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# Activity Report presented to the Annual General Meeting held at Lancers Inn, Maseru, Lesotho on the 31st January 2026



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## 1- Introduction:

The Internet Society Lesotho Chapter (ISOC) has continued to play a pivotal role in advancing digital inclusion, cybersecurity awareness, and internet governance in Lesotho. This annual report provides a detailed account of the Chapter's

- 1) activities,
- 2) achievements,
- 3) challenges, and
- 4) financial performance.

It also outlines strategic recommendations for the upcoming term to ensure sustainability, inclusivity, and impact.

## 2- Life of the Committee:

The Committee met on scheduled quarterly meetings and any other time as need arose. This committee operated without the Chairperson, who remains suspended. We regret to report that Ms Thato Mampe also stopped attending and has since not been active in the committee.

Current Committee members :

- Chairperson - Mr. Letsatsi Lekhooa - On suspension
- Vice Chairperson - Ms. Maneo Mapharisa
- Secretary - Ms. Mamoqenelo Morolong
- Vice Secretary - Ms. Thato Mampe (Inactive)
- Treasurer - Mr. Monaheng Diaho

other members:

- Member - Mr. Makoe Seabata
- Member - Ms. Nthabiseng Pule
- Member - Mr. Tieho Mochebelele



### 3- Key projects:

#### **A. Chapter administration funding led by Chairperson (Ms Maneo Mapharisa):**

The amount for this is normally \$4,000.00; however, for this year we received \$2,583.23 (LSL 45,981.49 ), this was due to unspent funds on the AGM which was held in February 2025 after the reporting period. Admin funding is used for administrative purposes of the organisation which include covering for committee meetings, transports for committee members attending events on behalf of the organisation. LSL 20,000.00 of this fund is allocated for the Chairperson's misconduct investigation, some for engagement of a professional accountant, website maintenance and other administrative activities.

#### **B. Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence (TFGBV) led by Mr. Seabata Makoe and Ms Mamoqenelo Morolong:**

The project was funded with \$10,000.00 (LSL 178,000.00). Three districts - Mokhotlong, Leribe and Qacha were beneficiaries of the project where District Child Protection Teams (DCPT) personnel and school teachers were trained on TFGBV. 6 volunteers were recruited from the ISOC members and worked from July to October offering training on topics that included:

- Internet Rights and Principles
- Digital Literacy
- Staying Safe online and
- Forms of TFGBV and how to combat it.

More awareness was made through ISOC social media platforms and local radio stations such as Bokamoso, Tšenolo FM and Ultimate FM, where the presenters shared more on what



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TFGBV is, its forms and how it can be prevented. This project reached more than 3 000 Basotho and has gained us more members from the rurals of Lesotho.

A vote of gratitude goes to the following volunteers who travelled around the country with the project leads:

- Ms. Mashai Pelei (Coordinator)
- Mr. Naleli Makakane
- Ms. Itumeleng Mofolo
- Mr. Tsóloane Lebina
- Ms. Tsépiso Serabele
- Mr. Tieho Mochebelele

They all contributed to the success of the project with their technical skills, youthful energies and highly motivated personalities.

### **C. Lesotho Internet Exchange Point (LIXP) led by Mr. Monaheng Diaho and Ms. Mamoqenelo Morolong:**

The project was worth \$39,000.00 (LSL 696,751.40), which was dedicated to the LIXP equipment revamp. We bought new routers and switches which are housed at the LCA. In November 2025, LCA, CS3A and ISOC co-organised a training on Domain Name Service (DNS) resilience and security training research activity as a form of advancing DNS security for the LIXP peers and other stakeholders. The project also held a breakfast meeting where discussions focused on showcasing the new equipment, sensitising our community about the importance of LIXP and paving the sustainability way forward. Social media campaigns were hosted and four interns and a project coordinator were recruited from the project.

A vote of gratitude goes to the following interns who assisted with equipment installations and configurations.

- Mr. Molefinyane Poso
- Mr. Ramataboe Lereko



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- Mr. Ramats'ella Ralehlatsa
- Mr. Mafa Sempe
- Ms. Itumeleng Mofolo who acted as the Project Coordinator.

They all contributed to the success of the project with their technical skills, youthful energies and highly motivated personalities.

#### **D. Encryption Day led by Mr. Tieho Mochebelele:**

This is an annual event with funding of \$1,400 (LSL 23,975.28) to commemorate Encryption day and educate the communities about encryption and its importance. This year's event was held in Leribe with DCPT and teachers, sharing with them how encryption can be applied and its benefits to Basotho individuals, companies and the government.

#### **E. Cybersecurity Hackathon led by Ms Mamoqenelo Morolong, Mr Monaheng Diaho and Ms Maneo Mapharisa:**

The project was funded with \$7,580.00 (LSL 131,892.00) The second annual cybersecurity hackathon was held alongside the 2025 SADC cyberdrill, where more than 100 participants registered to compete. The hackathon was in 2 phases, where the first phase was the prequalifications round which was online running for a week from September 30 to 5th of October 2025. From the 31 teams that registered, 10 teams made it to the finalists which was held from the 7th Nov to 9th November 2025.

The hackathon is an annual collaboration between the Lesotho Communications Authority and ISOC. This year's event expanded partnerships with the AfricaCert which provided us with the hackathon platform, Econet Telecom Lesotho which provided monetary funding and a virtual platform for attack and defence category. We had two technical team members (Mr. Theko Moima and Mr. Paki Lehloenya) from the ISOC



members who worked in close collaboration with the LCA and Africacert personnel developed the hackathon challenges - Capture the flag, Social engineering and Attack and defence. The project also got in-kind funding from Global IT - internship for the overall best participant and Lesotho Revenue Services with Corporate Gifts.

## **F. Admin Funding Add-on (Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Training) Led by Ms Mapharisa Mapharisa and Mr Tieho Mochebelele:**

It was implemented with a total budget of USD 5,000.00 (LSL 89,000.00). The primary objective of the project was to build capacity among legal professionals and policymakers by enhancing their understanding of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and related regulatory considerations. The training program targeted lawyers, parliamentarians, and security personnel. In total, more than 30 lawyers, 20 members of the Lesotho Defence Force, and 20 parliamentarians participated in the sessions. The curriculum focused on Lesotho's cybersecurity landscape, common cyber threats affecting Basotho, and the critical importance of developing and enforcing appropriate regulatory and legislative frameworks. To ensure broader reach and accessibility, the training was delivered through a hybrid model. Sessions were streamed live via Microsoft Teams and Facebook. Eleven (11) participants joined through Microsoft Teams, while the Facebook livestream reached 2,177 viewers. The initiative has demonstrated significant impact and demand. Following the training, both the Lesotho Defence Force and the Parliament of Lesotho expressed interest in additional capacity-building sessions, with anticipated increases in participant numbers. This report is being prepared while awaiting signed approval of new proposals from both institutions. The program was delivered by a team of four (4) highly qualified trainers drawn from the Lesotho Mounted Police Service and industry partners, including Vodacom Lesotho and Econet Lesotho. These trainers provided comprehensive, practical, and in-depth content that significantly contributed to the success of the training.



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## G. Universal Acceptance Day Led by Ms. Mamoqenelo Morolong

Funding of \$3,000.00 (LSL 53,954.26) for this was received from ICANN on Friday, March 28, 2025, Lesotho celebrated Universal Acceptance Day (UA Day) at Victory Hall in Maseru. The event was a collaborative effort between the Internet Society Lesotho Chapter (ISOC Lesotho), the Lesotho Communications Authority (LCA), and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). This global initiative aimed to promote the universal acceptance of all domain names and email addresses, regardless of language, script, or length. The impact was the creation of awareness among the community on the role of native language inclusion in domain names, keyboards and online content. The session also made the attendees aware of the importance of DNSSEC to protect users from DNS related cybersecurity threats.

Three (3) Volunteers were recruited from this project:

- Liteboho Moalosi
- Katleho Motete and
- ‘Mashai Pelei

### Achievements :

- The executive committee remains in good standing with all ISOC Lesotho strategic partners - maintaining Gigabyte status.
- 2025 serves as a record year in terms of national outreach with projects in a total of 6 districts (Qacha, Mafeteng, Leribe, Butha-Buthe, Mokhotlong, Maseru).
- Engagement of ISOC members in chapter activities and projects. While gender considerations were made there were fewer females who expressed interest in participation.
- Increasing membership to 333.



### Recommendations :

- Capacity building is required on Project Proposal, Budgeting, Design, Implementation and Reporting.
- There is a need to strengthen the ability of the committee members to deal with conflicts and stakeholder management and communication with the general membership.
- There is a need to build on what has already been done by two projects to take the activities to the districts. This has contributed to the increase in membership.
- An open enhancement/mixer day for members of ISOC Lesotho members to network and learn from each other

## 4- Relations with stakeholders:

### Ministry of Information, Communications, Science, Technology and Innovation (MICSTI) :

The Chapter has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Information, Communications, Science, Technology and Innovation (MICSTI). The MoU set the bases for partnership between the Ministry. Key to this partnership is digital transformation. The chapter served as a penholder to support MICSTI in the drafting of the [National Digital Transformation Policy of 2024](#), which is currently in operation. The Chapter is also a partner with the Ministry of the Internet Governance Forum, along with the Lesotho Communications Authority. The MOU allows for new initiatives to be agreed by the parties. At the end of the term, MICSTI had indicated a desire to collaborate on organising the first ever Digital Transformation Forum to be held in Lesotho.

### Lesotho Communications Authority (LCA):

LCA is our technical partner and collaborator that we have an MoU with. We work closely on organising cybersecurity activities such as the annual Cybersecurity Hackathon, Internet Governance and The Lesotho Internet Exchange Point (LIXP).



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Since 2024, LCA has been our partner in organising the annual cybersecurity Hackathon and it is housing the LIXP equipment.

## Others

**District Child Protection Teams (DCPT):** ISOC has collaborated with District Child Protection Teams (DCPT) in Mokhotlong, Leribe, Qacha, Berea, Maseru. DCPT serves as our beneficiary in Child online protection and TFGBV. The knowledge and information shared with them was received with lots of gratitude.

**Ministry of Education and Training (MOET):** ISOC partnered and engaged with the Ministry of Education and Training. The Ministry graciously allowed ISOC access to the teachers during the implementation of the TFGBV project in the four districts of Leribe, Mokhotlong, Qacha's Nek and Thaba-Tseka. The ministry through the District Education Managers afforded ISOC workshop space at no cost. Our collaboration established trust with MOET where we are often to contribute to their trainings and workshops on application of Technology in Education; we were recently invited as the panel discussion moderator on Joint Education Sector Review Reflection Meeting.

A letter extending a vote of gratitude was sent to the Ministry of education for this wonderful gesture.

**AfricaCert:** ISOC collaborated with AfricaCert during the Cybersecurity Hackathon event where it provided ISOC with a challenge hosting platform.

**Econet Telecom Lesotho:** It was a platinum sponsor for the 2025 annual cybersecurity hackathon. It also offered its virtualised platform for hosting the Attack and Defend category for the hackathon

**Global IT:** Offered the Cybersecurity hackathon overall performer a three months internship which is yet to start.

**Revenue Service Lesotho (RSL) -** It contributed to the Cybersecurity Hackathon by handing over corporate gifts to the three winning teams.



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## 5- Ongoing investigation

Following the suspension of the chairperson, the AGM resolved to approve the suspension of the chairperson and that the committee should identify an independent consultant to handle the issues. Post the meeting, the committee had to source funds to undertake this activity and this took some time as the committee had to wait for an ISOC foundation grant. The committee then sent out invitations to local firms to carry out the task and three firms were identified of which costs became a problem that the committee had to sit for negotiations, after long negotiations, the Committee agreed to engage Tharollo after long negotiations to carry out the work. The committee provided all the necessary information required to Tharollo and this is an ongoing process.

All Cybersecurity Hackathon pending payments for 2024 were resolved in February 2025. Some of ISOC equipment is still in possession of the suspended Chairperson, who has refused to hand it over to the committee.

## 6- Community out reach:

**International Literacy Day** - The Department of Non-formal Education commemorated the International Literacy Day in Botha-Bothe. We were honoured to attend and introduce ISOC and its mandate to the participants. The 2025 International Literacy Day was themed “*literacy in the digital age*”. The Team was composed of : Mr Seabata Makoe, Mr Kubeletsane Montsúoe, Ms Bokang Letsapo. This is just one way of taking ISOC to the people that also contributed more to the attraction of new members.

- Membership

**Website and Social Media** - The website is functional with updates of all current projects. This website is hosted by ZeeCom technologies and is maintained and



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updated by Liteboho Moalosi. Our social Media - Facebook and LinkedIn are also active and updating members on the chapter's events.

## 7- Financial Performance

Financial Summary for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (Unaudited)

The ISOC Lesotho Chapter remains financially stable and operationally active for the year ended 31 December 2025.

During the 2025 financial year, the Chapter generated total income of LSL 1,378,726 compared to LSL 1,502,593 in 2024. Income was primarily derived from donor funding through specific grants, the Chapter remains majorly donor funded. The shortfall was due to some rejected grant applications and other grants inactive in the year of reporting.

Total expenses for the year amounted to LSL 1,208,946, reflecting disciplined expenditure management aligned with project implementation objectives.

The Chapter recorded cash & cash equivalents of M206,229 for the year under review, this includes funds for yet to be completed activities/projects that were already committed.

Major income contributors included:

- Sustainable Peering Infrastructure (LIXP): LSL 696,751
- Cybersecurity Hackathon: LSL 224,345
- Prevention of TFGBV in Lesotho: LSL 178,000
- BtN Add-On Funding: LSL 89,000
- Universal Acceptance Day & Other Initiatives

The Chapter closed the 2025 financial year with:

- Continued donor confidence
- Effective alignment of expenditure with project activities

The Executive Committee remains committed to prudent financial management, sustainability, and ensuring that donor resources are deployed efficiently.



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## 8- Conclusion

2025 marked a transformative year for ISOC Lesotho, with innovative projects like the LIXP revamp, Cybersecurity Hackathon, TFGBV and targeted trainings fortifying Lesotho's digital ecosystem and reaching communities nationwide. These efforts, powered by dedicated leaders, interns, and robust partnerships with MICSTI, LCA, and others, not only delivered technical advancements and awareness but also positioned the chapter as a pivotal force in national digital transformation.

Looking to 2026, ISOC Lesotho recommits to scaling outreach, advocating for robust online safety policies, and pursuing sustainability through enhanced capacities and events like the Digital Transformation Forum. With growing membership and unwavering partner support, the chapter stands ready to champion an inclusive, secure internet for all Basotho.

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## ANNEX - 1: Stakeholder Mapping



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Organisation	Relationship	Engagement in 2025
- Lesotho Communication Authority (LCA)	MOU	Cybersecurity Hackathon LIXP upgrade, UA Day
- Internet Society Global & Foundation		Guidance Funding
- Ministry of Information, Communications, Science, Technology and Innovation (MICSTI)	MOU	
- Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)	Ad-hoc	Universal acceptance day Commemoration
- Universities and Colleges	Ad-hoc	Cybersecurity Hackathon
- AfricaCert	Ad-hoc	Cybersecurity Hackathon Coorganiser
- Global IT	Ad-hoc	Cybersecurity Hackathon Funder
- District Child Protection Team (Berea, Leribe, Mokhotlong, Thaba-Tseka, Qacha's Nek)	Ad-hoc	TFGBV and Child Online Protection



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- Ministry of Education and Training	Ad-hoc	TFGBV
- Lesotho Defence Force	Ad-hoc	Training on AI and Cybersecurity Awareness
- Parliament	Ad-hoc	Training on AI and Cybersecurity Awareness
- Econet Telecom Lesotho	Funder	Cybersecurity Hackathon
- Lesotho Revenue Services	Ad-hoc	Cybersecurity Hackathon



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## ANNEX - 2: 2026 AGM AGENDA

	<b>ISOC Lesotho 2025 AGM Program</b>
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time: 9:00 AM</li> <li>• The Chairperson opens the meeting and welcomes members.</li> <li>• Confirmation of quorum</li> <li>• Roll call or digital attendance verification (for hybrid/online meetings).</li> </ul>
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and adoption of minutes from the last AGM or previous general meeting.</li> <li>• Motion to approve, second, and vote.</li> <li>• Address any matters arising from the previous minutes.</li> </ul>



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3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the audited financial report for the fiscal year.</li> <li>• Summary of income, expenditures, and current financial status.</li> <li>• Motion to adopt the financial statements.</li> </ul>
4. Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on membership growth, renewals, and outreach.</li> <li>• Communication and publicity efforts (newsletters, social media, website).</li> <li>• Record-keeping and administrative updates.</li> </ul>
5. Election of Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for nominations (in advance or during the meeting).</li> <li>• Voting process (secret ballot or digital voting platform).</li> <li>• Announcement of results and swearing-in of new officers.</li> </ul>
6. Closing Remarks and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote to adjourn the meeting.</li> <li>• The new chairperson thanks members, volunteers, and partners.</li> <li>• Announcement of the next meeting or event.</li> </ul>



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