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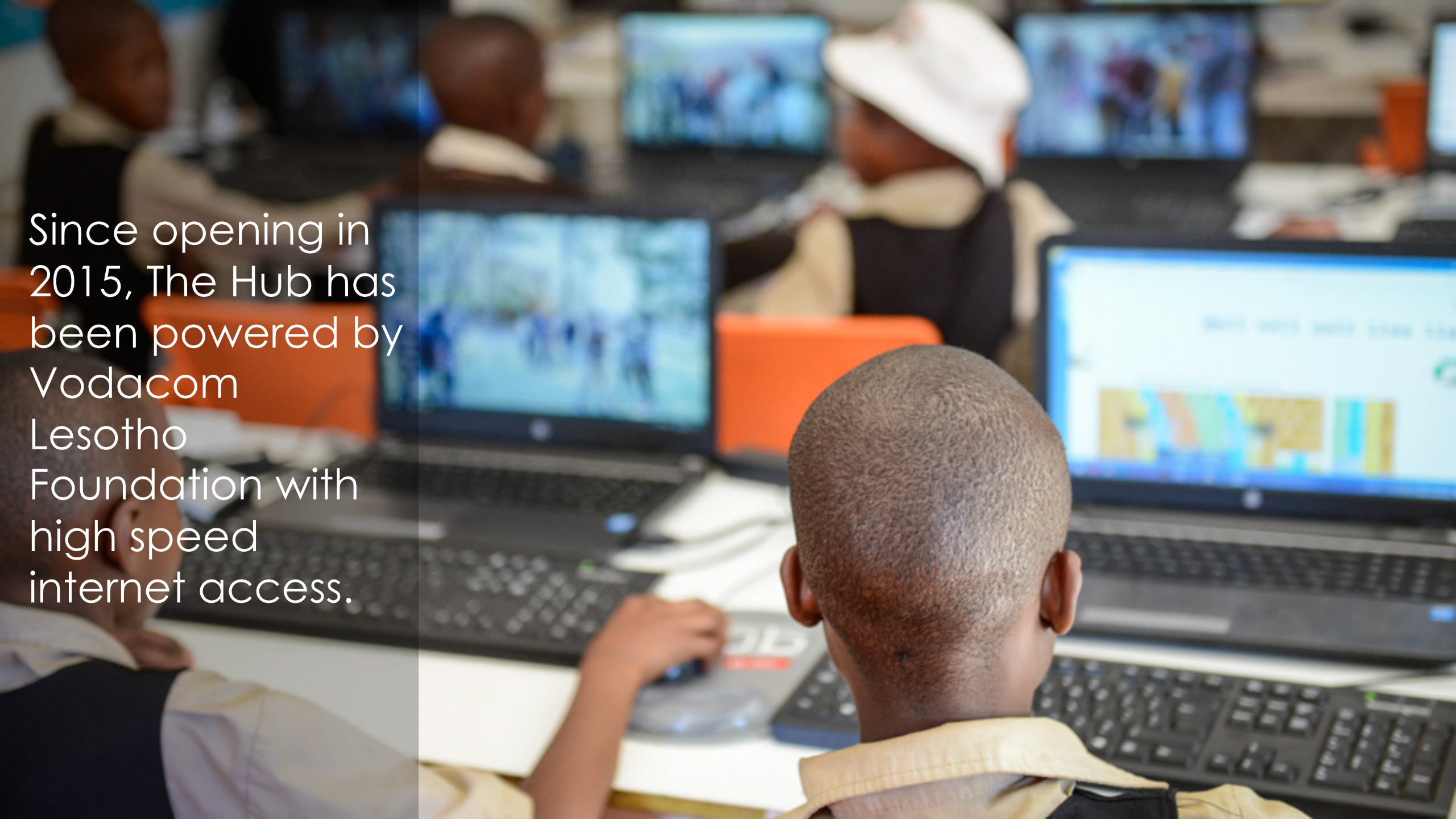
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The Hub

A project of Morija Museum & Archives, The Hub is the only initiative of its kind in Lesotho, providing access to:

- Computers
- Internet
- Library
- Digital media training





Since opening in 2015, The Hub has been powered by Vodacom Lesotho Foundation with high speed internet access.

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.



From 2015-2020, The Hub implemented 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.

The arrival of Covid-19 shifted everything for us. We closed all indoor operations in March 2020, and transitioned into online activism. Throughout 2021 The Hub continued creating open-source, multimedia Covid-19 educational content in Sesotho, all available as free downloads from our website:
<https://thehubatmorija.co.ls/covid-19/>

In 2021 weekend workshops were back at The Hub, utilising our outdoor space with strict Covid-19 protocols in place.



Weekend Workshops 2021

- April: Music Video Production
- Led by Sehlabaka Rampeta
- Young film makers learned about effective storytelling in creating music videos
- [See the video](#)



Weekend Workshops 2021

- May: Educational Film Production
- Led by Napo Thahane
- Young film makers learned about the process of creating an impactful and easy-to-understand short educational film
- [See the video](#)



Weekend Workshops 2021

- May: Podcasts and Audio Storytelling
- Led via Zoom by Wona Collective (Malawi)
- Young storytellers learned about storytelling, production, sound design and publishing of podcasts and audio content



Weekend Workshops 2021

- June: Video Editing
- Led via Zoom by Mzwakhe Dlamini (South Africa)
- Young filmmakers learned about the process of editing films for different purposes, including storytelling, pacing, colour correction, and more



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

“I learned that audio storytelling improves critical thinking skills.”

- Participant in Podcasts and Audio Storytelling Workshop

“I learned that emotion is the most important point in film making, that a film without emotion is nothing.”

- Participant in Film Editing Workshop

OSISA funded campaign helped us to provide Basotho with information on Covid-19 in order to mitigate the spread of the virus, and to raise awareness on the socio-economic effects of the pandemic.



Music Projects

- 4 songs + videos
- Socio-economic effects of Covid-19
- 204,900+ reached on Facebook
- Emisang
- Re Ipate Kae?
- Change
- Take Heed



Videos

- 13 videos
- Socio-economic effects of Covid-19
- Ways to avoid severe illness from Covid-19
- 691,400+ reached on Facebook
- Playing on LTV
- [Watch the videos](#)



Podcasts

- 13 podcasts
- Socio-economic effects of Covid-19
- Ways to avoid severe illness from Covid-19
- Airing nationwide on radio stations
- [Listen to the podcasts](#)



BOHLOKOA BA ENTE EA COVID-19

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Graphics

- 18 posters
- 10 GIF animations
- 268,600+ reached on Facebook
- Ways to keep safe from Covid-19 and importance of the vaccine
- [See & download the graphics](#)

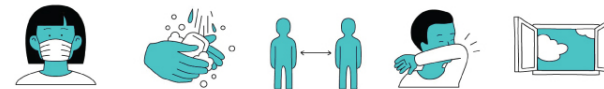
ENTA HA NAKO EA HAU E FIHLA

Liente tsohle tsa Covid-19 tse lumelletsoeng ka molao, li fetile tlasa lithahlobo tse phethahetseng, 'me li fana ka tširelletso e phahameng khahlanong le ho kulisoa haholo ke lefu lena kapa ho bolaoa ke lona.



Ho bohlokoa ho enta ke pele ka potlako. Ka mokhoa ona, re matlafatsa ho itoanela ha mmele mme bophelo bo ka khutlela setloaeling hape.

HO ETSA TSENA KAOFELA HO RE TŠIRELLETSA KAOFELA



Lula u hopola ho latela mekhoa ena e 5 ea ho itlhokomela le ha u se u entile.

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Animations

- 5 animations
- Ways to keep safe from Covid-19
- 270,700+ reached on Facebook
- [Watch the animations](#)



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!

Seo u lokelang ho se tseba ka ente ea **COVID-19**



Lienta tsa COVID-19 tsa mRNA li bolokehile joaloka liente tse ling.

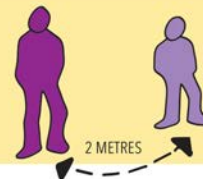
Ente ea mRNA ha e na ho fetola DNA ea hau empa e ruta 'mele oa hao ho hlahisa lihaha-'mele tse tsosolosang boitsireletso.

Ente e ntlafatsa boitsireletso ba hao khahlanong le COVID-19 ka ho phethahala, eseng ho u fa tsoaetso kapa ho u kulisa. E fokotsa menyela ea ho kulisoa hampe kapa ho bolaoa ke COVID-19. Ka mor'a ho entela COVID-19 batho ba bangata ba ba le matsoao a fokolang kapa ba a hloke.



Nka litekanyetso tsohle tseo u li khothalelitsoeng tsa ente ea COVID-19 ho fumana tšireletso e phethahetseng.

Ebang u hlaba ente e mekhahlelo e 'meli, ha u fumane tšireletso e phethahetseng ho fihlela u e hlaba lekhetlo la bobeli.



Le ha u se u entile, tsoelapele ho latela lipehelo ho tšireletsa uena, lelapa le metsoalle ea hau.

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SOURCE: World Health Organization

In partnership with Glasswaters Foundation, The Hub continued weekly Skills & Soup programming for 100 children to address lack of Covid-19 awareness, school closings and growing food insecurity.



Skills & Soup Programming

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



Skills & Soup Programming

- 100 weekly participants
- Ages 8 – 15
- Led by Thembekile Mokhosi and Thejane Malakane
- Including sign language lessons
- [Watch video](#)



Skills & Soup
participants
partook in World
Cleanup Day
activities from
September 13-18,
ending with a
community
cleanup on World
Cleanup Day



In partnership
with The African
Library Project,
Skills & Soup
participants are
able to check
out and read
books at home!



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

“I get to learn things from school here and also, I learn about washing my hands and wearing my mask properly. Also, that we must sanitise when we are at the shops or at church and that I must always practice social distancing. You must never wear a dirty mask.”

“One of the things I like about coming here is we learn so many new things we that we might come across in the future. We also learn good manners and how to behave, here and at home.”

“I think all the other life skills that you are offering the young learners is a huge asset to them, possibly more so than just academic learning which they seem to be bombarded with at school and yet what is missing is all the other essential life skills that they need to succeed in life - self-confidence, determination, self-belief etc. You could really tell the difference between the kids who have been coming to The Hub and those who have not. I was very impressed.”

– Leader of a Participatory Design Workshop (held in May 2021) for The Hub’s future building

In partnership with DW Akademie and MiLLi*, The Hub has held media literacy workshops, trained media literacy facilitators and produced media literacy content in 2021



Media Literacy Education

- 4 *Power to Empower* Youth Projects held in March 2021
- Participants learn to understand the power of social media, and practice authentic and powerful social media posts and stories



Media Literacy Education

- *Fight The Fake* Summer School (training of new facilitators) held in October – November 2021
- Facilitators qualified to lead Youth Projects to participants



Media Literacy Education

- 6 *Fight The Fake* Youth Projects held in November – December 2021
- Participants learn to understand information disorder, practice information verification and create social awareness



Media Literacy Education

- Digital media content created for Global Media Literacy Week in October 2021
- Film: [Misinformation & Disinformation](#)
- Film: [Cyberbullying](#)
- Graphics



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

“People can intentionally share information to harm others while others may not know that they're causing harm, hence we need to educate about media literacy and the obligations we all have.”

“I learned different unconventional and effective approaches to teaching and facilitating.”

Social media gives young people a platform for enacting international change.

Together with DW Akademie and MiLLi*, The Hub is empowering young people to use social media to discuss social and economic development, to learn and teach others about Covid-19, the Climate Emergency, Human Rights issues and more!

In partnership with
The British High
Commission, from
August –
December, The
Hub is facilitating
Covid-19
education in
schools and to
adults and elders
in Morija and
Matsieng.



Schools' Covid-19 Education

- 32 sessions Aug-Dec
- 1,000+ participants
- Students & teachers
- ECCD, Primary-, High- and vocational schools
- 1,000+ information packets handed out



Elders' Covid-19 Education

- 32 sessions Aug-Dec
- Held at existing gatherings
- 1,000+ participants
- 400+ masks & Covid-19 handed out
- 1,000+ information packets handed out



The Hub conducted programming surveys among Elders' programming participants to measure changes in knowledge and attitude. Below are a few comments from the anonymous surveys:

"I learned that even when I got the vaccine I still need to protect myself."

– Participant in Elders' Covid-19 awareness session

"I learned that Covid-19 vaccine does not cure the virus, it only teaches the body how to fight the virus."

– Participant in Elders' Covid-19 awareness session

Invited by OSISA,
The Hub was part
of a group of
creatives to
contribute to their
'Numbers as
Faces' creative
campaign, a
collaborative
storytelling effort
by 5 content
creators from
Southern Africa.



Numbers as Faces

- 'This sickness is killing us in so many different ways'
- Photo essay by The Hub: Elders in rural Lesotho reflect on the impacts of Covid-19
- [Read more](#)



Numbers as Faces

- 'Things will get heavier and heavier for them'
- Photo essay by The Hub: The devastating consequences of Covid-19 school closures in Lesotho
- [Read more](#)



The Covid-19
pandemic has
exposed urgent
needs for
The Hub



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



Participatory Design with Rise

- Participatory Design workshop led by [Rise](#) with The Hub's stakeholders held in May
- Concept and budget received in July
- Fundraising started
- [See the concept](#)



Participatory Design with Rise

- 2.5 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 Tshepiso Mahooe's studies at the [Market Photo Workshop](#)
- Interested in supporting our scholarship programme? [Contact us!](#)

Tshepiso Mahooe is one of five female photographers who participated in the ACT Warrior Wall Heritage Day Exhibition honouring five South African arts icons. The photographers in collaboration with two mural artists from Danger Gevaar Ingozi Studio designed a mural that can be seen at 299 Fox Street Maboneng from 29 October 2021.

TSHEPISO MOHOOE
Photographer
MARKET PHOTO LAB GRADUATE



THE EXHIBITION AND MURAL IS
POUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE EU
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In 2022, 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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