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### **LCN to distribute agricultural inputs and implements to community based groups (22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016)**

Lesotho Council of NGOs (LCN) will distribute agricultural inputs and implements to hundred community based groups supporting People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLHIV) and the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) from the 22nd June - 30th June 2016 in the districts of; Mafeteng, Mohale's Hoek, Berea, Leribe, Thaba Tseka Maseru respectively. The inputs and implements are vegetable seeds, winter crop seeds and garden tools.

With Agriculture being the main source of food and cash income for a majority of the rural population, the poor harvest of the 2014/15 agriculture primarily due to the impact of the prolonged dry spell in the season has resulted in a number of households being at risk of food insecurity, this has been worse for the households affected by HIV and AIDS.

This activity is implemented through HIV and AIDS Technical Assistance Project supported by the World Bank. The project aims at building capacity of government and civil society organizations at both national and local level to address the identified key gaps in implementing the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan in an effort to contain and reverse the epidemic. The hundred community based groups have been part of beneficiaries under the project. Each community group has an average of 12 members which makes an estimated total of 1200 households. Considering an average household number of 5 people in Lesotho, this means 6000 people. Most groups provide care and support to PLHIV and OVC with basic needs like food and clothing.

This is LCN contribution in supporting the communities to cope with drought induced shocks in the short and medium term.

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