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Pioneering Research in Deagrarianisation and Rural Development



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Position:

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Organization:

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Field of research:

Environmental science

Asisipho Khinkwayo is an MSc candidate at Rhodes University, focusing on the deagrarianisation phenomenon in the rural villages of the Eastern Cape, South Africa. Her research aims to identify factors driving the shift from agricultural to non-agrarian livelihoods, providing insights for interventions to bolster rural agriculture.

Driven by curiosity and finding solutions with long-term benefits, Asisipho's research seeks to solve real-world problems, enhancing food security and eradicating poverty. "My research attempts to have a long-lasting effect by enhancing the lives of those who come from disadvantaged circumstances," she says.

The AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science has helped Asisipho hone her leadership and scientific research skills, connecting her with mentors and peers in her field. "The program equips you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to become a leader," she advises young women.

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