



PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth:	29 April 1995
Languages:	English; (Excellent), isiXhosa (Excellent), isiZulu (Fair)
Prof. membership:	Prince2 Foundation Candidate no: 2000188825 South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association Membership no: 287604010612
Years' Experience:	4.5 years
Countries worked in:	South Africa

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Master of Commerce (Economics), University of Western Cape, South Africa, 2021
- Bachelor of Commerce Honours (Economics), University of Western Cape, South Africa, 2018
- Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Investments), University of Western Cape, South Africa, 2017

FIELD OF SPECIALISATION

Lelethu Bodlani is a consultant at PDG and started as an intern in January 2022. She currently holds a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of the Western Cape. She has a strong interest in public sector development, municipal governance, financial modelling, and analysis to support municipal services and green finance. Her previous experience is in financial development and inclusion in Sub Saharan Africa and East Africa. Her skills set include quantitative research and analysis, financial modelling, qualitative analysis and reporting, market research, and providing technical support.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 23 – Present

PDG, Cape Town, South Africa
Consultant

Jan 22 – Dec 22

PDG, Cape Town, South Africa
Intern

May 20 – Nov 21

Cenfri, Cape Town, South Africa
Research Assistant

Jun 19 – Dec 19

University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa
Research Assistant

Feb 18 – Jun 19

University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa
Economics Tutor

KEY PROJECTS

2022 - 2023: Alternative sanitation provision in informal settlements: Part of the team that undertook research and analysis to identify and evaluate different service provision models for alternative sanitation provision in informal settlements in the City of Cape Town. This included the development of a bespoke financial model to assess the financial implications of each service delivery model.

2022: Evaluation of the Reading and Leadership Strengthening in South African Schools for Learning During Covid-19 and Beyond Programme (REALS SA) (UNICEF): Part of the core evaluation team conducting fieldwork planning and implementation; financial analysis; support to the team across the evaluation project life cycle.

2022 Synthesis of NDP Research Papers: PDG was appointed by DPME to do the technical analysis of 27 research papers to synthesize, review and support implementation of the NDP. Lelethu was responsible for the primary and secondary review and analysis papers in the Economic and Environment sectors.

2022 State of Cities Finances Report: PDG was appointed by the South African Cities Network (SACN) to update the State of City Finances Report, last published in 2020, by analysing changes in the state of municipal finances over a 10-year period to gauge changes between the two administrative terms; changes in the cost and affordability of municipal bills; the role of governance in municipal finances and propose an agenda for further research. Quantitative data collection.

2022: United Cities and Local Government's (UCLG) World Observatory report: PDG was appointed to conduct financial analysis and update the country profiles for Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia, and South Africa for the next edition of the Report of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment. Lelethu was part of the core team providing desktop and quantitative analysis.

2021: Remittance Access Innovation Programme (Cenfri): Lelethu was part of the core Cenfri team that was scoping and providing technical assistance. The aim was to work with 14 remittance service providers (RSPs) across seven countries (Uganda, Kenya, Ghana, The Gambia, Senegal, Morocco and South Africa). The objective was to enhance access to remittances for low income, rural and female-headed households through innovating customer due diligence (CDD) processes. The programme is aimed at providing technical assistance and capacity building to these private sector players with a view to innovating their compliance processes around know-your-customer processes, including a special focus on alternative ways to presenting physical identity documentation by the remittance recipient. Lelethu provided quantitative support, presentation and visualization of findings and broader support across the project lifecycle.

2021: Access to Basic Services (Cenfri): Lelethu was part of the core team that conducted a scoping of access to basic service delivery across three sectors, namely energy, health and education, in order to provide a strategic recommendation on digital delivery tools that should be used in the focus countries in order to broaden access to service

delivery. Her role included, data analysis, presentation development and engaging with various stakeholders in the sector to get a broader view on current digital delivery models being used and the barriers faced in broadening service delivery.

2020: COVID19 and Gender Segmentation (Cenfri). Lelethu helped to provide gendered segmented insights on the impact of COVID-19 in developing countries such as South Africa, Kenya, and Nigeria. Her role included data analysis of household surveys and proposed insights that were later developed into two blog articles. 2019/20 Research Assistant: University of Western Cape Preparing literature reviews, gathering and analysing data, meeting regularly with supervisor to discuss research assignments.

2018/19: Economics Tutor (University of Western Cape): Evaluate and grade students' class work and assignments, initiate, facilitate, and moderate classroom discussions.

PUBLICATIONS

SACN (SOUTH AFRICAN CITIES NETWORK). 2022. State of City Finances Report 2022. Johannesburg: South African cities Network. ISBN: 9780-0-621-50724-9.

HUNTER, R., ABRAHAMS, M., BODLANI, L. 2020, A first look at gendered impacts of COVID-19 on livelihoods, 15 May 2020, Cape Town, South Africa (<https://cenfri.org/articles/a-first-look-at-gendered-impacts-of-covid-19-on-livelihoods/>)

HUNTER, R., ABRAHAMS, M., & BODLANI, L. 2020, The detrimental effects of COVID-19 and lockdown on the livelihoods of female-headed households in Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa, 25 May 2020, Cape Town, South Africa (<https://cenfri.org/articles/effects-of-covid19-lockdown-on-livelihoods-of-female-headed-households/>)

NEUGEBAUER, V., FAIRHURST, M., GRAY, J., BODLANI, L., & KUPOLATI, F. 2021, Digitalisation to improve food supply chain efficiency, 10 December 2021, Cape Town, South Africa (<https://cenfri.org/articles/digitalisation-to-improve-food-supply-chain-efficiency/>)