Heroes in the battle for health

There have been many successes in the fight against the disease since it was first identified in 1983. Bianca Capazorio speaks to some young South Africans at the forefront of the work in the field.

**NYASHIKA SHADU**

Her journey started in 1985 when she joined the University of Cape Town. She later worked as a research assistant and is now a lecturer and researcher at the University of Cape Town.

**LADYDORENG POLOLO**

She was born in Botswana and is currently a research fellow at the University of Cape Town. She is working on developing a vaccine for HIV.

**NOMUSI TOLOBA**

She is a student at the University of Cape Town and is working on the development of new treatments for HIV.

**SHUSHIKA MAVUNGE**

She is a researcher at the University of Cape Town and is working on the development of new drugs for HIV.

**ZENDILE TUNGWANE**

She is a student at the University of Cape Town and is working on the development of new treatments for HIV.

**TASLEMA ELINOX**

She is a researcher at the University of Cape Town and is working on the development of new treatments for HIV.

**ZONISA WONGAN**

She is a student at the University of Cape Town and is working on the development of new treatments for HIV.

These young scientists are making a difference in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Their work is crucial in the battle against this deadly disease.