

THATO MAPHETO

Finance & Data Professional | Project Finance Modelling | Governance & Clean Energy Johannesburg, South Africa

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SUMMARY

I am a finance and data professional with a strong foundation in accounting, financial governance, and project finance modelling, and over two years of experience supporting large-scale operational and capital projects in a heavy industrial environment. My work bridges finance, data analytics, and digital systems to improve cost control, transparency, and decision-making. I have a growing interest in clean energy and climate-aligned infrastructure and am motivated to apply financial modelling, analytics, and governance skills to support South Africa's just energy transition.

EDUCATION

Bcom Accounting

University of Johannesburg

📅 02/2019 - 11/2021

SKILLS

Finance, Accounting & Cost Control

Management Accounting	Budgeting & Forecasting
Financial Reconciliations	Cost & Variance Analysis
Capital Expenditure Tracking	AFE Tracking
P&L and Balance Sheet Analysis	
VAT & Compliance Review	Month-End Close Support

Data Analytics & Business Intelligence

Data Cleaning & Preparation		Exploratory Data Analysis	
Statistical Foundations	SQL	Data Querying	
Relational Database Design		Power BI	Data Modelling
DAX Basics	Dashboards	Data Visualisation	
Visual Storytelling	Data-Driven Decision Making		

ERP, Systems & Tools

SAP ERP	Cost Tracking	Microsoft Excel
Pivot Tables	Lookups	Budget Uploads
SQL Databases	Google Workspace	

EXPERIENCE

Finance Graduate

Sibanye

📅 2022 - 07/2024 📍 Rustenburg, South Africa

Sibanye Stillwater is a multinational precious metals mining company operating in South Africa and the United States.

- Supported financial governance and cost control for large-scale operational and capital projects in a heavy industrial environment.
- Identified and recovered approximately R11 million in incorrectly parked and aged SAP commitments, improving budget availability and cost centre accuracy.
- Performed detailed cost and variance analysis against approved business plans, enabling corrective actions at operational levels.
- Monitored CAPEX, inventory, and materials costs through reconciliations, cycle counts, and expediting reports.
- Supported month-end close through accruals, provisions, cost transfers, and trial balance clean-up.
- Strengthened compliance by validating invoices for VAT accuracy, contractual alignment, and labour costing.

Acting Finance Supervisor

Sibanye

📅 12/2023 - 01/2024
📍 Rustenburg, South Africa

Sibanye Stillwater is a multinational precious metals mining company with operations in South Africa and the United States, producing platinum group metals (PGMs) and gold.

- Led and coordinated day-to-day finance operations across multiple cost centres.
- Acted as a key liaison between finance, procurement, payroll, and operations teams.
- Ensured adherence to governance frameworks, company policy, and accurate SAP processing.
- Provided guidance on budgeting, invoice validation, and cost reporting to operational stakeholders.

CERTIFICATIONS

Data Analytics

ALX Africa - 12/12/2025

<https://savanna.alxafrica.com/certificates/sfhcNBeltZ>

Financial Modelling

DLO Energy Resources Group (EWSETA) - January 2026

SKILLS

Professional & Interpersonal skills

Stakeholder Communication	Ethical Decision-Making	
Cross-Functional Collaboration	Presentation	Integrity
Attention to Detail	Stakeholders Engagement	
Problem Solving	Continuous Learning	Work Planning
Research & Analytical Thinking	Resource Allocation	
Adaptability	Leadership Accountability	
Time Management	Organizational skills	

REFERENCES

Available on request

CERTIFICATIONS

Data Science (In progress)

ALX Africa: 8 Dec 2025 - present

Professional Foundations

ALX Africa - 05/08/2025:
<https://savanna.alxafrica.com/certificates/JSMmxGFN5s>

PROJECTS

Procurement & Financial Dashboard

📅 12/2025 - Present
📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

Designed an end-to-end procurement and financial dashboard using SQL and Power BI to deliver actionable spend and cost insights

- Designed an end-to-end procurement and financial analytics dashboard using SQL and Power BI.
- Built a relational database structure to analyze spend patterns, supplier performance, and cost drivers.
- Delivered interactive dashboards to support management decision-making.
- Applied financial and operational data storytelling techniques to translate insights into action.