LHDA Supports the 8th Cohort of the LDF Youth Development Programme

In support of initiatives that promote the ideals of youth empowerment and development, the LHDA through its CSI Programme, has awarded sponsorship to the 8th cohort of the Lesotho Defence Force Youth Development Programme. The Programme is an initiative of the LDF, that seeks to amongst others; to instil the virtues of discipline, lawful conduct and patriotism in youth.

As part of the LHDA support, and to better impact on youth within our quarters, the LHDA further sponsored participation of four (4) youth in the bootcamp, from the Project sites of; Katse, Mohale, 'Muela and Polihali.

Speaking to the LHDA public relations officer a few days after her son joined the LDF Youth Bootcamp, Mrs Mammolane Motsomotso, the mother of 20-year-old Motsomotso said; "I am full of joy and fear at the same time. But I hope the youth bootcamp will assist him in finding himself and help him to know exactly what he wants to do in life."

LHDA supported the event with stationery supplies and information sharing sessions to unpack LHWP overview and updates as well as exciting opportunities for academically committed young people, including Young Professionals Program, academic internships, and scholarships.

Mrs Motsomotso explained that since her son completed grade 11 in 2022, he was not found gainful employment except working part-time at Sanlei Trout Fishing Company. “And sometimes I felt he was beginning to be confused about what he can do in life. I am so thankful to the LHDA for assisting him to be part of the LDF Youth Bootcamp. It was our long-standing wish that he will one day participate in programmes like this,” she said.

The bootcamp runs for a three-week period, from Sunday 16th June to Friday 5th July 2024, and has in all hosted at least 370 youth. As the LHDA, we are optimistic that, this partnership will not only enhance our relations with the LDF, as a key stakeholder, but further positively impact on our youth and better their leadership acumen.