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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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Ho fetola thuto e phahameng

LETONA NALEDI PANDOR o fetola sebopeho sa mokga wa thuto e phahameng ho fihlella ditlhoko tsa moruo.

Amukelani Chauke

Ponahalo ya naha ya thuto e phahameng ya Afrika Borwa e a fetoha, mme thuto ya ditsha tse phahameng ha e fihlelehe habobebe haholwanyane feela empa hape e hlophisitswe hantle haholwanyane ho fihlella ditlhoko tsa indasteri. Diphetoho di a hlokeha ka hobane naha e sebeletsa ho lokisetsa batjha bakeng sa ho qala ho kena mesebetsing le ho ba le seabo moruong.



■ Letona la thuto e Phahameng le Kwetliso, Naledi Pandor.

Jwalo ka ha naha e hopola Kgwebo ya Batjha, *Vuk'uzenzele* e lekodisisa kamoo batjha ba naha ba fuwang menyetla ho atleha ka lebaka la Lefapha la Thuto e Phahameng le Kwetliso.

Jwalo ka ha a kene mosebetsing ka Hlakola, Letona la Thuto e Phahameng le Kwetliso, Naledi Pandor o filwe mosebetsi wa ho kenya thuto ya mahala bakeng sa baithuti bafutsanehileng le “bao lekeno la malapeng a bobona le sa ba dumelleng ho ka thuswa ka ditjhelete tsa NSFAS”.

Ho latela boitseko ba nako e telele ba naha yohle tlasa lepetjo la *#FeesMustFall*, ho ile ha phatlalatswa ka Tshitwe hore batjha ba tswang malapeng a amohelang lekeno le ka tlase ho R350 000 ka selemo ba tla fumana thuto ya mahala e phahameng le kwetliso. Tshebediso e se e ntse e tswela pele mme e tla nne e kenye nywe jwalo ka nako ya dilemo tse hlano.



Morero wa dibasari

Letona Pandor o tiisitse hore tshebediso ya morero wa dibasari e tswela pele hantle.

O ile a re: “Morero o motjha wa dibasari ke thuso e kgolo ya mmuso wa Afrika Borwa le, e le ka nnete, batho ba Afrika Borwa hobane ke makgetho a bona a lefellang hona”.

Morero ona wa dibasari o fuwa baithuti ba yunivesithi ba tshwanelang ba ingodisang lekgetlo la pele le baithuti ba dikholetjhe tsa thuto ya sethekeniki le mosebetsi wa matsoho (di-TVET), dilemong tsohle tsa ho ithuta.

Ho lefella morero ona wa basari, tefelo e ekeditsweng ya mmuso ya R7.166 bilyone e ile ya ajwa ka 2018 – mme

R4.581 bilyone e behetswe thoko bakeng sa baithuti ba tshwanelang ba yunivesithi ha R2.585 bilyone e abetswe baithuti ba kholetjhe ya TVET.

Letona Pandor o itse dikholetjhe tse ipabolang ka makala a itseng a thuto di ka fetoha ho ba ditsi tsa boipabollo bo tshwanang le ho hlaliswa ha boitsebelo bo kgabane ka ho fetisisa lekaleng la bona.

Ha re tea ka mohlala, kholetjhe e nngwe e ka tadimana le boenjenerere ba metjhini ha e nngwe e tobana le phofiso ya difofane, o ile a hlalosa jwalo.

O ile a eketsa ka hore: “Ke dumela hore ho ipabola ka ntho e le nngwe ke bokamoso ba dikholetjhe.”

“Re batla diphetoho. Ha re

batle dikholetjhe tsohle tsa rona ho etsa ntho e tshwanang.”

Kgabareng lenaneo la Ntshe-tsopele ya tsa Kgwebo la Thuto e Phahameng le ne le kgakolwe selemong se fetileng ho kgothaletsa batjha ho iqalla dikgwebo tseo e leng tsa bona.

Le reretswe ho hokahanya ntshe-tsopele ya boemo ba boithuti ba kgwebo ka hara mokga wa thuto ya yunivesithi mona Afrika Borwa. Hona ho kenyeletsa thuto ya kgwebo ka hara thuto ya dikolo, ntshe-tsopele ya boithuti ba kgwebo ya baithuti esita le diyunivesithi tsa kgwebo.

Letona Pandor o itse ho sa loketse ho etswa tse ngata eseng feela ho thusa batjha ho tseba le ho lokela ho qala ho kena mesebetsing, empa e le hore hape e be bathehi ba mosebetsi o motle.

O rata ho bona diinstitjushene tsa thuto e phahameng di fana ka thuto ya kgwebo dithutong kaofela tse ba nang le tsona, e leng ketso e tla etsa hore boradikgau ba banyenyane ba thehe dikgwebo tse ntjha tse ka fetolang sebopeho sa bokamoso ba naha ya rona. **V**

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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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Molaoladikepe o etsa maqhubu



■ Molaoladikepe, Lindiwe Mdletshe o tseba hantle ho phethahatsa.

Allison Cooper

Jwaloka molaoladikepe wa Transnet, Lindiwe Mdletshe (30) o laola diketswana tse matla tse sebediswang ho thusa metsamao ya dikepe ka hara Kou ya Durban. Leha di le nyenyane ka boholo, dike-tswana tsena di matla haholo mme ho sebetsana le tsona ho batla boitsebelo bo boholo.

Mdletshe o tswetswe le ho holela Port Shepstone mme a kena sekolo St Faiths.

“E ne e le boiphihlelo bo boholo ho tseba moo motho a holetseng teng. Ho ne ho se na tshabo, ho fapana le matsatsing ana, mme motho ka mong o ne a holela le ho hodiwa ke matsoho a baahi ba setjhaba.”

Mdletshe o qetile dithuto tsa hae tsa materiki ka 2006, pele a tsamaya ho leba *Durban University of Technology* ho a ithutela *National Diploma* ya Dithuto tsa Lewatle ka 2007.

Kamora ho qeta S1 ka 2007 le S2 ka 2008, o ile a qalella ka kwetliso ya hae ya dilemo tse tharo lewatlang, le Khamphani ya Dikepe tsa Safmarine. Mona o ile a ithuta ho laola sekepe sa morwalo, mawatleng a maholo mme a ema dikoung tse fapaneng tsa Yuropo, Afrika le Asia bakeng sa tshebetso tse itseng tsa morwalo le di-

patlisiso tsa polokeho.

O ile a fumana kgau ya hae ya pele ya dithuto a le dilemo tse 25, ha a bile a qetela ka yona nako eo kgau ya hae ya lengolo la *Master's la Port Operations*. Lengolo lena la ho qetela le mo hlalositse a na le ditokelo ka botlalo tsa ho ba molaoladikepe. O ile a re: “Hona e bile phephetso e kgolo ka ho fetisisa hobane ho ba molaoladikepe ha ho hloke hore motho a be le kgau ya thuto, ekaba feela S1, S2 le kwetliso lewatlang.

Ke kamora hona feela moo hangata motho a ingodisang ho ba molaoladikepe. Ke entse tseo ka bobedi ka nako e le nngwe. Ha ke tswa mosebetsing, ke ne ke ya sekolong ho tswela pele ka dithuto tse entsweng le-tsatsing leo”.

Mdletshe o rata ho ba ka hodima metsi. “Metsi a ka o bolella tse ngata mabapi le seo letsatsi le latelang le tlang ka tsona. Ka matsatsi a mang ho kgutsitse, ka matsatsi a mang ho moferefere mme ka matsatsi a mang maqhubu a a tuduana, ka tsela e jwalo ke lefatshe la diphetoho tse ngata! Dikepe hape le tsona di na le dibopeho tse fapaneng mme di rwala merwalo e fapaneng, mme ka tsela e jwalo di lokela ho tshwarwa ka tsela tse fapaneng,” ho rialo Mdletshe, ya thabelang ho sebetsa le bakganni ba

meetlo e mengata ba tswang dinaheng tse fapaneng.

Diphephetso tsa Indasteri

Ho ba mosadi ka hara indasteri ya lewatle ho na le “diphephetso indastering enwa” ho rialo Mdletshe, ya qollang ditaba tsa bong jwalo ka e nngwe ya diphephetso tse kgolo ka ho fetisisa jwalo ka ha e ntse e tsejwa haholo e le indasteri ya banna.

O ile a re: “Leha basadi ba

“Thuto ke sebetsa se seholo seo ho se nang motho ya ka se nkang ho wena. Dintho tsa thepa di ka senyeha, empa thuto e tla ba teng ho wena ka ho sa feleng.”

leka ka matla ho ikakgela ka setotswana le ho sebetsa ka matla ho totobaletsa batho bokgoni ba bona, hoo ho ka kgathatsa motho haholo. Ke hlotse hona ka ho kgutsa, ho ba le moya le maikutlo a matle a ho sebetsana le batho ho hapa tlhompho ya bona. Ka

mekutu ya ho latella le ho sebetsa hantle, o ka hlola mathata ana ohle”.

Katleho ya Mdletshe ya ho hlola mathata ana e bonahala ka kgau eo a e hapileng jwalo ka molaodi wa setekgeniki mawatleng ya tshwereng mokobobo. “Ke fumane kgau ena ka ho ba ya atlehileng haholo ka ho fetisisa ka nako e kgutshwanyane hobane ke atlehile ho ditekong tsa bohlokasi bo se nang bosodi ke na fela le sebaka sa bekeng ya pele ya ho sebetsa boemong boo.” O bile o fumane kgau e nngwe hape ya “ho ba mohale” ka Mphalane 2017, ka ho baballa dikepe ho moya wa sefefe o tsukutlang ka matla ka ho fetisisa oo Durban e neng e qala ho o bona.

O ile a re: “ho ba molaoladikepe ho bolela hore ka nako e nngwe o lokela ho rwala dieta tse o fetang mme o be le sebete.”

Ho fumana lengolo la hae la kgau ya *Master's* ho bile le bohlokwa bo boholo. “Ho fumana kgau ya ka ho entse hore basebetsimmoho ba ka ba banna ba ntlhomphe haholwanyane. Ba mpotsa kamehla hore ke sebetsana le eng hobane re babedi feela ba fihleletseng mona mme ke wa pele wa ho qeta *Maritime Diploma* mane Koung ya Durban. Hona ho nkentse hore ke bonahale,” o ile a rialo, a hlalosa hore dithuto tsa lewatle ha se lenaneo le bobebe ho ithutela lona.

Mosebetsi wa molaoladikepe

Mdletshe o hlalosa hore Molaoladikepe o laola ka hohle-hohle sekepe le bapalami ba sona.

O lokela ho etsa bonnete ba hore polokeho le thepa ya paballo le ya mollo di boemong bo lokileng mme bo nnetefaditswe, ho laola dipatlisiso tsa selemo le selemo tsa polokeho ya sekepe, etsa bonnete ba hore bakganni ba fumana kwetliso e nepahetseng mme ba saena dibuka tsa bona tsa kwetliso, laola ditekelo tsa botsamaisi ba tshebetso le ho thusa basebetsi ba hae ho hlophisa lenaneo la ntshetsopele le kgemang le mosebetsi wa bona, ho hatella hore ho late-lwe maano a khamphani le ho laola mafelo a polokelo le ho reka thepa e hlokehang.

Mosebetsi o ikgethang wa letsatsi wa Mdletshe o qala ka lenane la metsamao ya dikepe eo yohle e lokelang ho qetwa ha tjhafo e fela. O ile a re: “re qala ka mosebetsi wa dikepe ka hora ya 06:00 mme re qete ka hora ya 17:50.

Hantlente, balaoladikepe ba babedi ba sebetsa hammo-ho, mme molaodi e mong le e mong o etsa mesebetsi e ka bang e robedi. Kamora moo, re lokela ho qeta ka mosebetsi wa ho tlatsa dipampiri tse hloakang ho tlatsuwa. Ha ho na le tshohanyetso ka nako e nngwe re qeta mosebetsi feela kamora hora ya 21:00.”