Interventions at the GPC Ministerial session by Deputy Minister of Health

Overall messages
- HIV Incidence in young women is three times higher than in young men.
- Three groups of population: Never married females; Never married uncircumcised males and sero-discordant couples (where male is HIV+) contribute 70% of new adult HIV infections.
- 90-90-90 progress among young people is 68–91–77, with low HIV testing rates in adolescents and young people and poor viral suppression, compared to adults 81-92-87.7

Achievements of the HIV prevention Programme in Lesotho
- The roll out of PREP for adolescent girls and young women and key population groups- currently reaching 7300 people
- 68% viral suppression among 15-49 individuals on treatment

Challenges
- Although new HIV infections have reduced by 33%, this is too low to achieve the 2020 targets.
- Condom use is still very low among all age groups.
- Medical male circumcision is still very low especially in the rural areas.
- No data on people who inject drugs.
- Only 46% of schoolgirls complete lower secondary education and the country is extremely high early un-intended pregnancy.

Commitment
The Government of Lesotho commits to:
- Initiate high level policy dialogue with key government and development partners on financing for HIV prevention
- Launch a campaign to address early un-intended pregnancies among schoolgirls and develop a policy on retention and re-admission of pregnant girls in school
- Develop a comprehensive strategy for prevention of new infections in adolescent girls, young women and their partners.
- Scale up combination prevention packages for key populations
- Expand coverage of the five prevention pillars.