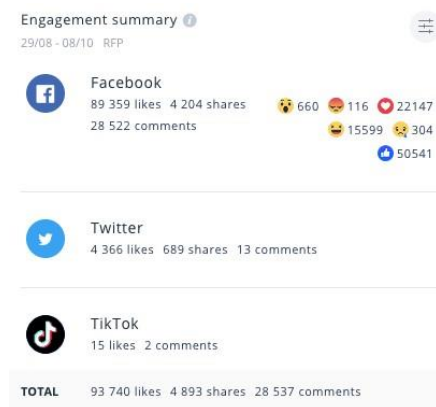


Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho fihlela ka la 07 Mphalane, RFP ene e le eona e neng e boleloa (mention) haholo lithaleng tsa marang-rang a sechaba (33,798 mentions), e hlahlangoa ke DC (17,533), BAP (3,561), ABC (2,986) le MEC (1,955). Boleleleng ba nako ea bohlahlobi, RFP e itlhomme kapele ka ho boleloa ntle le makhetlong a mabeli eo e ileng ea fetoa ke DC. Ka la 20 Loetse (1,904 mentions) le ka la 2 Mphalane (2,348 mentions), DC e ile ea ithoma pele marang-rang a sechaba ka ho boleloa ka mentions DC star rally, #VoteDC le Potoana.

Mmapa oa lihlooho oa RFP o bontshitse hore mantsoe a bohlokoa a neng a sebelisoa ka ho fetisisa ka hara litaba tsa marang-rang tsa mokha, ene e le a amohelehang le a lipakeng ho ipapisitsoe le moetapele oa RFP “Matekane”, lepetjo la mokha “Moruo” (wealth), “Lesotho” le “Basotho”.



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RFP ene e le eona e ithommeng pele ka ho fetisisa lithaleng tsa marang-rang a sechaba, 'me e bonts'itsoe khahleho (likes) ka 93,740 likes, likarolelano (shares) tse 4,366 le maikutlo a ngotsoeng (comments) a 28,537 ho hlaha lithaleng tse tharo tsa marang-rang, Facebook, Twitter le Tik Tok.

4. TLHAHISO-LESELING E AMANAG LE LIKHETHO E AROLELANOENG KE BAO ESENG BAIKETI

LIHLOPHA TSA MARANG-RANG A FACEBOOK: EU EOM e ile ea hlahloba lihlopha (groups) tsa Facebook tse 123 tsa bats'ehetsi ba mekha le makhotla a lipolotiki ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ka la 12 Mphalane 2022, tse phatlalitseng kakaretso ea melaetsa (posts) tse 154,400. EU EOM e hlahlobile melaetsa e 300 e neng e ena le litaba tse amanang le likhetho, 'me ea fumana melaetse e 143 e neng e amoheleha, e 112 esa amoheleheng le e 43 e lipakeng. Ho e 112 e neng esa amohelehe, Bolebelli bo hlokometse melaetsa e 85 ea boiketli bo sa amoheleheng, e 26 ene ena le puo e bohla ha o le mong one o hlohleletsang. Hara melaetsa e 26 e nang le puo e bohla, e 15 e ne e le mahlapa, e 4 ene ele ea nyatso 'me ene e lebisitsoe ho moetapele oa RFP. Melaetsa (post) o le mong o hlohleletsang one o lebisitsoe ho RFP.

Tone of posts - Facebook Groups

The EU EOM analysed 300 posts from 29/08 till 12/10/2022



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Negative posts - Facebook Groups

The EU EOM analysed 112 negative posts from 29/08 till 12/10/2022



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Political parties most targeted by negative posts- Facebook Groups

The EU EOM analysed 112 negative posts from 29/08 till 12/10/2022



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Derogatory Language per topic and per political party - Facebook Groups

The EU EOM analysed 26 cases of derogatory language from 29/08 till 12/10/2022

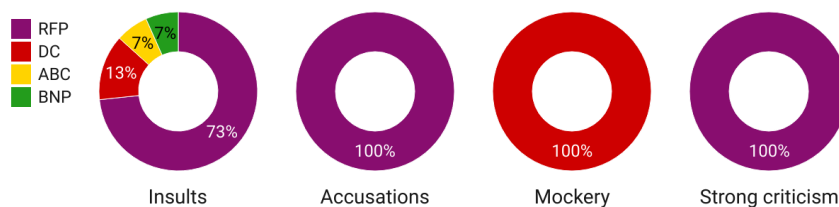


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MAQEPHE A MARANG-RANG A FACEBOOK AO MEHLOLI EA ONA ESA TSEBISISAHALENG:

EU EOM e ile ea hlalloba maqephe ao mehloli ea ona e sa tsebahaleng marang-rang a Facebook ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho fihlela ka la 7 Loetse 2022, a phatlalalitse melaetsa (posts) e 13,400 ka palo. Ho melaetsa e 700 e nang le bolateli bo bongata, Bolebelli bo etse hloko hore e 202 ene e le ea tlhahiso-leseling e mabapi le likhetho, eo ho eona e 82 e neng e amoheleha ha e 79 e ne esa amohelehe, 'me e 41 e le lipakeng. Ho e 79 e neng esa amohelehe, Bolebelli bo hlokometse hore e 70 ene e ena le boiketi bo sa amoheleheng khahlanong le mekha le makhotla a mang a lipolotiki, e supileng e ne e ena le puo e bohla, ha e 'meli e ena le bohlohleletsisi. Ka hara melaetsa (posts) e supileng e nang le puo e bohla, hone ho ena le e meraro e nang le mahlapa, e 'meli e nyatsang le ole mong o a ketselletso, 'me haholo-holo ene e tobisitsoe ho RFP le moeta-pele oa eona. E 'meli e neng e ena le bohlohleletsisi, Bolebelli bo ile ba hlokomela hore ene e tobisitsoe ho ABC le Tona-kholo.

Tone of posts - Anonymous media pages Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 202 posts between 29/08 till 07/10/2022



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Negative posts - Anonymous media pages Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 79 negative posts from 29/08 till 07/10/2022



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Negative posts per topic and per political party - Anonymous media pages Facebook

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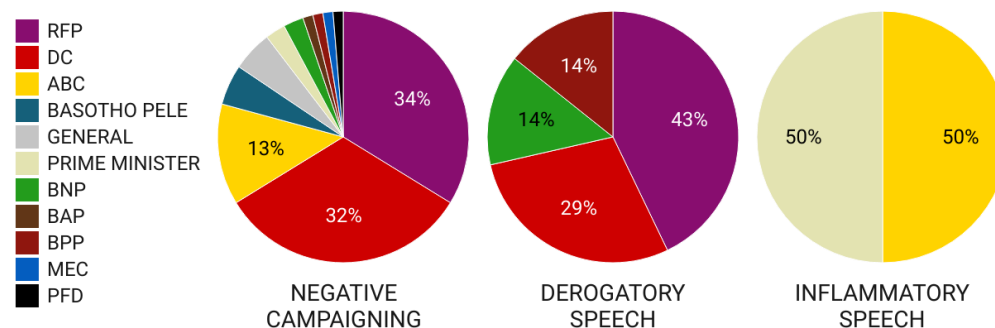


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5. SETSI SE TSAMAIKANG LIKHETHO (IEC)

Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho (IEC) e phatlalalitse tlhaiso-leseling ea semolao e amanang le likhetho leqepheng la eona la marang-rang a Facebook (@IEC Lesotho). Leqephe lena le entsoeng ka la 4 Pulungoana 2013, le ne le hlalositsoe ele la khoebo ea lehae. Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho e ne e ena le lihlopha tsa Facebook (Facebook groups) tse ling tse tharo, ha ele lebota la eona la (@LesothoIec) haesale le sa sebetse ho tloha selemong sa 2017. Raliphatlatso oa IEC ene e le ena motsamaisi oa mabota a IEC a marang-rang a sechaba kaofela.

Leqephe la Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho le ne le ena le mokoallo, ka hona le ne le sa lokolleloa sechaba ka ho phethahala, 'me EU EOM ene esa khone ho sebelisa lisebelisoa tsa ho hlaloba litaba tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho tsa marang-rang a sechaba ka botlalo.

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Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ho la 18 Mphalane 2022, EU EOM e ile ea ela hloko melaetsa (posts) e 44 e phatlalalitsoeng ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho leqepheng la eona la marang-rang a Facebook, eo ho eona karolo ea 64 lekholong e ne e le tlhahiso-leseling mabapi le thuto ea bakhethi. IEC e ne esa qhoaella melaetsa ea eona ka lets'oao la # (hashtag) le hona ho beha lihlooho (captions).

Ho lihlopha (Facebook groups) tse tharo tse lebelletsoeng tsa IEC tsa semolao, tse tharo li ne koalletsoe hore batho ba ka ngola maikutlo a bona. Lihlopha tsena line li ntse li arolelana litaba tse hlahang leqepheng la IEC la semolao, ka kakaretso ea melaetsa (posts) e 37 (IEC AND MEDIA STRIVING FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS le I.E.C. Lesotho towards striving for free and fair elections). Sehlopaha sa boraro sene se buletsoe ho sechaba se ka romella litaba ho sona.

Language Facebook posts

From 29/08 till 18/10/2022, IEC published 44 Facebook post. Over 64 per cent were in Sesotho language and 36 per cent in English

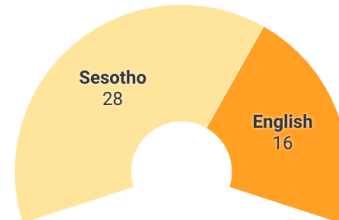


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IEC posts - Facebook

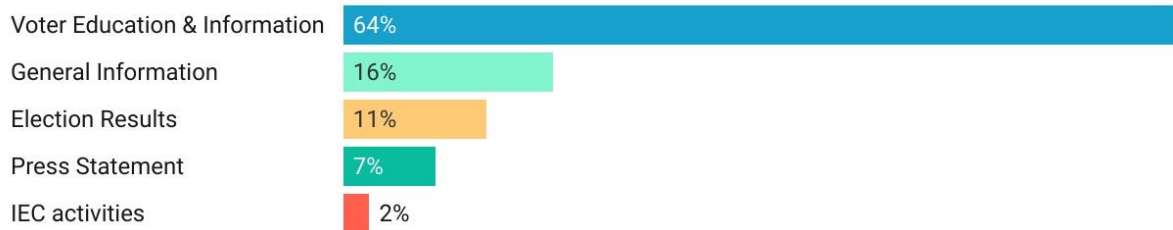


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IEC FOLLOWER EVOLUTION



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6. SERITI SA LIKHETHO

EU EOM e fumane liketsahalo tseo ho bileng le litaba tseo e seng tsa 'nete, boholo e bile melaetsa e entsoeng ea ba ea aroleloana ke batho ka bo mong, eona hae ea ka ea pharallala. EU EOM hae ea fumana litaba tse khetholohileng tse neng li ka thunthetsa seriti sa likhetho, kapa boits'oaro bo nang le manyofo-nyofo lithaleng tsa marang-rang a sechaba.

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EU EOM e hlalobile maqephe a Facebook a 41 a bophatlalatsi ba litaba ao mehloli ea tsona e sa tsebisahaleng, ka linako tse ling a ne a phatlalatsa litaba tse khelosang. Ka letsatsi la likhetho, Borumoua bo hlophollotse melaetsa e 360 e phatlalalitsoeng ke botlatlalatsi boo e seng ba semolao, ‘me bo fumane melaetsa e 81 e neng e fana ka sephetho sa likhetho pele sephetho se phatlalatsoa semolao ke Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho. Le ha hole joalo, qeto e nkiloeng ke bohlahlobi ke hore melaetsa e 70 (karolo ea 86 lekholong) e ne e le ea ‘nete ha e 11 (karolo ea 14 lekholong) e ne ese ea ‘nete. Sheba sets’oants’o se ka tlase. Sephetho sena se fosahetseng se aroleloane ka makhetlo a 942, e leng palo e menahanyang ho aroleloana hoa melaetsa e bonts’ang sephetho se nepahetseng (447), ‘me hoa ba le maikutlo a bonts’itsoeng (interactions) a 10, 200 ho kenyelletsa le maikutlo a ngotsoeng a 3, 089.

Ho ea ka bohlopholli bona, lipalo tsa litaba tse khelosang tse ileng tsa phatlalatsoa ke bophatlalatsi boo mehloli ea bona e sa tsebisahaleng Facebook li ne li se holimo haholo, le ha li le teng litaba tse joalo, li ne li se matla hoo li neng li ka thunthetsa seriti sa likhetho.

Pre-election results - Anonymous media pages Facebook

The EU EOM analysed 81 posts on election day (07/10/2022) announcing results before the official IEC results were published.



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Unverified claims - Facebook Groups & anonymous media pages

The EU EOM analysed 502 posts and identified 52 cases of unverified claims from 29/08 till 07/10/2022

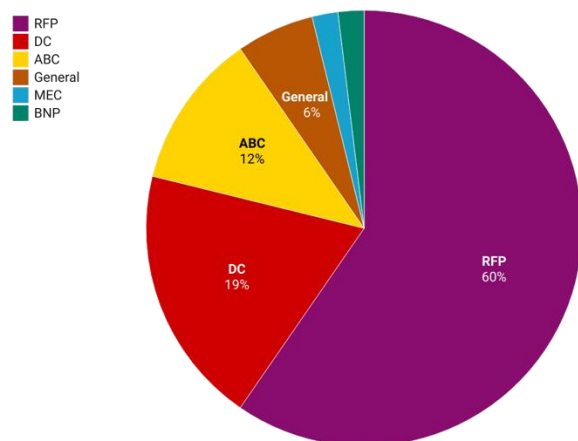


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EU EOM e fumane melaetsa e 52 (10.4 lekholong) e neng ena le litaba tse khelosang sechaba kapa mafosisa, ‘me tsona li behiloe mokhahlelong oa “litaba tse sa netefatsoang”, kakaretsong ea melaetsa e 502 e hlalobiloeng ho tsoa ho lihlopha tseo e leng tsa sechaba tse 123 le maqephe a 41 a Facebook a bophatlalatsi ba litaba beo mehloli ea teng e sa tsebisahaleng.

RFP e ne e le eona e melomong ea batho haholo ka melaetsa e 31 (karolo ea 60 lekholong), e lateloa ke DC ka melaetsa e 10 (karolo ea 19 lekholong) le ABC ka melaetsa e ts’elelseng (karolo ea 12 lekholong). E meng ea melaetsa eo e ne e le liqoso tse hobosang moeta-pele oa RFP joalo ka “bats’ehetsi ba DC ba re moeta-pele oa RFP ke ‘molai ea meharo ea bolaileng nyatsi ea mosali oa hae.” Le ha hole joalo, liphuputso

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tse entsoeng ho sebelisoa CrowdTangle li bonts'itse hore litaba tseo tse sa netefatsoang ha lia ka tsa pharalla marang-rang a sechaba.

EU EOM e fumane liketsahalo tse 31 tsa litaba tse khelosang kapa mafosisa, tsona li behiloe mokhahlelong oa “litaba tse sa netefatsoang” (karolo ea 10 lekholong) melaetseng e 300 e hlahobiloeng ho tsoa lihlopheng tsa Facebook.

Boholo ba eona e ne e le khahlanong le RFP ka melaetsa e 24 (karolo ea 77 lekholong), ho latela DC ka melaetsa e mene (karolo ea 13 lekholong). EU EOM e fumane lihlopha tse latelang:

[MOCHOCHONONO NEWS SUPPORTERS](#)

(162k), [Revolution For Prosperity](#)

(RFP) [likhethong 2022](#), (97 k) and

[PARAMENTENG EA LESOTHO](#) (120k) e le tsona

tse bileng le melaetsa e khahlanong le moeta-pele oa RFP, Matekane. Ka hare ho lihlopha tsena, EU

EOM e fumane li profaele tsa Facebook tse tharo tse

entsoeng lipakeng tsa Phupu le Loetse 2022, tsona li hobosa moeta-pele oa RFP, Matekane, a qosoa ka hoba “khopo” le hoba “molai”.

Unverified Claims - Facebook Groups

The EU EOM identified 31 cases of unverified claims from 29/08 till 07/10/2022

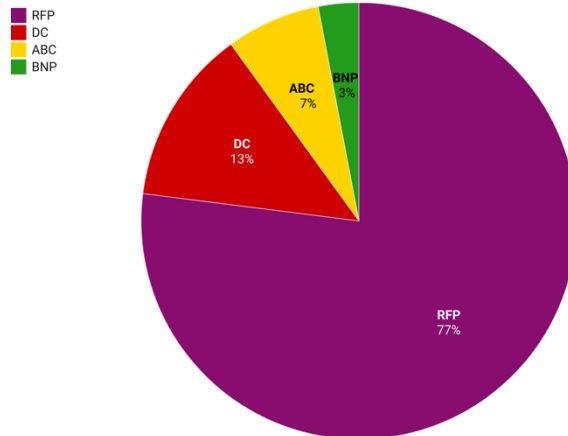


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Unverified claims - Unofficial media Facebook

The EU EOM identified 21 cases of unverified claims from 29/08 till 02/10/2022

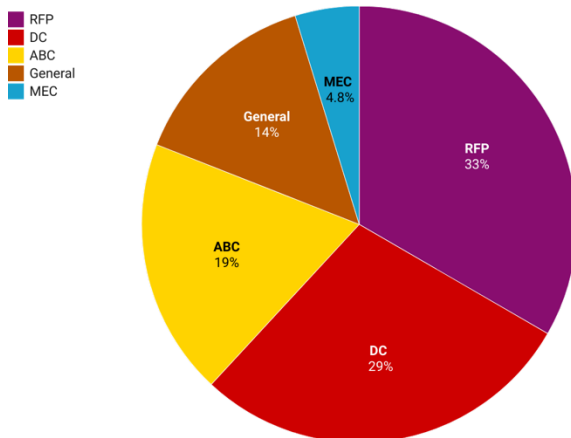


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Borumuoa bo fumane liketsahalo tse 21 tsa litaba tse khelosang le tseo e leng mafosisa, ‘me tsona li behiloe mokhahlelong oa “litaba tse sa netefatsoang” melaetseng e amanang le likhetho e 202 e phatlalalitsoeng ke maqephe a bophatlalatsi a Facebook ao mehloli ea o na e sa tsebisahaleng

RFP ke eona e neng e le ka sehloohong ka melaetsa e supileng (karolo ea 33 lekholong), e lateloa ke DC ka melaetsa e ts'eletseng, ABC ka melaetsa e mene, e akaretsang e meraro, le MEC ka o le mong.

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7. LIPAPATSO TSA LIPOLOTIKI MARANG-RANG A SECHABA

POKELLO EA LIPAPATSO TSA MARANG-RANG A FACEBOOK

Amount spent Facebook Ad Library

Data from 29 August till 07 October 2022

Page	Amount Spent (ZAR)
Restoring the Nation's Hope & Dignity (5 ADS)	ZAR 1,296
Revolution For Prosperity Malimong#22 (2 ADS)	ZAR 898
MEC Hlotse#13 (1 AD)	ZAR 100
Total	ZAR 2294

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Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho ea ho la 12 Phalane, EU EOM e ile ea lemoha lipapatso tse leshome tsa lipolotiki. Lipapatso tse peli li phatlalalitsoe leqepheng la mokha oa YONA, empa lintlha tsa litefo ha lia fanoa ka botlalo.

Lipapatso tse ling tse robeli li phatlalalitsoe ho tsoa: **Restoring the Nation's Hope & Dignity**, e leng leqephe la sechaba le etsang boiketo molemong oa DC (lipapatso tse hlano e le EUR 69); **Revolution For Prosperity Malimong#22**, leqephe la lebatooa le ts'ehetsang RFP (lipapatso tse peli e le EUR 50) le **MEC Hlotse #13** e leng leqephe la lebatooa le boiketong molemong oa MEC (papatso e le 'ngoe e le EUR 6). Ka kakaretso, lipapatso tsena tse robeli li lefelletsoe EUR 128.

Total Impressions of Ads



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“MELAETSA E LEFELLETSOENG” BOPHATLALATSING BOO MEHLOLI EA BONA E SA TSEJOENG FACEBOOK

Mphalane 2022 leqephe la 93 ho a 96

Number of paid posts per political party in unofficial media - Facebook

Data from 29 August till 07 October 2022.

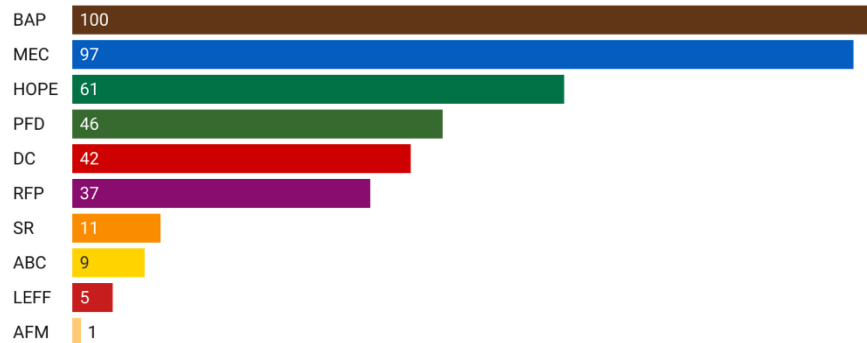


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EU EOM e lemohile melaetsa e fetang e 409 e lefellelletsoeng, ho eona ho ne ho hlaha lipapatso tsa lipolotiki bophatlalatsing boo mehloli ea bona e sa tsejoeng maqepheng a Facebook.

Ho tloha ka la 29 Phato ho isa ho la 12 Mphalane 2022, liphuputso li ile tsa etsoa ho sebelisoa CrowdTangle ho e 'ngoe le e 'ngoe ea makhotla le mekha ea lipolotiki e hlahelletseng ka mahetla li bile li na le botho ka Paramenteng ha 'moho le RFP: ho ile hoa sebelisoa mantsoe a latelang:

[Papatso + lebitso la mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki], [Papatso e patetsoeng + lebitso la mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki], [lefellelletsoe PFD + lebitso la mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki] le [Papatso kanana_ea_basotho + lebitso la mokha kapa lekhotla la lipolotiki]

NUMBER OF PAID POSTS BY PARTY PER PAGE - FACEBOOK

Paid posts by parties from 29 August till 07 October 2022.

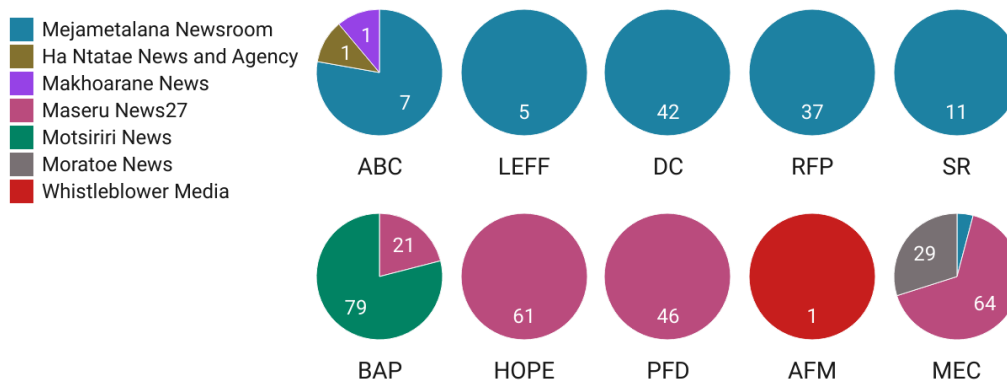


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