

Scaling up Universal access to HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support in Lesotho through Private sector Dialogue

Blurb: The Association of the Lesotho Employers and Business (ALEB) hosted a “Private Sector Dialogue on HIV and TB” in collaboration with ILO and UNAIDS in Lesotho.

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Hon. Dr. Molotsi Monyamane
Minister of Health in Lesotho

On 9th July, the Association of the Lesotho Employers and Business (ALEB) in collaboration with ILO and UNAIDS hosted the Lesotho Private Sector Dialogue on HIV and TB.

This event was attended by 45 delegates from government and the private sector, including the Minister of Health, Directors and Senior Managers from private enterprises (Mining, Food and Beverages, Health Care, Wholesale and Retail, Post and Telecommunications, Health Insurance, Academia and Automotive).

The Minister of Health, the Honourable Dr. Molotsi Monyamane who attended this event said: “This dialogue has prompted me to consider opening a Private Sector unit within my Ministry, this unit will coordinate and liaise with the Private Sector on all health issues.”

The purpose of the meeting was to bring together all key players implementing HIV and TB world of work activities to discuss the coordination and implementation of Health, HIV and TB workplace policies and programmes in the Private Sector. The Dialogue identified five priorities to ensure the success of the Programme: Universal Access linked Fast Track Targets; HIV Testing and Counselling linked to VCT@WORK; Outreach Programme including Mobile health facilities; and reduction of stigma and discrimination.

It was decided that the HIV and TB Coordinating Mechanism under the lead of ALEB and a Private Sector Strategy will be jointly developed on Health, HIV and TB with specific focus on: 1) Public-Private Partnerships; 2) Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes; and 3) Sustainable Financing.

The Dialogue also emphasized the partnership with the ILO, through its VCT@WORK Initiative, to scale up HIV Testing and Counselling.

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