

## Butterworth resident one of Africa's first female Master Butchers



Ntombizandile Moyeni, from Butterworth in the Eastern Cape, became one of the first 13 women on the continent to join the global club of certified Master Butchers when she graduated from the Shoprite Group's Master Meat Artisan Programme in July 2023.

This elite butchery learning programme, underwritten by the United Kingdom's Institute of Meat, provides participants with extensive knowledge in meat processing practices from farm to fork. To qualify, butchers are required to build a substantial portfolio of evidence that includes modules on butchery expertise, business acumen and food hygiene and safety, among others.

"This programme has strengthened my knowledge on hygiene, meat cutting, sausage making, supervising and handling admin," commented Moyeni.

Moyeni, who has twenty-one years retail experience, joined Shoprite Fingloland Mall in 2015 as Meat Market Manager. She started working in retail as a part-time butchery assistant and fondly recalls assisting customers for the first time. Though she's gained more experience over the years, she still rates engaging with customers as her favourite part of the job.

"I plan to use the knowledge I've gained in the programme to continuously improve my skills and also share it with the team so that we can all work better and provide our customers with excellent service," says Moyeni.

The Group is the only company in Africa to provide this exclusive and highly specialized butchery learning programme. It aims to boost the development of a scarce and sought-after skill, provide career opportunities for its employees and put the Group on the map as world-class specialists in meat processing.

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