

interests and welfare are to be assured. Here I have in mind the improvement of our village water supplies, village road communication, community centre, village cooperative and credit union societies to look after your agriculture and the marketing of both our agricultural and livestock products. These - and many others - I know are services which you need very badly; but let me assure you that I and my Government are there to meet you halfway in every one of these, your needs, provided you too, as you did with this clinic, take the initiative to help yourselves.

In community development, unlike the old defunct District Councils, which you all know did very little if anything for you, it is for YOU, the people of Lesotho, to take the initiative. ~~You are the people who must tell the Government what your needs are; it is not for the Government or the District Councils to tell you what you want.~~ In the same manner as your Government has helped you in respect of this clinic, your Government will always be ready to help you to help yourselves in respect of all other projects yet to come.

The former Ministry of Local Government, which is now the Ministry of the Interior, provided you with an inducement grant equal to the amount which you had raised by yourselves. You then bought cement and began to make the bricks for these walls. Later the Ministry of Health provided a revised plan and technical supervisors to help you in your work. And yet, in spite of your efforts and the Government's assistance, more money for materials was needed.

You had done your best with what you had. Only then did the Minister of Health seek assistance from outside our border. Help came from the Republic of South Africa, when

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