

# GI: MOKHETHI MOLEFI



Bahlabani Seed CO.PTY (LTD) is a company which was registered in 2021 and specializes in production, packaging and selling certified maize and bean seeds. The company is located in Ha Tebeli and was established in 1989. Prior to 2007, Mokhethi Molefi who is the founder of this company has been producing and selling maize and beans. From 1999 to 2003, he signed an agreement with LHDA to supply maize, while from 2004 to 2006, most of what was produced (maize), was supplied to Lesotho

**Name of association:**

**District:**

**Resource Centre:**

**Bahlabani Seed CO.PTY (LTD**

**Berea**

**Pilot Resource Centre, Ha Tebeli**

Flour Mills and the Community.

In 2007, FAO, the biggest company that specializes in seed production (CIMMYT) together with the Ministry of Crops, Agric Research collaborated to produce seeds in Lesotho and Bahlabani Seed was selected to participate in the initiated seed production plan from 2007 till present. Mr Molefi's production covers the area of 180.1 acres, producing about 2700 bags of 50kg and more per year. Mr Molefi plants open pollinated variety of seeds; white Maize (ZM 521) and yellow maize (ZM 523Y). In bean production, he specializes in

seeds produced in Lesotho that is NUA45 (lebete) and Pinto nodak.

Soil preparation is done in winter and he does lime application.

He produces certified seeds under supervision of the Agric and basic Research Department from planting to harvesting. He has been financing the business on his own and sells seeds and grains for consumption to Lehakoe Seed Company, Rural Self-help Development Association (RSDA), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), individual agro dealers and consumers.