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50-in-5 underscores the importance of our collective efforts in driving economic growth and fostering innovations through ICT initiatives. These monumental efforts will enable government departments and different sectors to draw up specific digital transformation strategies.

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CURRENT DPI FOCUS

DIGITAL IDENTITY

PLANNING

Under the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police, Lesotho's CRVS and national ID system is providing identity verification services to government payroll, pensioners and private sector banking, insurance, and telecommunications sectors. There are plans to upgrade the national ID into a digital ID and digital certificates by the Min of LGCHAP and MICSTI respectively.

DIGITAL PAYMENTS

PLANNING

The Ministry of Information, Communications, Science, Technology and Innovation - under the eGovernment Infrastructure Phase II Project, is developing a government e-payments gateway. This will be made available for citizens, businesses, and governments to make online payments for services including passports, registrations, agricultural subsidy, drivers licenses and health services.

DPI IMPACT

WOMEN AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Lesotho's DPI efforts will provide women, particularly those in rural areas, with easier access to essential services like healthcare, education, and financial assistance. It will also help women entrepreneurs gain access to online business tools, services and marketing information.

CHILDREN

Lesotho's DPI efforts will streamline exam registration and by using digital IDs, students and families can better provide and manage academic credentials, and eventually make digital payments for relevant fees.

SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

All DPI initiatives will include digital literacy programs and assistive technologies which will help all citizens access online services and reduce the need for physical travel.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

DPI will enable digital payments of social grants, ensuring the timely and secure delivery of financial assistance to families. This will increase the distribution of social support, reduce the risk of errors and fraud, and make it convenient for recipients to access their funds.

DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS

PLANNING

The MICSTI under the PSFSDP, is developing a whole of government enterprise architecture and interoperability framework followed by an interoperability platform. This will enable citizens and businesses to provide information only once, which is then securely shared across various government departments.

