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**LIMPOPO TEACHER NAMED TOP TEN FINALIST FOR THE GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE 2020**

Mokhudu Cynthia Machaba from Ngwanamago Primary School in Mogodumo Circuit, Capricorn South District has been named a top 10 finalist for the Global Teacher Prize 2020.

The Foundation phase teacher was shortlisted after being selected from over 12 000 nominations and applications from over 140 countries around the world.

Limpopo MEC for Department of Education, Polly Boshielo was elated at the announcement. "I am thrilled to have one of our own recognised at a global scale for her determination to help our children rise above challenges presented to them. It is a recognition that comes after her unwavering determination to use information and communication technology (ICT) to improve teaching and learning in an environment where resources are limited.

She started with just a single cell phone for internet access in class and went on to win prizes for integrating ICT in the classroom. We are proud of her for making it to the finals. We are behind her and rooting for the overall winner position", said MEC Boshielo

Machaba joins US teacher Leah Juelke and South Korean teacher Yun Jeong-hyun as a top 10 finalist. The remaining seven top 10 finalists will be announced one each week in the run up to the Global Teacher Prize ceremony, expected to take place on 3 December 2020 where the overall winner will be announced.

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