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REPORT TO SCECSAL GENERAL COUNCIL

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Lesotho Library Association Executive Committee (LLA-EC), I have the honour to present the country report from the previous SCECSAL in 2018 to date. The Purpose of this report is to outline the achievements of the Association and its future plans in the next two years.

2.0 SCECSAL ACTIVITIES

Lesotho Library Association participated in the following activities:

1. Attended SCECSAL virtual meeting in February 2022

3.0 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The Lesotho Library Association Liaises with the National manpower and Development Secretariat (NMDS) to increase the number of professionals for sponsoring. Since there is no legislature binding member to channel their studies through the LLA, it is difficult to have exact statistics.

The Association planned to hold at least two training workshops annually. However, due to financial challenges of Covid 19 pandemic and financial constrains the workshop(s) could not materialized.

4.0 NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

During this reporting year, the Association held Annual General Meeting as indicated below:

Dates	Resolutions/Decisions
29/10/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected a new executive committee• Executive committee was mandated to put a structure /a building at the LLA site in order to have an office space and keep the association’s equipment safely.• Elected an ad-hoc committee to work on the logistics of putting a structure on the LLA site• Executive committee was mandated to elect sub-committees in order to fulfill LLA mandate• Executive committee was mandated to pay courtesy call to the relevant ministries or stakeholders in order to market the profession and strengthen the relationships

5.0 PUBLICATIONS

Within 2022 reporting year, the LLA Executive Subcommittee for Research, Training and Development is coordinating and encouraging LLA members to write for publications.

6.0 PARTNERSHIPS/COLLABORATIONS

LLA has partnership with the Lesotho Council of Non-Governmental (LCN) organization. The LLA also work in collaboration with the Lesotho Distance Teaching Center (LDTC) since 2022

7.0 OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVE

7.1 Key activities carried out by the Association:

1. Celebrated LLA 40th anniversary in 2018
2. Liaised with the Ministry of Education and Training and other related stakeholders to prioritize the establishment of school, public, and community libraries
3. Members of the LLA participated in the Open Access workshop held by the Lesotho Library Consortium (LELICO).
4. The ad-hoc committee appointed paid a courtesy call to the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Environment and Culture
5. The LLA elected the Subcommittees to enhance the mandate of LLA
6. The LLA financial Policy draft was forwarded to a financial auditor in assisting with his expertise to finalize it. And for the first time LLA books were audited in 2021.
7. LLA EC managed to put a three-roomed structure at LLA site

8. Lesotho Library Association celebrated Library Week in April 2022, with five High schools in the Mafeteng district. Students were given questions in regard to types of libraries, and were awarded gifts and certificates of participation. On the same event LLA has bestowed Prof. Moshoeshe-Chadzingwa with an Honorary Trophy for her long-service in the Association.
9. Lerotholi Poly Technic and Botho University also celebrated the 2022 National Library week in Lesotho respectively.
10. Visitation to three high schools in Teyateyaneng for Library advocacy
11. LLA in collaboration with the Lesotho Distance Center (LDTC) celebrated International Literacy Day at Boose Primary School in Berea district.
12. LLA EC members visited one high school for helping them to establish a school library
13. LLA EC attended the United Nations Stakeholders Forum Meetings to deep dive into socio-economic issues affecting Lesotho
14. LLA in collaboration with the National University of Lesotho (NUL) established BLIS programme
15. Interlibrary lending (ILL) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been developed between institutions of higher learning in Lesotho and the Lesotho Library Association and signed by all concerned members.

7.2 Events and Activities planned for the next biennial:

1. Revise LLA constitution fully operational;
2. Revise LLA Financial policy fully operational;
3. LLA website fully operational
4. Revise LLA annual subscriptions
5. In Liaison with the relevant government ministries to absorb Diploma and BLIS students in schools and community libraries
6. Encourage unqualified school Librarians to attend formal training (Full-time or on distance learning)
7. To continue observing some of the international professional events
8. Send a delegation to the SCECSAL Conference in 2024
9. Write proposals and head hunt the developer in order to develop the LLA Permanent structure at the LLA site.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP

Lesotho Library Association's membership stands as follows:

Membership Category	Females	Males	Total
Professional members	48	28	76
Associate members			
Student members	23	16	93
Totals	71	44	169

9.0 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Lesotho Library Association was elected on the 29 October 2021 at the Annual General Meeting held at Selibeng Conference Center in the district of Maseru Lesotho.

The new executive committee will be in place for the duration of two years and it stands as follows:

NO.	Designation	Names
1	Chairperson	Ms. Makatleho A. Mafube
2	Vice Chairperson	Mr. Tsoeu Thamae
3	Secretary	Ms. Deliwe Thaanyane
4	Vice Secretary	
5	Treasurer	Ms. Seeng Sefeane
6	Editor	Mr. Makhele
7	Assistant Editor	Ntebo Maichu (on study leave)
8	Public Relations Officer	Mr. Cletus Mathabathe
9	Member 1	Ms. Puseletso Seutloali
10	Member 2	Pro. Moshoeshe-Chatzingwa

9.1 The new subcommittee's duration is similar to that of Executive Committee. They are categorized into: School Libraries Regional Libraries, Research & Development.

School Libraries	Regional Libraries	Fundraising	Editorial	Research & Development
Ms. Mafube & Mr. Thamae	Mr. Thamae & Ms. Mafube	Ms. Sefeane & Ms. Seutloali	Ms. Thaanyane Mr. Mathabathe Mr. Makhele Ms. Maichu	Prof. Moshoeshe-Chatzingwa
Sub-members	Sub-members	Sub-members	Sub-members	Sub-members
Seobi Mapapane	Mr. Ntho 'Mota (South)	Mr. Ntala Mofoka	Ms. Mantsali Ntaote	Ms. Joalane Molantoa
Ms. Thato Ntili	Mr. Tankiso Rapoea (Central)	Ms. Mpho Likhang	Ms. Mateboho Kubutu	Ms. Mampoetsi Makhoali
Ms. Senate Thuube	Mr. Matla Majela (North)		Ms. Relebohile P. Letuka	Nthabiseng Marole
Ms. Mantsetse Ramarothole			Mr. Tumisang Moloji	

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