

*Presenter:* Mafeteng Community Radio is the first community radio in the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho established a year ago during the commemoration of World Press Freedom Day funded by UNESCO. This community radio station is situated in the semi-urban town of Mafeteng, about a hundred kilometers south of the capital Maseru. It broadcast in FM for 18 hours a day with a radius up to 50 km. We cover about 10 community councils in the district with an estimated population of a hundred thousand. We, at MCR, envisage being the best community radio in Lesotho that is why our programming focuses mainly on the developmental issues and social problems in our community. Needless to say, we provide programs that leave our listeners with the room to make informed decisions.

You are still on Mafeteng Community Radio station, 107.7 FM. Now in the studio I'm with one of the prominent figures in the Mafeteng Community, Mr. Jessy. Welcome!

*J.:* You are welcome.

*Presenter:* Is there anything that you have seen ever since it started or was founded in this community that you can say: up to so far we have reached this level as Mafeteng Community?

*J.:* Yes, there are a lot of things that the station has brought among the people. You know, since the station started, the people you can see, have changed their lives, because with the radio they do many things in the community, like business, for example.

*Presenter:* In other words, you can say, there has been a huge improvement when it comes to business and other things?

*J.:* Yes, very much, a lot of impact. Since the station is started working, really, everybody is happy, and they enjoy the programs and they are very much proud of the station.

*Presenter:* Ok, Is there anything you can say about the behavior of the community concerning the radio station? And about the crime, if there has been crime reduction in the community?

*J.:* Yes, for sure! Since the station started there is a huge improvement in the lives of these people concerning crime and reporting anything that is not good in the community. Everybody is happy, everybody wants to live a normal life, so radio has really changed the life of local people.

*Presenter:* What can you say about the behavior of the presenters of the community?

*J.:* I understand that the station is still young, and so are the programs that are in the station. We don't expect miracles, so we cannot say that they are not making mistakes. But every day there is an improvement.

*Presenter:* Thank you for all this good information concerning the radio station and people like we are really prominent in the community of Mafeteng.

*J.:* Yes, I'm very much happy. Thank you.

*Presenter:* Thank you.