



HoD of CoGHSTA,(Centre)Ms Ngaka Dumalisile posing with the 2017/18 Interns

## **COGHSTA BIDS FAREWELL TO THE DEPARTING 2017/18 INTERNS**

The end of the government financial year also marks the end of the year's internship programme. The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs had an intake of 120 youth graduates who embarked on an internship programme from the 1<sup>t</sup> of April 2017 to 31 March 2018. This is an annual government programme which is aimed at transferring work experience to graduates from institutions of higher learning.

The HOD for CoGHSTA, Ms. Ngaka Dumalisile gave a captivating and motivational address during the farewell ceremony that was held at Fusion Boutique Hotel in Polokwane on Tuesday, 27 March 2018. She encouraged them not to see the end of the internship programme as the end of the world but the beginning of hope to navigate into a workplace. She further encouraged them to embrace opportunities that will come their way and also instilled gratitude the outgoing interns. The HOD also advised them to have a 'vision board', as it will push them towards realising their goals. Dumalisile also thanked the mentors for all the work they put in every year training interns.

Ms Molepo Tebogo (35) whom was placed under the Departmental Expenditure and Housing Finance section speaking on behalf on the her folks she said "She is now familiar on how government functions and feels grateful for the opportunity. The programme was worthwhile, it taught me a lot about communication skills, team work and how to work smart".

Molepo says with her monthly stipend, she managed to pay for a kitchen unit for her mother and she saved some to further her studies.

Mr Lincoln Malapane (26) also took part in the programme, he was placed under the Human Settlements Development, and is also grateful for the opportunity and with the stipend he was receiving every month, he was able to pay for his studies.

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