**Content for VBI Lesotho Knowledge Base**

Category: Accounting and Finance – Budgeting and Finance

Short summary: Cash flow budget template

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The cash flow budget template in the attached file was designed to make it easy for you to prepare a cash flow budget. The template has been set up and formatted for budgeting your cash flow for six months and contains most of the cash inflow and outflow categories. Just plug in your numbers and print the template. You can even modify it to fit your own needs.

File Description: The file contains a Microsoft Excel (version 4.0 and above) spreadsheet template. Once you've downloaded the file, you must copy it to your EXCEL\XLSTART directory in order to use it.

Special Features:

◾Download the worksheet template just once, and be able to use it over and over again.

◾When you open the Cash Flow Budget Worksheet template, a copy of the template for you to work with will automatically be created and the original retained.

◾The worksheet is easy to use. Just plug in your numbers and print it out.

◾The worksheet already contains the essential cash inflow and outflow categories.

◾The worksheet can be modified to suit your needs.