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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.

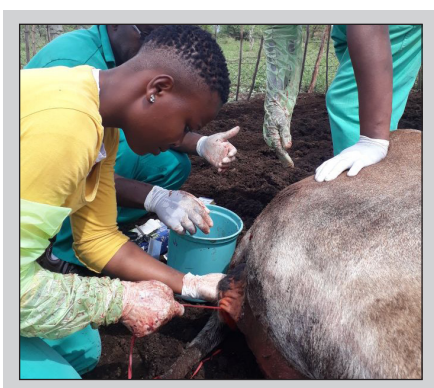
Despite working as a domestic helper from the age

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



Go fetola thuto ya godimo

TONA NALEDI PANDOR o beakanya lefsa karolo ya thuto ya godimo go fihlelela dinyakwa tša ekonomi.

Amukelani Chauke

Tikologo ya thuto ya godimo ya Afrika Borwa e a fetoga, ka thuto ya godimo e sa fihlelele fela eupša e amantšwe kudu go fihlelela dinyakwa tša intasteri. Diphetogo tše di a hlokega bjalo ka ge naga e šomela go beakanyetša bafsa go thoma go tsena mešomong le go kgatha tema ekonoming.

Ge naga e gopola Kgwedi ya Bafsa, *Vuk'uzenzele* e lebediša gabotse ka moo

bafsa ba naga ba fiwago dibaka tša go tšwelela ka Kgoro ya Thuto ya Godimo le Tlhahlo.

Go tloga mola a thwalwa ka Dibokwane bjalo ka Tona ya Thuto ya Godimo le Tlhahlo, Naledi Pandor o filwe mošomo wa go phethagatša thuto ya go se lefelwe go baithuti ba hlokega le "bao maemo a letseno la malapeng a bona le lego magareng gomme le dira gore ba phaelwe thoko ke NSFAS".

Go latela dikhudu-ego tša nako ye telele mo nageng ka fase ga leswao la #FeesMustFall, go tsebagaditšwe ka Manthole gore bafsa bao ba tšwago malapeng ao letseno la bona le lego ka fase ga R350 000 ka ngwaga ba tla amogela thuto ya godimo le tlhahlo ya go se lefelwe.

Phethagatšo e thomile gomme e tla dirwa mo mengwageng ye mehlano.

Setlamo sa pasari

Tona Pandor o kgo-nthišitše gore phethagatšo ya



setlamo sa pasari e sepela gabotse.

"Setlamo sa pasari se sefsa ke tšenogare ye bohlokwa kudu ka mmušo wa Afrika Borwa le, ka nnete, batho ba Afrika Borwa ka gore ke metšhelo ya bona yeo e lefelago se," a realo.

Setlamo sa pasari se abelwa baithuti bao ba nago le maswanedi bao ba tsenago yunibesithi la mathomo le baithuti ba dikholetšhe tša thuto le tlhahlo tša mešomo ya matsogo le bothekniki (di-TVET), mo mengwageng ka moka ya go ithuta.

Go thekga setlamo se sa

dipasari, thekgo ya mmušo ya tlaletšo ya R7.166 bilione e abilwe ka 2018 – gomme R4.581 bilione yona e beetšwe thoko go thuša baithuti ba yunibesithi bao ba nago le maswanedi ge R2.585 bilione yona e abetšwe baithuti ba dikholetšhe tša TVET.

Tona Pandor o re dikholetšhe tše di nepišago ka dikarolong tše di itšego tša thuto di ka ba disenthara tša bokgoni go swana le go tšweletša dihlopha tša mabokgoni a makaone kudu mo karolong ye e rilego.

Mohlala, kholetšhe ye tee e ka nepiša boentšenereng bja semotšhene gomme ye nngwe

ya nepiša bofofaneng, a hla-loša. "Ke tshepa gore nepišo ke bokamoso bja dikholetšhe," a tlaletša.

Re nyaka phapano. Ga re nyake dikholetšhe tša rena ka moka go dira selo sa go swana."

Lenaneo la Tlhabollo ya Kgwebo mo Thutong ya Godimo le thakgotšwe ngwaga wa go feta go hlohleletša bafsa go thoma dikgwebo tša bona.

Maikemišetšo a lona ke go kgokaganya tlhabollo ya sefala sa kgwebo mo karolong ya thuto ya yunibesithi ka Afrika Borwa. Se se akaretša kgwebo thutong ya godimo, tšweletšo ya kgwebo ya baithuti gammogo le diyunibesithi tša kgwebo.

Tona Pandor o re go swanetše go dirwa tše dintši e sego go thuša fela bafsa go lokela mošomo, eupša gore e be bahloodi ba mešomo ye mekaone.

O rata go bona diinstitušene tša thuto ya godimo di aba dithuto tša kgwebo mo dirutweng ka moka tša tšona, e lego phetogo yeo e tla bonago dialoga tše difsa di hlola dikgwebo tše di tla fetolago bokamoso bja naga. ■



■ Tona ya Kgoro ya Thuto ya Godimo le Tlhahlo, Naledi.

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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." ■



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Mosepediši wa dikepekgogi o tanya šedi



■ Mosepediši wa dikepekgogi Lindiwe Mdletshe o tseba go phethagatša.

Allison Cooper

Bjalo ka mosepediši wa dikepekgogi wa Transnet Lindiwe Mdletshe (30) o laola dikepe tše maatla tšeo di thušago mesepelo ya dikepe mo Boemakepeng bja Durban. Le ge e le tše nnyane ka bogolo dikepekgogi ke dikepe tše maatla kudu gomme go di šomiša go nyaka bokgoni bjo bogolo.

Mdletshe o belegwe le go golela Port Shepstone gomme o tsene sekolo St Faiths.

“E bile maitemogelo moo motho a goletšego. Go be go se na letšhogo, go fapana le matšatši a lehono, ngwana yo mongwe le yo mongwe o be a godišwa ke badudi ba mo motseng.”

Mdletshe o phethile marematlou ka 2006, pele a eya Yunibesithing ya Theknolotši ya Durban go ithutela *National Diploma in Maritime Studies* ka 2007.

Ka morago ga go phetha S1 ka 2007 le S2 ya gagwe ka 2008 a thoma tlhahlo ya gagwe ya mengwaga ye mera-ro lewatlang, le Khamphani ya *Safmarine Shipping*. Mo o ithutile gore o laetša bjang sekepe sa merwalo, mo mawatlang a magolo gomme a ema maemakepeng a go fapana ka Yuropa, Afrika le

Asia ka tshepetšo ya merwalo le dinyakišišo tša polokego.

O hweditše tikrii ya gagwe ya mathomo a na le mengwaga ye 25, mola a phethile tikrii ya gagwe ya Mastase ka *Port Operations* ka nako ye tee. Tikrii ya gagwe ya mafelole e mo kgontšhitše go šoma bjalo ka mosepediši wa dikepekgogi yo a nago le maswanedi. “Se e bile tlhohlo ye kgolo ka gore go ba mosepediši wa dikepekgogi ga go nyake gore motho a be le tikrii, o hloka fela S1, S2 le tlhahlo lewatlang. Ke fela ka morago ga moo mo batho ba ingwadišetšago go ba basepediši ba dikepe.

Ke dirile tše ka moka ka nako ye tee. Ge ke tšwa mošomong ke be ke eya sekolong go nyakišiša ka mošomo woo o dirilwego letšatši leo.

Mdletshe o rata go ba ka meetseng. “Meetse a ka go botša tšeo letšatši le go swaretšego tšona. Matšatši a mangwe go fodile, matšatši a mangwe go difefo, nako ye nngwe go na le maphoto, ka gona ke lefase le lebotse le legolo! Dikepe le tšona di na le dibopego tša go fapana gomme di rwala merwalo ya go fapana, seo se ra gore di swanetše go swarwa ka mekgwa ya go fapana,” gwa realo Mdletshe, yoo a ipshina-

go ka go šoma le dihlopha tša ditšo tša go fapana, go tšwa dinageng tša go fapana.

Ditlhohlo tša intasteri

Go ba mosadi ka intastering ya lewatle ke go thulana le “ditlhohlo intastering ye” gwa realo Mdletshe, yoo a tsopolago ditaba tša bong bjalo ka tlhohlo ye nngwe ya tše kgolo ka ge e tsebagala thata bjalo ka indasteri ya banna.

“Thuto ke sebetša se segolo seo go se nago motho yo a ka go tšeelago sona. Dilo tša materiale di ka nyamelela, eupša thuto e tla dula le wena go ya go ile.”

“Le ge basadi ba leka ka maatla go lekanetša le go šoma ka maatla go bontšha batho gore ba fošitše, go a lapiša. Ke kgonne se ka go fola, go ba le moya wo mobotse le go šoma le batho go thopa tlhomphe ya bona. Ka maitapišo a phegelelo le go šoma ka maatla, o ka fenyathata a,” a realo.

Katlego ya Mdletshe ya go

fenya mathata a e hlatsela ke sefoka se a se thopilego bjalo ka molaodi wa sethekniki wa mawatle wa motšwaoswere.

“Ke amogetše sefoka sa go ba mokgoni yo mokaone ka nako ye kopana ka gore ke tšweletše tlhakišong mo bekeng ya mathomo ya go swarela mo maemong.” O amogetše gape sefoka sa “go ba mogale” ka Diphlane 2017, ka go phološa dikepe madimong a mašoro ao Durban e kilego ya a bona.

“Go ba mosepediši wa dikepekgogi go ra gore ka dinako tše dingwe o swanetše go tia gomme o be le sebetse” a realo.

Go hwetša tikrii ya gagwe ya Mastase go dirile phapano.

“Go hwetša tikrii ya ka go kgonthišetše gore ke humana tlhomphe ye ntši go badirišani ba ka ba banna. Ba mpotšiša letšatši le lengwe le le lengwe gore ke swaragane le eng ka gore re ba babedi fela bao ba fihlilego mo gomme ke nna wa mathomo go phetha *Diploma* ya *Maritime* mo Boemakepe bja Durban. Sona se fela, se dirile gore ke tšwelele,” a realo, a hlaloša gore dithuto tša lewatle ga se lenaneo le bonolo go ithutela lona.

Mošomo wa mosepediši wa dikepekgogi

Mdletshe o hlaloša gore Mosepediši wa dikepekgogi ke molaodikakaretšo wa sekepe

le batho bao ba lego ka go sona.

O swanetše go kgonthiša gore didirišwa tša polokego le mollo di maemong a mabotse ebile a kgonthišetšwe, a dire dinyakišišo tša ngwaga le ngwaga tša polokego ya sekepe, go kgonthiša gore sehlopha se hwetša tlhahlo ya maleba le go saena dipuku tša bona tša tlhahlo, go dira tshekatsheko ya taolo ya phethagatšo ya mošomo le go thuša bašomedi ba gagwe go dira lenaneo la tlhahlo go sepelelana le mešomo ya bona, go diragatša dipholisi tša khamphani le go laola mafelo a polokelo le go reka didirišwa tšeo di hlokegago.

Letšatši la mošomo la ka mehla la Mdletshe le thoma ka lenaneo la go sepediša dikepe, woo ka moka o swanetšego go phethwa mafelolong a nako ya mošomo. “Re thoma ka mošomo wa go sepediša dikepe ka iri ya 06:00 gomme ra fetša ka iri ya 17:50.

Ka tlwaelo, basepediši ba dikepekgogi ba babedi ba šoma mmogo, gomme wo motee o phetha mešomo ye e ka bago ye seswai. Ka morago ga moo, re swanetše go phetha mošomo ka moka wa go tlatša dipampiri. Ka mabaka a tšhoganetšo, nako ye nngwe re fetša mošomo ka morago ga iri ya 21:00,” a realo. ■