

## **Testimonial: WIRHE graduate - Justice Mautjana**

My name is Dr J M Mautjana, Rural Primary Health Care Practitioner presently placed at Moretele Sub-District in the North West province, South Africa. I was introduced to the scholarship in October 2005 at an interview for Bursary in Medicine.

I come from a family of 8, me being the fifth born of the clan, and the time I started school my father took an early pension due to illness and by the time I was in Grade 6 my mother followed, so dreams of pursuing a career that I admire were challenged early as we fought against poverty as a family, the fight we would eventually submit to due to the poor education background from my family.

I learned through the scholarship that, no matter how bright you are, it takes people who care to change your life. I completed my matric in 2002 and stayed three years at home until I heard about the scholarship over a local radio station. I then went to an interview and met the first member of WIRHE then, Dr Tumbo, who, after granting a bursary to me, Dr Maboja and Mmote Nkoe (Occupational Therapist), took our forms out of his pocket and went to register us at the Medical University of Southern Africa commonly known as Medunsa.

Since then WIRHE took care of all problems we encountered during our years of studying and were resolved as a group.

As the former students of WIRHE, we are grateful to what the scholarship has done for our community and the skills it empowered us with as we re-build our community from foundations of poverty, violence and drug abuse and we continue to hope it grows to empower those who are greatly unfortunate like we were.