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From domestic worker to doctor

A YOUNG WOMAN who washed dishes throughout high school to supplement her family's income is now a professional who proves that hard work pays off.



■ Dr Pamela Sithole is an example of how resilience and perseverance can help in achieving your goals.

Nonkululeko Mathebula

Former domestic worker, Pamela Phumzile Sithole is proof that dreams do come true.

Born and raised in Phoe-

nix in KwaZulu-Natal, the 24-year-old was able to juggle her studies with part-time work over the years having the ability to rise above her circumstances.

Despite working as a domestic helper from the age

of 14, Sithole's perseverance and determination helped turn her life around and she recently graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

She is currently doing her internship at the Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital in Johannesburg.

Sharing her story with Vuk'uzenzele the inspirational

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***"I pay tribute to the
endless heroism
of youth.."***

Nelson Mandela



U shandukisa pfunzo dza n̄tha

MINISTA VHO-NALEDI PANDOR vha khou fhatulula sekithara ya pfunzo dza n̄tha u itela u swikelela thodea dza pfunzo dza n̄tha.

Amukelani Chauke

Tshiimo tsha pfunzo dza n̄tha tsha Afrika Tshipembe tshi khou shanduka, musi pfunzo dza n̄tha dzi si khou tou swikelelea fhedzi, fhedzi dzi khou dovha dza vhekanywa uri dzi kone u swikelela thodea dza ndowetshumo. Tshanduko dzo tea sa izwi shango li tshi khou shuma u ya kha u lugisela vhaswa kha shango la zwa mishumo na u shela mulenzhe kha ikonomi.

Musi shango li tshi khou elelwa Nwedzi wa Vhaswa,

Vuk'uzenzele i lavhelesa uri vhaswa vha lino shango vha khou newa zwikhala hani uri vha bvelele nga kha Mhasho wa Pfundo dza N̄tha na Vhupfumbudzi.

Vho Naledi Pandor vhane vho vhewa sa Minista wa Pfundo dza N̄tha na Vhupfumbudzi nga n̄wedzi wa Luhuh, vho hweswa vhuḏifhinduleli ha u vhona uri zwa pfunzo ya mahala zwi khou thoma u shuma kha vhagudi vha shayaho na “vhasala vhukati”.

Nga murahu ha migwalabo mihulu ya shango loṭhe nga fhasi ha kupfeselele kwa uri #FeesMustFall, zwo vho ḑo ḑivhadziwa nga n̄wedzi wa Nyendavhusiku uri vhaswa vhane miṭa yavho ya vha na miholo i re fhasi ha R350 000 nga n̄waha vha ḑo wana pfunzo na vhupfumbudzi nga mahala. U thomiwa ha tshumelo iyi zwi n̄dilani nahone zwi ḑo vha zwi tshi khou thoma shuma kha lwa miṭwaha miṭanu.

Tshikimu tsha bazari

Minista Vho Pandor vho khwaṭhi-



sedza uri u thomiwa ha tshikimu itshi zwi khou tshimbila zwavhuḑi.

“Tshikimu tshiswa tsha bazari ndi u fhatula ha ndeme nga muvhuso wa Afrika Tshipembe, na uri, ndi vhatu vha Afrika Tshipembe ngauri ndi mithelo yavho ine ya khou badelela hezwi,” vho ralo.

Bazari i khou n̄kedzwa vhagudi vhane vha swikelela thodea vhane vha khou dzhe- na yunivesithi kha n̄waha wa u thoma na kha magudedzi a pfunzo ya thekiniki ya mishumo ya zwanḑa na vhupfumbudzi (TVET), miṭwaha yavho yoṭhe vha tshi khou guda.

U itela u lambedza tshikimu itshi, nyengedzedzo ya ndambedzo ya muvhuso ya bilioni dza R7.166 yo avhelwa kha n̄waha wa 2018

hune R4.581 ya dzibilioni yo vhetshelwa thungo u thusa vhagudi vha yunivesithi vha swikelelaho thodea na R2.585 ya dzibilioni yo vhetshelwaho vhagudi vha magudedzi a TVET.

Minista Vho Pandor vho ri magudedzi ane o lavhelesana na mabuḑo a tshipentshele a nga vha senthara dza vhukoni dzine dza fana na u bveledza zwikili zwa maimo kha buḑo le a randelwa lone.

Tsumbo, gudedzi lithihi li nga lavhelesana na zwa vhuinzhiniara ha zwa vhukhanikhe ngeno liṇwe li tshi nga tou ri fombe kha zwa vhuḑufhi, vho ralo vha tshi fhatutshedza. “Ndi a tenda uri u vha vhotende ndi vhumatshelo ha magudedzi,” vho ralo vha tshi ḑadzisa. “Ri ṭoḑa zwo fhambanaho.

A ri ṭoḑi magudedzi a tshi ita zwithu zwi no fana.”

Zwi tshe zwo ralo, mbekanyamushumo ya Mveledziso ya u ḑisikela Mishumo kha Pfundo dza N̄tha yo rwelwa fari n̄waha wo fhiraho u itela u fufuwedza vhaswa uri vha ḑithomele mabindu avho.

I khou sedza kha u fanganyisa luvhanḑe lwa mveledziso ya u ḑisikela mishumo kha sekithara ya pfunzo dza yunivesithi Afrika Tshipembe. Hezwi zwi katela u gudisa u ḑisikela mishumo na kha pfunzo dza n̄tha, mveledziso ya vhagudi ya u ḑisikela mishumo khathihi na dziyunivesithi dza u gudela zwa u ḑisikela mishumo.

Minista Vho Pandor vho amba uri hu na zwinzhi zwine zwa kha ḑi tea u itwa n̄tha ha u vhona uri vhaswa vho lugela mishumo, fhedzi na u vhona uri vha sika mishumo ya vhuḑi.

Ri ḑo takalela u vhona zwimiswa zwa pfunzo dza n̄tha zwi tshi khou n̄kedza ngudo dza u fufuwedza u ḑisikela mishumo zwi na khoso dzoṭhe, liga line la ḑo vhona uri vhaswa vhoṭhe vho ambaraho vha thome mishumo ine ya ḑo kona u n̄ea shango tshivhumbeo tshiswa kha la matshelo. **V**



Minista wa Mhasho wa Pfundo ya N̄tha na Vhupfumbudzi.

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young woman said her journey was not easy.

“Growing up there were a lot of challenges, including our financial circumstances and my parents’ divorce.

“My mother was left to provide for us and she was unemployed for the longest time. As a result we had no choice but to rely on my siblings to put me through school from an

early age up until high school which put a lot of financial strain on them.”

Despite these challenges, Sithole was determined to live up to her potential and applied herself diligently to her studies.

“For me giving up wasn’t an option.”

When she was a young teenager she got the opportunity to help do chores at a home nearby. This led to regular

domestic work during her December holidays and Sithole was able to add to the family’s finances and help fund her high school studies.

Despite doing well in matric there was always the chance that she would not be able to study further because of a lack of funding. “I almost didn’t go to a medical school,” she adds.

Her hard work and commitment to her studies paid off

when she received funding from the National Student Financial Aid Scheme. This helping hand was to prove life changing.

“Even though I was a domestic worker, I didn’t shelve my dreams and think that it’s over for me. I continued to work hard and I’m glad that I did.

“For me it really was just a lesson in humility and it has enabled me to better under-

stand people from different walks of life and be able to relate to each person.

“I always knew that good things lay ahead for me and it was truly just a matter of time.”

Her parting words are wise: “Never despise humble beginnings but equally, don’t let them define where you will be in five or 10 years’ time. With God, everything is possible.” **V**



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Mutsindo wa mulangatshikepe u khou pfala



■ Mulangazwikepe Lindiwe Mdletshe u a qivha malangele.

Allison Cooper

Sa mulangazwikepe wa Transnet Lindile Mdletshe (30) u langa zwikepe zwa maanda zwine zwa thusa matshimbilele a zwikepe zwi-hulwane Vhuimangalavha ha Durban. Naho zwi zwi-tuku nga tshivhumbeo, zwikepe izwi zwi-tuku zwi na maanda mahulu nahone zwi toda vhutsila u zwi shumisa.

Mdletshe o bebelwa Port Shepstone a dzhena tshikolo *St Faiths*.

“Iyi yo vha i tshi tou vha inwe tshenzhemovho he nda aluwa hone. Ho vha hu si na nyofho, hu sa ngi ano maquvha, nahone nwana o vha a tshi aluswa nga tshi-tshavha.”

Mdletshe o phasa matiriki nga 2006, phanda ha musi a tshi ya Yunivesithi ya Durban ya Thekino lodzhi u gudela Dipuloma ya zwa Ngudo dza zwa Maqini nga 2007.

Nga murahu ha musi o no fhedza *S1* yawe nga 2007 na *S2* nga 2008 o thoma na u pfumbudziwa hawe lwa minwaha miraru lwanzheni, na Khamphani ya *Safmarine Shipping*. Hafha ndi hone he a thoma u tshimbidza tshikepe tsha mihwalo kha maqanzhe mahulwane he a vha a tshi ima kha vhuimangalavha vhuhulwane ho fhambanaho kha la Yuropa,

Afrika na Asia kha zwa u tshimbidza mihwalo na zwa savei dza tsireledzo.

O wana digirii yawe ya u thoma a na minwaha ya 25, he nga tshenetsho tshifhinga tshithihi o vha a tshi khou fhedzisa digirii ya Masi-tasi ya *Port Operations*. Heyo digirii ya vhuvhili yo do mu tendela u kona u vha mulangazwikepe. “Heyi yo vha khaedu khulwane-sa ngauri u vha mulangazwikepe zwi-tuku a zwi todi uri muthu a vhe na digirii, zwi toda fhedzi *S1*, *S2* na u pfumbudziwa lwanzheni. Nga murahu ha zwenezwo, muthu u a kona u dinwalise-la u vha mulangazwikepe. Ndo ita zwothe nga tshifhinga tshithihi. Ndi tshi tshaisa, ndo vha ndi tshi ya tshikoloni nda ita zwe vhanwe vha guda lenelo quvha,” o ralo.

Mdletshe u funa u vha e maqini. “Maqi a nga vha vhudza zwinzhi nga uri duvha lo vha farela mini. Mañwe maquvha hu a dzika ngeno mañwe a tshi kon-da na uri tshinwe tshifhinga hu vha na magabelo, zwenezwo, li tou vha linwe lifhasi li akhamadzaho! Zwikepe zwi na zwivhumbeo zwo fhambanaho nahone zwi hwa-la mihwalo yo fhambanaho, zwine zwa amba uri zwi tshimbidza nga ndila dzo fhambanaho,” o ralo Mdletshe, ane a diphina nga u

shuma na vathu vha mvelele dzo fhambanaho, u bva kha mashango o fhambanaho.

Lifhasi la khaedu

U vha mufumakadzi kha mushumo uyu wa ndowetshumo ya zwa maqini ndi “lifhasi la khaedu” o ralo Mdletshe, ane o amba zwithu zwo fhambanaho zwo disendekaho nga mbeu sa tshinwe tsha khaedu khulwanesa sa izwi mushumo uyu u tshi kha qi

“Pfunzo ndi tshitangu tshihulwane tshine a hu na ane a nga ni dzhiela tshone. Zwa madzanga zwi a fhela, fhedzi pfunzo ni do dzula ni nayo u swikela.”

dzhiiwa sa wa vhanna.

“Naho vhafumakadzi vha tshi lingedza u shumesa vho dxfunga uri vha sumbedzise uri kuhumbulele kwa vathu a si kwone, a zwo ngo leluwa nahone zwi fhedza maanda. Ndo kunda idzi khaedu nga u dzi-

ka, u vha na mbonelaphanda mbuya na u shumisana na vathu uri ndi wane thompho. Nga u sa fhela mbilu na u dxfunga, u nga kona u kunda izwi zwikhukhulisi,” o ralo.

Gundo la Mdletshe kha u kunda zwikhukhulisi izwi ndi vhu-tanzi ha pfufho ye a i wana sa mufarela mulanguli muhulwane wa zwa thekiniki ya zwa maqini. “Ndo wana pfufho ya u vha muthu o swikelelaho zwinzhi nga kha tshifhinga tshituku nga uri ndo phasa odithi kha vhege ya u thoma kha vhuimo uvhu.” O dovha hafhu a wana pfufho ya u vha “muhali” nga nwedzi wa Tshimedzi 2017, nga u phulusa zwikepe kha dumbu lihulu le la vha li sa athu vhuya la vho-nwa Durban.

“U vha mulangazwikepe zwi amba uri tshinwe tshifhinga u tea u luma mbilu wa qivhofha mbilu sa musadzi,” o ralo.

U wana hawe digirii ya Masi-tasi zwo dsa phambano. “U wana digirii yanga zwi khwa-tshisedza uri ndi wane thompho kha vhashumisani vha vhanna. Vha mmbudzisa quvha na linwe na linwe uri ndi khou ita mini ngauri ri tou vha vhavhili fhedzi vho swika-ho hafha nahone ndo vha wa u thoma u wana Dipuloma ya zwa Maqini kha Vhuimangalavha ha Durban. Hezwi zwi zwothe zwo ita uri ndi vhe o khetheaho,” o ralo, a tshi khou sumbedza uri ngudo dza zwa maqini a dzo ngo leluwa.

Mushumo wa mulangazwikepe

Mdletshe o talutshedza uri mulangazwikepe u langa zwikepe zwothe zwine zwa vha ngalavhani.

U tea u vhona uri tsireledzo na tshomedzo dza zwa mulilo zwi ngonani nahone kha tshimo tsho fanelaho, u ita savei ya tsireledzo ya zwikepe ya n-waha nga n-waha, u khwa-tshisedza u ri vhashumi vha pfumbudziwa zwavhu-di na uri vha saine bugu dza u pfumbudziwa, u ita tholo dza vphupima vhukoni na u thusa vhashumi vhawe uri vha dzudzanye mbekanyamushumo ya mveledziso zwi tshi elana na nyaluwo yavho kha bu-do ili, u khwa-tshisedza uri mbekanyamaitele dza khamphani dzi ngonani na u langa hune zwishumiswa zwa vhwahone khathihi na u ita oda dza tshomedzo.

Duvha la nga misi la Mdletshe la mushumo li thoma nga mutevhe wa kutshimbilele kwa zwikepe, zwine zwothe zwi tea u vha zwo fhela vha tshi tshaisa. “Ri thoma nga ha zwikepe nga iri ya 06:00 ra guma nga 17:50. Vhalangazwikepe vhavhili vha shuma vhothe, na uri muthihi u fhedza mishumo ya hane-fha kha ya malo. Nga murahu, ri ita mushumo wothwe wa u n-wala. Kha nyimele dza shishi, ri a fhedza na nga murahu ha iri ya 21:00,” o ralo. **V**