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### **Baloyi a torch bearer for development**

The Gauteng Department of Water and Sanitation's Molebogeng Baloyi is a public servant who walks with communities and is not one to bow under the pressure of the Covid-19 or anything for that matter.

Baloyi's unadulterated and pure joy is that of being a public servant rooted in her community. A public servant par excellence, Baloyi is the spirit behind efforts to replace inhumane experiences with better living conditions for the vulnerable.

With a feverishness that is only espoused by a few, Baloyi has shown the astuteness that only she can muster. Her resolve to service communities in the face of the deadly Covid-19 has not only marked her out as being alive to the aspirations of communities but as a trusted embodiment of what it means to be in the service of the people.

An unassuming person, Baloyi holds a BTech Water Care from Tshwane University of Technology and an Honours degree in Applied Science in Water Utilisation from the University of Pretoria. Not one to shout at the top of her lungs about her work, Baloyi's achievements speak volumes about her untiring zeal to turn the winter of discontent of the vulnerable people into a glorious summer.

After the outbreak of the Covid-19 in South Africa, Baloyi became a team of officials in the Department who trudged the length and breadth of the country to ensure that needy communities were provided with water and health and hygiene products. To this, Baloyi crisscrossed the City of Tshwane to provide life giving necessities to communities, clinics and schools.

So committed to her cause to uplift communities that Baloyi occupies herself with her work so much that so that there is no distinction between her private and personal life.

Her contribution as a woman to the development in the City of Tshwane has not earned a cabinet full of awards but the respect of many community members she works amongst.



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About the work she has done during the Covid-19, she said: “The outbreak of the Covid-19 meant that I had to look at the situation with new eyes. With the limited resources we have, one has had to stretch them so that a greater majority of vulnerable people benefited from them. I think this is a new normal we have to adopt going forward. This dire situation has taught us to use resources at our disposal with the utmost prudence.”

She said there are many other situations that they had and are still dealing with to address challenges of water and sanitation where she operates. Amongst these, she cites the challenge of substandard water in Hammanskraal, north of the capital.

Baloyi added: “The schools provided with water tanks for drinking purposes are those that experienced water quality and quantity challenges. They have a high number of learners with less water supply due to the fact the demand is more than the average supply. Most schools have boreholes but the yield is too low and does not meet the demand.

Proud of the way she and other women in the Department went to the frontline to provide interventions in fight to slow the spread of the pandemic, Baloyi said time and time again women have proven they have no fear to take on any challenge. She said women of yesteryear have proven, the present crop of women was similarly capable of making an indelible mark in society.

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