## **Profile**

## **Lerato Phasha**



Lerato is the Portfolio Head for Municipal Finance and Revenue Enhancement. The portfolio is responsible to assist the municipalities with long term financial sustainability and viability, strengthening financial management systems and controls and to enhance revenue management.

Lerato is a finance professional and researcher with over a decade worth of financial management and policy development and banking experience in both the private and public sectors. Lerato is an MBA graduate, she also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from Wits Business School and B-Tech Internal Audit undergraduate from Tshwane University of Technology. Lerato is skilled and has more than 15 years' experience in municipal financial accounting reporting, and financial management, revenue generation and enhancement thereof, municipal fiscal policy and long, medium, and short-term turnaround strategies.

She has a vast knowledge of municipal legislative mandates (MFMA, MSA, MPRA), lead and contributed to various projects (e.g., State of the city finance 2023 (SACN) and assessment of application for tariffs by 9 waterboards (SALGA)) and Determination of cost reflective tariffs (Bela Bela). She is passionate about enabling and transforming financial information into a valuable resource for organizational viability, growth, and sustainability. A smart, dedicated individual with great negotiation and communication skills.