

## **JUDITH THOMPSON**

*Program Manager, DTCare and DTSpark South Africa and Zimbabwe Operations*

Judith obtained certification in program management from the University of Pretoria. Judith has an extensive background in the acquisition process of military equipment and program management for the South African Government, most of which comes from her 33 years of experience as a chief contract official.

Judith excels at receiving and evaluating user requirements; supply chain management per the applicable South African government policies and practices; liaising between the government and contracting party; prepping and drafting government contracts with all relevant quality, financial, and legal requirements; as well as placing the order and managing the request through to final contract fulfillment and payment.

Currently, Judith acts as country manager of DTCare's education funding program and DTSpark's portfolio in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Judith manages all aspects of the microfinance process on behalf of donors and borrowers for DTCare. She oversees and manages children's enrolment in local schools; the budget for all educational expenses; the payments of school fees, learning material, stationery, boarding requirements, and data costs; the procurement and delivery of supporting equipment including, laptops, writing material, and clothing; the navigation and arrangement of study permits and passports for all international students; the coordination and facilitation of advanced training and exposure to the business environment for senior students; relationships with all educational institutions to monitor the performance and requirements of students; reports to DTCare Management on student performance; and the submission of quarterly financial audits.

Her proactive and on-the-ball approach, superb people and management skills, and fluency in both Afrikaans and English ensure that she fills her role seamlessly and expertly. Judith brings rich real-world insight and wisdom to her role as Program Manager for DTSpark's portfolio and DTCare's South African and Zimbabwean operations.

