

# Siphesihle Sangweni



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**Siphesihle Sangweni** is a 23-year-old logistics entrepreneur from KwaZulu-Natal. Born in Mtubatuba and raised in Durban, Siphesihle is the founder of **Kate-Mkhipheni (Pty) Ltd**, a female, black-owned transportation logistics company.

Kate-Mkhipheni specialises in transporting raw materials such as coal, chrome and anthracite, serving mines and construction companies across KZN. The company uses heavy goods vehicles and medium commercial vehicles to ensure safe, reliable and timely delivery. Siphesihle's vision is to provide exceptional logistics solutions while creating employment opportunities in her community.

Siphesihle is a self-taught entrepreneur who started her family business in 2020. Initially focused on livestock farming, the business pivoted to logistics in 2023 after acquiring an 18-cube truck to serve a mining contract in Mtubatuba. From transporting coal within mine plants to construction site deliveries, Siphesihle has led the company through rapid growth and skill development, constantly learning and innovating to make the business sustainable.

The opportunity to serve her community and the potential to grow within the logistics industry inspired Siphesihle to pursue this path. She is motivated by the chance to create a lasting legacy, positively impact lives and demonstrate that youth from underdeveloped areas can thrive through hard work, courage and vision.

If funding were unlimited, Siphesihle would invest in fleet management systems, green fleet technology, AI logistics solutions and sustainable infrastructure like warehouses. Her long-term goal is to expand into multiple transportation modes, establish hubs in key markets and tap into e-commerce logistics, ultimately making Kate-Mkhipheni a competitive force nationally and internationally.

Being part of the **Metropolitan Collective Shapers** programme has provided mentorship, practical business insights and networking opportunities, while helping Siphesihle build confidence, strategic thinking, accountability and self-acceptance. The programme allowed her to refine her business strategy, better understand the logistics industry and find her voice as a young entrepreneur.

Siphesihle is committed to empowering the Mtubatuba community by hiring and mentoring young people, supporting local talent and sharing knowledge with emerging entrepreneurs. Through her business and this platform, she aims to create more job opportunities, inspire youth and contribute meaningfully to the local economy.

Beyond business, Siphesihle is a creative writer, using emotions and personal experiences as inspiration. She enjoys connecting with people and helping others grow. Her guiding mantra is:  
**"Be the change that you want to see in the world."**

