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### SHORT BRIEF ON HIV-AIDS ISSUES WITHIN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

The government of Lesotho has established HIV-AIDS Commission which manages and coordinates all HIV-AIDS issues in the country. The Ministry of Health is champion of these issues but each sector has a responsibility to mainstream HIV-AIDS issues within its activities.

The transport sector consists of five sub-sectors (Roads, Air-transport, water-transport, rail-transport and Intermediate Means of Transport (IMT)). The Ministry of Public Works and Transport has completed a Transport Policy in February 2006. HIV/AIDS issues have been mainstreamed within each transport sub-sector. But in general terms, there is currently no systematic management within the transport sector and/or an established HIV/AIDS Policy and HIV/AIDS Management Program for the Transport Sector. However, the following measures have been and/or currently being taken at Ministry (MoPWT) level:

- There is an established Care, Support and Treatment program for MoPWT staff
- There is inclusion of HIV/AIDS management clauses in contract clauses for all contractors for civil works.
- The MoPWT has initiated the process of procuring consultant services (draft TORs) for the establishment of HIV/AIDS Policy and Management Program to be done in two phases:
  - Phase I - HIV/AIDS Policy and Management Program for the Transport Sector and
  - Phase II - Workplace HIV/AIDS Policy and Management Program for MoPWT.

**Once the above study is complete, we will forward to you the report.**