



PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth:	29 April 1995
Languages:	English; (Excellent), isiXhosa (Excellent), isiZulu (Excellent)
Prof. membership:	None
Years' Experience:	1 year 6 months
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 an intern at PDG. Lelethu's studies were in the area of Developmental Economics from the University of Western Cape. She is a budding developmental economist focused on the ambitions around an increasingly digital and connected world. She brings to her work a background in financial and digital inclusion, and logistic ecosystems. Lelethu has experience in quantitative and qualitative research, market research, and providing some technical support for remittance service providers in East Africa.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 21 – present

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

2020/21 Research Assistant: Cenfri Performed quantitative analysis and helped produce reports outlining results, collaborated with team members to initiate best practices to achieve organisational goals, performed research into study topics to increase knowledge and ability provide valuable contributions to developmental partners.

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

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/>)

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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/>)