

Determination and will to succeed are recipes for success

Determination coupled with hard work and the will to succeed always produces the right formula to rise to the top.

This is the story of Elizabeth Moroaswi from Stykraal B Village in Feta Kgomo Municipality in Greater Sekhukhune District in Limpopo Province.

Moroaswi, who is the 2010 winner of the Women in Water Awards (WWA) under the Community Development Category, does not believe in hand outs. She is always on top of her game to get the best out of it.

Her meteoric rise to the top began when she started the Ikageng ga Masha Cooperative to work towards improving the quality of life for the people of Limpopo, especially those living in rural areas. The cash injection from winning the award gave her all the ammunition and armoury to set the ball in motion.

The project is owned by 8 women and one man.

A happy and elated Moroaswi said, "I won first prize in Women in Water Awards under Community Development Category in 2010. I got R100 000 for development of the project and the livelihood of the members."

Her project is a greening programme that produces vegetables using the most economic method of conserving water by dripping the irrigation system. "Everyday before we irrigate, we check the irrigation system for leaks, if they exist we fix them before we start irrigating our plants so as to save water."

According to Moroaswi, "this project benefits our community in the following areas – Youth development through impartation of agricultural skills. We donate vegetables to schools during events and to communities during funerals particularly those that are very poor."

The local community of the area get their water from tunnels and Lepelle River."

GaSekhukhune is a water scarce area. "Since we won the prize in Durban we have encouraged women in our community to look after water. The women groups that we are supporting are: Namolelang Basadi Women's Group: They clean and maintain water canals; Pela Kwena women's group were given lessons on water saving tactics

She added that the Mashupjane Greening project won a water award in 2011 through "our support." The Ngwana Manthe Youth Group also won a prize in 2013. "All our projects are using water saving methods in their farming activities. Our project together

with Ngwanamanthe project supplies Lebowakgomo Spar with vegetables. Local people do no longer go to Polokwane,” added Moroaswi.

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