



Gift of the Givers FOUNDATION



Dr Imtiaz Ismail Sooliman.

- Born 7 March 1962 in Potchefstroom in the North-West.
- Matriculated at Sastri College in Durban in 1978.
- Qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Natal Medical School in 1984.
- Commenced private practice in Pietermaritzburg in 1986 and had to terminate it in June 1994 to concentrate fully on Gift of the Givers Foundation which he founded on 6 August 1992.
- Developed GOTG into one of the world's most respectable humanitarian organisation.
- It is the largest disaster response agency of African origin on the African continent.
- It implements 21 different categories of projects and in it's 25 year history has delivered 2.1 billion rand of aid to millions of people in 43 countries, South Africa included.

Major achievements through his effort:

- Designed and developed the world's first and only containerised mobile hospital of its kind in 1993, deployed in Bosnia and compared by CNN to any of the best hospitals in Europe.
- Designed the world's first containerised primary health care unit in 1994.
- The first organisation in the history of South Africa to be given R60 million by government to design and roll out 204 000 food parcels.
- Innovated the world's first groundnut-soya high energy and protein supplement (Sibusiso Ready Food Supplement) in 2004, ideal in conditions of HIV/AIDS, TB, Malnutrition, Cancer and various debilitating conditions.
- Developed Africa's largest open source computer lab in 2007 and deployed it in Northbury Secondary School in Pietermaritzburg.
- A special commemorative “Limited Edition” Gift of the Givers stamp was issued by the S.A Post Office in February 2013.
- A book “A Mercy to All” on Dr Imtiaz Sooliman and Gift of the Givers was published in August 2014.

Extensively profiled in multiple media locally and internationally including profiles in

- ▲ CNN’s “African Voices” in 2011
- ▲ eNCA’s “Movers and Shakers” in 2013
- ▲ SABC 3's “21 Icons” in 2014

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F O U N D A T I O N



Have received 125 personal and organisational awards nationally and internationally including:

Please see attached awards list.

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