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LCN to convene the National Stakeholder's Dialogue on TB/HIV Coinfection (02/06/16)

Lesotho Council of NGOs (LCN), through the Health and Social Development Commission will convene National Stakeholder's Dialogue on TB/HIV Coinfection, with the theme, *Integrating Community-based TB activities into the work of NGOs and other CSOs*. The National Stakeholder's Dialogue will be convened on the 8th-9th 2016 at Avani Maseru.

Lesotho has been ranked with 2nd highest TB incidences and 2nd highest HIV prevalence in the world. In its effort to increase civil society organisations involvement in contributing towards reducing TB incidences in Lesotho, LCN conducted community dialogues on TB/HIV Coinfection in the districts of Maseru, Berea, Leribe, Butha Buthe, Thaba Tseka, Mokhotlong, Mafeteng and Mohale's Hoek. The purpose of these dialogues was to educate and mobilise communities to participate in the TB/HIV prevention, care and treatment. The dialogues were a platform where communities are afforded opportunity to voice their concerns and suggest better solutions to reversing TB/HIV Coinfection in the country

The National Stakeholder Dialogue is intended to:

- Facilitate a forum for national stakeholders to engage on the community voices on TB/HIV Coinfection issues.
- Promote in depth understanding of the role of CSOs in TB/HIV Coinfection
- Identify ways to address community concerns on TB/HIV Coinfection issues
- Identify systematic ways to engage communities on TB/HIV Coinfection

The activity is implemented through HIV and AIDS Technical Assistance Project (HTAP) sponsored 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 project has three components, LCN implements Component 1 of the project which focuses on capacity building of civil society organizations implementing HIV services.

Expected at the event are; Ministry of Health, Partners, Portfolio on Social Cluster, Community Based Groups, National and International NGOs, District Health Management Teams.

The event will include launch of the ENGAGE TB Guidelines by the Honourable Minister of Health.

For More Information

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