



**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
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## COMMEMORATION OF WORLD ANTI-TRAFFICKING DAY IN BUTHA-BOTHE

On Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the Government of Lesotho, through the Ministry of Home Affairs commemorated World Anti-Trafficking in Persons (TIPs) day at Makhunoane, in Botha-Bothe. World Anti-Trafficking in persons is celebrated annually on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. This year’s theme is “Use and abuse of Technology”.



**Honorable Minister of Home Affairs Motlalentoa Letsosa**

In his address the Honorable Minister of Home Affairs, Motlalentoa Letsosa acknowledged and thanked the Multi-Sectoral committee for their recognized efforts in eliminating the human trafficking scourge. Furthermore, he stated that the Multi-sectoral committee comprises government Ministries (Labour and Employment, Social Development, Foreign Affairs, and Lesotho Mounted Police Services); and Non-governmental organizations, and United Nations Agencies; all of these are chaired by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Minister acknowledged their diligent collaborative efforts in combatting trafficking in

persons  
 He emphasized that most perpetrators are those very close people to the victims such as neighbours, friends, and/or relatives. The Government will continue to make significant efforts which added to the awareness campaign, would include identifying more human trafficking victims and increasing processes. The Minister added that the Ministry has so far rescued three victims this year. One of the rescued victims shared her story and acknowledged that she was lured by a man she trusted. The same lady was promised a better paying job in South Africa back

in 2019 on- years of sex slavery. The rescue-ly to end up ing was too late for her since she being a sex had already been contaminated slave. She and had fallen pregnant. This cried, “That lemma has coursed her compli- was the be- cations and physical malfunc- ginning of tioning. The victim advised the my sor- youths that they should be vigi- rows”. That lant as human trafficking is horrific ex- “real”, she acknowledged.

perience The event was graced with the resulted Basotho traditional dances like mohobelo, mokhibo, monyan-yako, and many more. Present at this event was the Free State Premier representative Mr. Lera-to Mohapi, South African Police Services (SAPS) officials, Unit-ed Nations Agencies and Non-governmental Agencies, and Beautiful Dreams Society repre-sentatives.

in her having a child. This expe-rience has taught her to stand up boldly and advise young people to do thorough research on any-thing on social media to ensure their authenticity and existence. Another victim who shared her story was also lured by her sister to go to Johannesburg, fortunate-ly, she was rescued by a Moso- tho man from those traffickers

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**TIP survivor share her story at Anti trafficking day commemora-**

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