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PROFILE OF VICTOR T. MAKGWANA

BACKGROUND

I am the initiator and founder of Impact Group. My aim is to assist businesses to navigate the maze of the business world, making an impact for my own and others' communities.

My route started with qualifying in the Medical Field. Realising the need, I established the First Medical Centre in one of Klerksdorp's (Northwest Province) disadvantaged communities in South Africa. I continued to make an Impact by participating in the drafting of the New National Health Regulation System after the fall of the Apartheid System within South Africa in 1994. I was in the same team as the former Deputy National Health Minister Dr Molefi Sefularo.

My route continued in 1998 to the UK to source unique projects to plough back into my own community. During this part of my ventures I sought out Gavin Wright, founding member of a well-known company TLC Worldwide. This company had a number of "firsts" in the world of safe patient handling. They were the first to offer an instructors' level course to the medical professions through the Royal College of Nursing (RCN™) as well the first to offer a diploma level course through the Oxford & Cambridge Assessment Boards and were recognised in the 60th Anniversary of the NHS publication with the Best Practice Award.

Due to my previous involvement with the Former Deputy Health Minister, I brought the concept of Safe Patient Handling to his attention. Following presentations at the highest level in Government, Dr. Sefularo was the first person to approve the concept, which would have been the first in South Africa in a structured format, for implementation throughout all 407 State Hospitals. This initially got underway during 2010 but was cut short due to the untimely death of Dr. Sefularo. With the aid of the current Government, the initiative has been re-instituted under the name of Dr. Molefi Sefularo as a memorial in his honour. This will still be the first time the concept has been implemented in South Africa with the aim of making the Northwest a centre of excellence, ultimately leading to South Africa becoming a beacon for the rest of Africa in this regard.

The navigation through the maze took me to Germany where I enlisted the cooperation of one of the world's leading medical device manufacturers and to Loughborough University, home of the world leading research facility in this field.

The run of the maze continued to set foot in China. Impact Consulting & Associates established a further subsidiary company for the Impact Group named DeShengYin Impact Technology Co., Ltd. We sought out Dr. Weng (a world-renowned scientist and a member of the China School of Technology), and successfully negotiated a partnership with Comeall (an optical fibre technology company). The technology we have is ready to be implemented on a global scale to improve internet speeds. Negotiations are ongoing with the Commercial Dept. of China to implement the first Africa - China Trade Centre, aimed to strengthen business ties for small to medium business enterprises and to encourage the exchange of university students between the two countries.