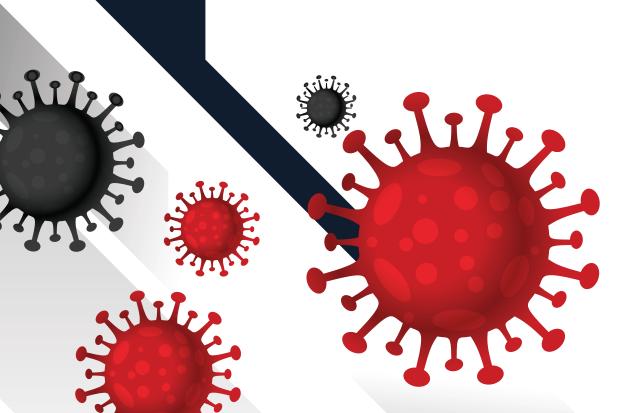# MINISTER OF HEALTH PRESS STATEMENT
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Subject: Lesotho Rolls Out Digital Solution to verify COVID-19 certificates across borders

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact global travel, disrupting trade, tourism and other economic activities. To mitigate against these effects and to allow for economic activities dependent on international travel, many governments are requiring travelers to present negative COVID-19 certificates at points of entry.

To ensure the integrity of presented certificates at Lesotho's borders, NACOSEC and the Ministry of Health have collaborated with the African Union and Africa CDC, with technical support from the PanaBIOS Consortium (https://www.panabios.org), to implement an online system to authenticate and verify travelers' COVID-19 certificates in line with the Trusted Travel (TT) framework (https://www.africacdc.org/trusted-travel). The TT application is primarily to certify and publish authentic laboratories and their results for credible testing and issuance of Covid-19 certification for international acceptance and travel.

The Government of Lesotho is notifying the general public and travelers that starting from the 1st of August 2021 we are deploying the TT application in all our points of entry.

Below are the steps on how this will work:

Step 1.

Visit an authorized laboratory to take an RT PCR COVID-19 test with your national ID or Passport.

Step 2.

Wait for the results. Your results will be sent to you via email, sms or you can visit where you tested and get your results.
The email or SMS will contain a link in which you can log in and view your certificate. Once you have logged in, you can check-in for your flight if you are flying.

Step 3.

When you get to the points of entry, please present your SMS or Email or printed results to the points of entry official together with your passport for verification to cross.

Step 4.

Once you are verified you then become free to pass across.
In-bound travelers from countries which do not have Trusted Travel compliant labs must use the UNDP-sponsored Global Haven system (accessible on the "check-in" pages at www.globalhaven.org and trustedtravel.panabios.org) to find the verified testing labs to undertake testing and to upload their Covid-19 test results for validation. All such uploads are automatically scanned by a forensic system that can flag fake or illegible documents for further investigation. **Uploading fake documents can impair one's ability to travel globally.**

All travelers departing from Lesotho will be expected to have the Trusted Travel (TT) code on their test result certificates. Starting on 1st of August 2021, NO traveler will depart from Lesotho without verification of their certificates using the TT process unless otherwise indicated in the risk mitigation framework. No laboratories are permitted to issue COVID-19 certificates without Trusted Travel codes from 1st of August 2021.

The Government of Lesotho is pleased to deliver this enhanced service for free to all citizens and visitors for their convenience and safety. We are proud of our partnership with various AU bodies, UN institutions, technology companies, telecom operators and standards organizations that has made this milestone possible. Customer service enquiries should be directed to: globalhaven@panabios.org.