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Welcome to Nomapads Foundation and our groundbreaking initiative - the "Ithute Bicentennial Album" project. At Nomapads, we are driven by a passion for preserving Basotho culture and empowering the youth. This year marks Lesotho's 200th anniversary as a nation, and we are proud to contribute to this celebration through our fourth edition of cultural albums.

"Ithute Bicentennial Album" is not just a musical endeavor; it's a holistic project aimed at addressing cultural erosion and mental health challenges, particularly concerning the alarming mortality rates in Lesotho, with life expectancy being incredibly low. Our approach involves the Ithate Youth Club, an integral part of Nomapads Foundation, where we are equipping Basotho youth girls with sound tech and production skills over a six-month period. This empowers them not only to create a musical masterpiece that preserves and celebrates Basotho heritage but also to use art as a creative tool for addressing mental health issues prevalent in our community.

Project Overview:

- **Cultural Preservation:** The album is a testament to our commitment to preserving Basotho culture through indigenous music, soundtracks, and podcasts, serving as a living archive for future generations.
- **Youth Empowerment:** The Ithate Youth Club, under the guidance of Nomapads Foundation, is actively involved in the project, learning valuable sound tech and production skills that go beyond the album, ensuring a sustainable impact.
- **Mental Health Integration:** Recognizing the mental health challenges, especially high mortality rates among youth, the project incorporates art as a therapeutic tool, fostering healing and resilience within the community.

Budget Overview:

Our budget for the "Ithute Bicentennial Album" project includes expenses for:

1. Youth training programs
2. Studio equipment and resources
3. Artist collaboration and compensation
4. Album production, marketing, and distribution
5. Mental health awareness initiatives

We invite you to join us on this transformative journey as we celebrate Lesotho's rich heritage, empower its youth, and address critical societal challenges. Your support will not only contribute to the success of the album but also help build a more resilient and culturally vibrant future for Basotho communities. Together, let's make a lasting impact through the harmonious blend of art, culture, and community empowerment. #IthuteBicentennialAlbum #PreserveBasothoHeritage #Girlempowerment

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