



Local Government Elections 2023

Manthabiseng Convention Centre

Official Closing Speech of the Election Results

By the Chairperson of the

INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF LESOTHO

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## **PUO EA HO KOALA PHATLALATSO EA LIKHETHO TSA PUSO EA LIBAKA TSA 2023**

Letsatsing lena re fihla pheletsong ea mosebetsi oa ho phatlalatsa sephetho sa Likhetho tsa Puso ea Libaka tse neng li ts'oeroe ka la Bohlano la la 29 Loetse selemong se holimo.

Hore re fihle moo re leng teng tsatsing lena ka ts'ebetso ea rona, re lokela ho leboha ea Matla Ohle. Ha se ka bohlale ba Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho hore ebe re fihlile mona, ke ka matla le mohua oa ea Matla Ohle.

Re qala ka ho leboha bakhethi bohle ba ileng ba ea likhethong tsena ho ea khetha. Taba e ngoe ea bohlokoa ke hore re bile le likhetho tsa khotso tse se na merusu. Re utloa re tlameha ho leboha Basotho ba ileng ba nka khato ho ea khetha. Ka ketso eo, tsebang hore le kentse letsoho kholisong le ntlafatsong ea naha ea bo lona ea Lesotho.

Re boetse re leboha bahlanka bohle ba Komisi ka ho sebetsa ka thata le boitelo hore likhetho tsena li fihlele katleho. Le qetile matsatsi le sebetsa bosiu le mots'eare hore mosebetsi oa sephetho sena o fihlele katleho. Ka tsela e khethehileng re leboha ts'ebetso e ntle eo le e bonts'itseng.

Thepa ea likhetho e ile ea fihla litsing tsa khethelo tseo ho leng thata ho fihla ho tsona ka thuso ea liroala-nkhoana tsa Sesole sa Lesotho. 'Me ka tsela e ts'oanang thepa le bahlanka ba neng ba khethisa ba bile ts'ireletsong ea Sepolesa, ha ba ntse ba phetha mosebetsi oa bona. Re leboha tsohle tseo mabootho a naha a sebelitseng ka boitelo ts'ebetsong ea bona hore Likhetho tsena li atlehe.

Komisi ka nako ea likhetho e sebetsa ka kotloloho le mekha ea lipolotiki ka likomiti tse latelang: Logistic and Security Committee le Elections Coordinating Committee. Re leboha boikitlahetso, mamello le boitelo boo ba bo bonts'itseng, ho tloha tokisetsong ea likhetho tsena ho tla fihla phatlalatsong ea sephetho. Rea leboha ba heso ka ts'ebetso ea lona e sa thekeseleng.

Ba phatlalatsi ba litaba ka mafapha ohle a bona, re bile lona mona ho tloha letsatsing la ho qala ho fihlela letsatsing la ho qetela le ntse le fa Basotho litaba tsa sephetho sa likhetho tsena. Re leboha ts'ebetso ea lona ka ho phetheha.

Ntumelleng sechaba sa heso ke thethe puo eena ka ho fana ka lintlha tse latelang:

1. There are 51 political parties registered with the Commission and only 45 political parties and 2,138 Independent Candidates participated in this Elections.
2. Voter Turnout: is 26.4% this 2023 Local Government election while in 2017 Local Government election it was 29%.
3. Failed elections where a nominated candidate past on before elections were held, then the Commission will hold Fresh Election in the following Electoral Divisions:
  - (i) Maseru: Maseru Municipal Council [MMC-08]
  - (ii) Leribe: Menkhoaneng Community Council [Menkhoaneng-05]
  - (iii) Leribe: Manka Community Council [Manka-07]
  - (iv) Leribe: Bolahla Community Council [ Bolahla-03]

4. Where there is a Tie there will be second round elections for only those who have equal votes:
- (i) Leribe: Sephokong-05 [SR and DC]
  - (ii) Mafeteng: Ramoetsana-09 [BCP and MEC]
  - (iii) Mafeteng: Makaobating-04 [DC and IND.]
  - (iv) Thaba Tseka: Bokong-10 [DC and RFP]
  - (v) Mokhotlong: Menoaneng-15 [AD and DC]

Ntumeleng ke qetelle puo ena ka ho leboha litho tsa Komisi e Ikemetseng ea Likhetho tseo re bileng letsona ts'ebetsong ena ho tloha qalong ea ho phatlalatsa sephetho sena ho fihlela tsatsing lena.

Kea leboha, Khotso.