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2020 Annual Report

## In partnership with







#### glasswaters foundation







and Selibeng sa Thuto Trust

With additional support from Lesotho Ministry of Health, Lesotho Ministry of Communications, Lesotho National Broadcasting Service, GEM Institute, Multi-Nodal Development Consultants and Paleng Children's Centre



## The Hub

Only initiative of its kind in Lesotho, providing access to:

- Computers
- Internet
- Library
- Digital media training



#### The Hub

Through our various activities, we aim to foster a community of young people in Lesotho who are skilled, inspired, motivated and socially conscious.



In Quarter 1, 2020, The Hub continued to implement its core mandate of providing its 400+ members in the community of Morija and its surrounding areas with affordable access to computers, the internet, a library and digital media training.

## Environmental Education

- Screening of The Hub's animations <u>Mamela</u>
   <u>Lefats'e</u> & <u>Matsohong a</u>
   <u>Rona</u>
- · 6 Facilitators trained in January 2020
  - · Facilitated discussions
- · In partnership with Selibeng sa Thuto Trust



## Environmental Education

- Screening of The Hub's animations <u>Mamela</u>
   <u>Lefats'e</u> & <u>Matsohong a</u>
   <u>Rona</u>
- · 7 pilot screenings held in Morija and Maseru
- · Further screenings postponed due to Covid-19
  - · Read more



#### Blood Donation Drive

- 14 pints of blood donated in January 2020
- · In partnership with Morija Museum & Archives, Morija Arts Centre & Lesotho Blood Transfusion Service
  - · <u>Read more</u>



#### Weekend Workshop

- Drama for Radio
  - · February 8-9, 2020
  - · 16 participants
- · Led by award winning theatre director Jessica Lejowa
- · In partnership with OSISA



#### Weekend Workshop

- Drama for Radio
  - · February 8-9, 2020
  - · Listen:
  - · <u>Tsa Mohlomi</u>
  - · <u>Lempetje</u>
  - · <u>Life is Unfair</u>
  - · <u>Sephiri</u>



In partnership with OSISA, The Hub hosted a Digital Skills Workshop for OSISA grantees and partners in February 2020.



#### Digital Skills Workshop

- 15 participants from Angola, Botswana, DRC, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia & Zimbabwe
- The Hub designed the programme and selected facilitators
  - · Read more



#### African Library Project

- The Hub provided documentation for Summit in March 2020
- · 1 Hub volunteer trained as teacher librarian
- · Books donated to the Hub's library, set up is postponed due to Covid-19



## MiLLi\* Training

- Namibia's leading
   Media and Information
   Literacy Initiative
- · 2 Hub volunteers trained in project management, administration & finance
- · Planned Summer School rescheduled due to Covid-19



#### Job-Ready Fridays

- 7 events held
  - · 10-20 participants
- · Skills Sessions: Skills for entrepreneurship in the digital age
- · Hub Talks: Motivation from young Basotho professionals
- · In partnership with Glasswaters Foundation



#### WordPower Literacy Club

- 15-30 participants
- Aged 10-30
- Weekly literacy skills
- Writing workshops



The Hub conducted pre- and post-workshop surveys among its members to measure changes in knowledge and attitude. Below are a few comments from the anonymous surveys:

- "We can solve Lesotho's social problems if we stand up as youth to change our nation as we are the future of the country."
- Participant in Drama for Radio Workshop

- "I learnt a lot with this session and wish to keep cooperation with the Hub."
- Participant in Digital Skills Workshop
- "Share your works with other organizations so they can share with more people across countries because what you're doing is inspiring."
- Participant in Digital Skills Workshop
- "There is still so much to learn about how to deliver awareness about social problems in Lesotho."
- Drama for Radio Workshop

As part of precautionary measures against Covid-19, The Hub has been closed for members since March 17, 2020. We will remain closed until further notice, but that doesn't mean the work stops!



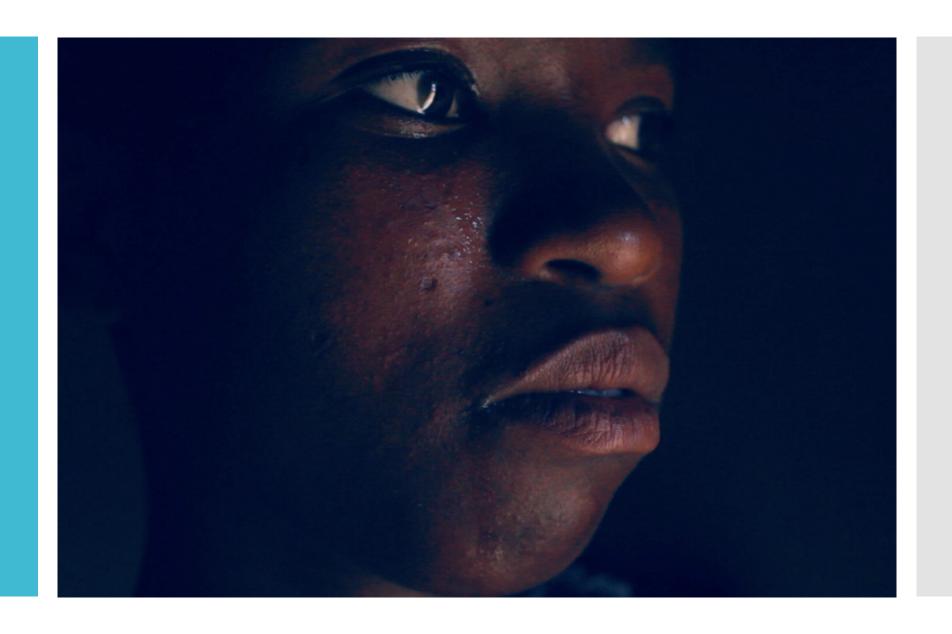


In Quarters 3 – 4, 2020, in partnership with OSISA, The Hub continued to create open-source Covid-19 awareness material in Sesotho: <a href="mailto:thehubatmorija.co.ls/covid-19">thehubatmorija.co.ls/covid-19</a>

- 13 videos
- 18 radio dramas/podcasts/interviews
- 14 posters
- 10 GIF animations
- 3 songs

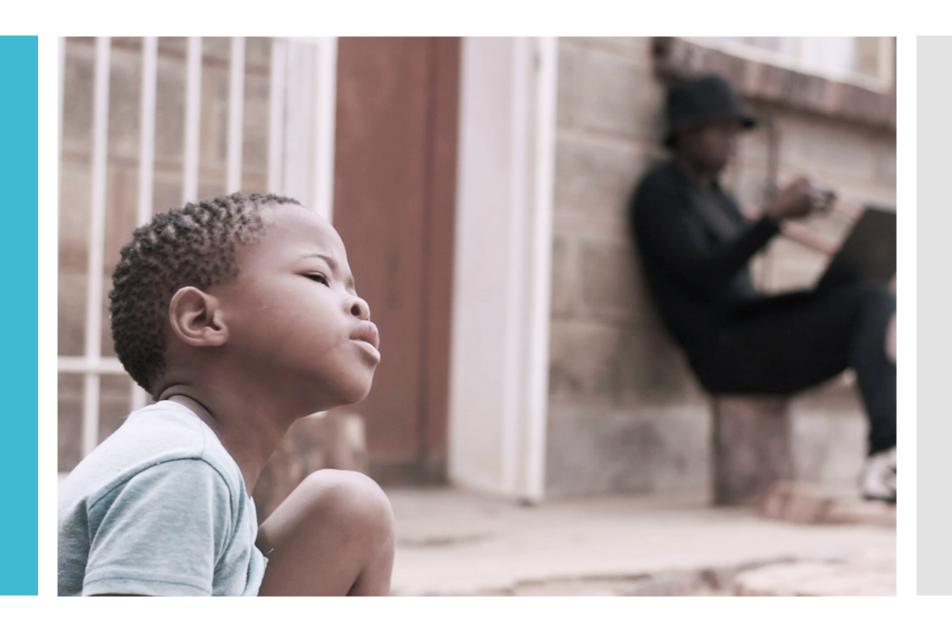
# 13 videos including

- <u>Hlapa Matsoho</u>
  - · 45,500+ reached
- Bacha, Re Etsa'ng?
  - · 39,500+ reached
- <u>Baetapele Ba Rona</u>
  - · 68,500+ reached
- Monster
  - · 56,000+ reached



#### 3 Music Projects

- Nthoe Tjena
  - · 46,000+ reached
- Rise Up
  - · 35,600+ reached
- <u>Take Heed</u>
  - · 31,000+ reached
- <u>Listen & download</u>



13 videos airing nationwide on LNBS TV Channel, tackling issues like Covid-19, Gender-Based Violence, unemployment, education and more.



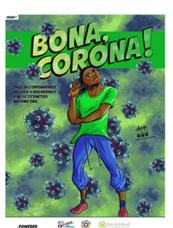
#### 18 Radio Dramas/ Podcasts/ Interviews

- <u>Listen on Soundcloud</u>
- Airing nationwide on:
  - · Radio Lesotho
  - · MoAfrica FM
  - · Bokamoso FM
  - · SkyAlpha & more!



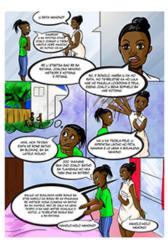
#### 14 Posters including

- Risk without masks
- Hand washing
- False information
- Bona, Corona!
  - · 6 issues
- Translated and fact checked in partnership with Solidar Med











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#### 10 GIFs including

- How to wear a mask
- Avoid infection
- Masks protect us
- Public transportation
- Hand washing
- Risk without masks
- <u>Transmission</u>





Nka itlhokomela joang le ba bang khahlanong le ho fumana tšoaetso?





LE BONA BATHO BANA BA 100 BA NAHANA HORE BA PHETSE HANTLE 'MELENG. EBE LE BONA BA FIHLA BATS'OAETSA BATHO BA BANG BA 1000







Bopaki bo ntse bo eketseha hore ho ts'ireletsa sefahleho ho ka fokotsa kotsi ea ho ts'oaroa ke Covid-19







#### **ELA HLOKO MOHLOLI OA** LITABA?

Na mohloli oa litaba o na le mats'oao a mafapha oo litaba li ikarabellang ho ona? 'Muso, likhoebo le mekhatlo ea machabeng li beha mats'oao a tsona (logo) hohle moo litaba li fetisoang ke bona.





**ETSA SENA HO SIRELLETSA UENA LE BATHO BA BANG** 



#### Open-Source Online Content

• All the open-source Covid-19 awareness material is available on our website, thanks to the Vodacom Lesotho Foundation. They have provided The Hub with high speed internet access since 2015!

#### **Posters**

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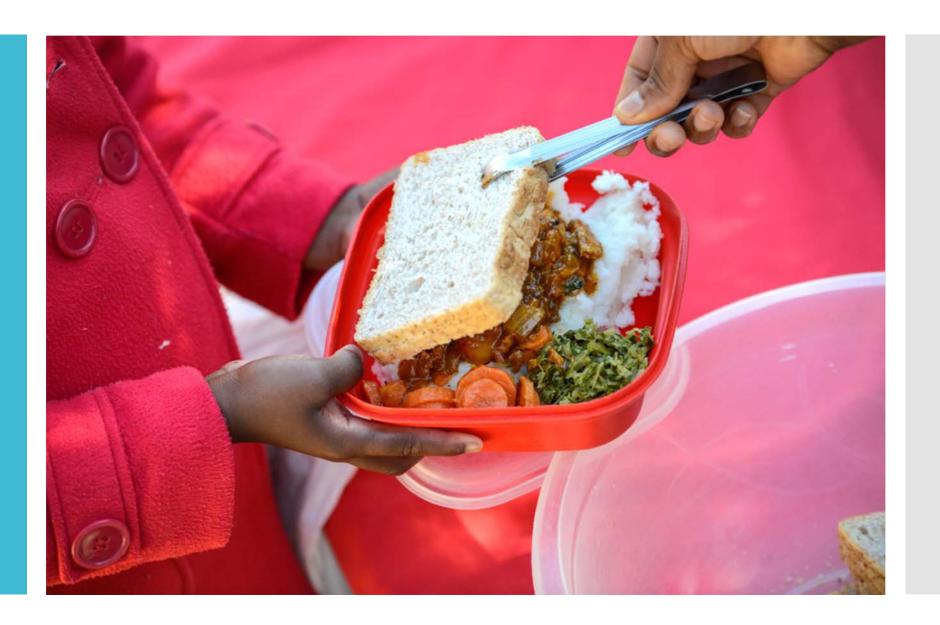


In partnership with Glasswaters Foundation, The Hub Continued Skills & Soup programming to address lack of Covid-19 awareness, school closings and growing food insecurity.



#### Skills & Soup Programming

- Weekly Covid-19,
   Maths & Science
   education
- Nutritious meals to address food insecurity including take home ration & vegetable seeds
- Strict hygiene &
   distancing guidelines



#### Skills & Soup Programming

- 50 weekly participants
- Ages 8 15
- 52 lessons delivered
- 2,515 meals delivered
- 150+ packets of seeds handed out
- Watch recap video
- Read more



#### Skills & Soup Programming

 Participants also joined a field trip with Multi-Nodal Development Consultants to learn about water pollution, and how to prevent it.



In an effort to add sustainability to addressing food insecurity, each Skills & Soup participant received packets of vegetable seeds to plant in their gardens. Here is one of their gardens!



The Hub conducted post-programming surveys among Skills & Soup participants to measure changes in knowledge and attitude. Below are a few comments from the anonymous surveys:

"I now know how to wear a mask properly and keep a social distance."

"I started enjoying life, and the lessons improved my maths and writing. Ntate Thejane made me like schoolwork."

"I love the happiness here. I like that we learn to respect each other."

"It changed my life a lot. I have learned many things and I think I am ahead in my schoolwork."

"I have confidence to participate, I keep myself and my belongings clean, and I wear my mask in public."

"I was bullying other kids but now I don't, I would insult someone if they insult me. I now volunteer to read or facilitate."

"I love it when we read out loud, while still learning more about coronavirus."

In partnership with The British High Commission, from September – December, The Hub facilitated Covid-19 education to adults and elders in Morija and Matsieng at existing gatherings.



### Elders' Covid-19 Education

- 32 sessions
- 1,000+ participants
- 260+ masks &
   Covid-19 information
   packets handed out
- Watch recap video
- Read more



In partnership with OSISA, The Hub held a Covid-19 themed creative writing weekend workshop in October, and published WordPower 2020 magazine.



### Weekend Workshop

- Creative Writing
  - · October 10-11, 2020
  - · Theme: Covid-19
  - · 18 participants
- · Strict hygiene & distancing guidelines
  - · <u>Read more</u>



## WordPower 2020

- Annual publication of creative writing
  - · Theme: Covid-19
- · <u>Read & download</u> WordPower 2020
- · <u>Read 'Locked down</u> with my abuser'
  - · Read more

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Special Edition: Covid-19



A selection of pieces by young writers from Lesotho

The Hub has provided full-time employment or short-term contracts to 37 people during a very difficult economic time since March 2020.



Due to Covid-19 The Hub was unable to hold our annual community cleanup. Instead, we commemorated World Cleanup Day with a video. Watch it on Facebook!





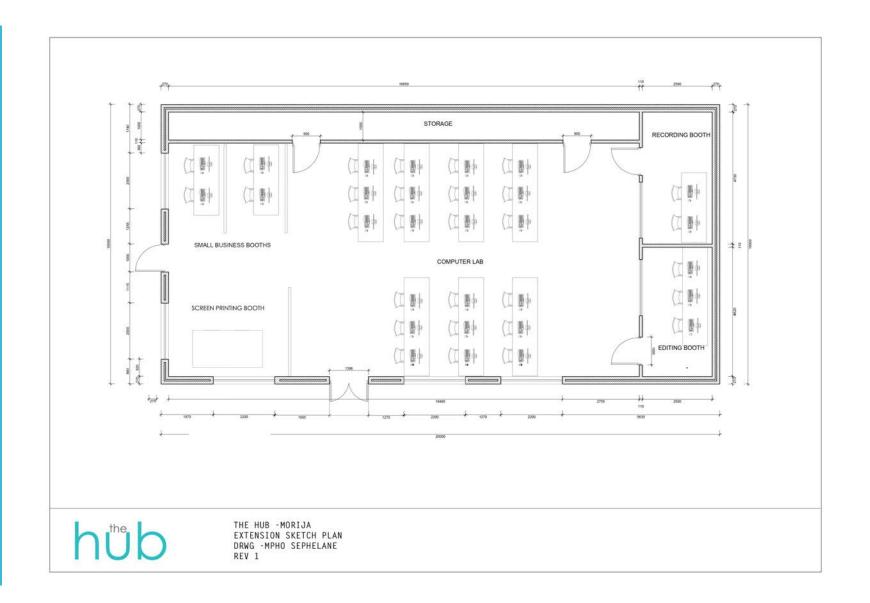
## Covid-19 safe work space needs

- Covered outdoor lesson space
- · Ability to safely hold educational sessions outdoors in rain or hot sun
- A new building with bigger space indoors
- Ability safely to hold sessions indoors



# Covid-19 safe work space needs

- 2 story building
- First floor to include work, studio and storage space
- Covered, open-air second floor adds
   Covid-19 safe work space
- Increased impact & sustainability



### Scholarship Programme

- Thanks to generous donations, The Hub continued to support former Hub volunteer Tšepiso Mahooe's studies at the Market Photo Workshop
- Interested in supporting our scholarship programme?
   Contact us!





In 2021, The Hub will continue to provide services, education, and creative digital content to its target audiences, bearing Covid-19 protocols and safety in mind.



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