

## **From Groceries Shelf Packer to Branch Manager at Shoprite**

Mzwandile Mtati (37) from Lady Frere, Eastern Cape, started his journey at Shoprite in 2005 as a Groceries Shelf Packer and has since climbed the career ladder to become Branch Manager.

Mtati was inspired by his colleague, Khanya Luvuno, who was a Scanning Clerk at the time and now works as a Divisional Buyer. “He was young and extremely driven, and I wanted to be just as dedicated as he was. It led me to developing myself and my career,” said Mtati.

The Shoprite Group is South Africa’s largest private sector employer with over 140 000 employees, excluding indirect employment. Despite the effect of the lockdown and unrest on retail trade, the Group still managed to create 4 608 new jobs in South Africa in the past financial year.

Over the past five years, the Group has spent more than R700 million on extensive retail skills and training programmes.

“Passion and determination are just some of the ingredients that have led to my success. When opportunities present themselves, you must make the most of them,” explains Mtati.

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