



**Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng (MBChB)**

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**Global Doctors for Choice (GDC) proudly congratulates GDC-South Africa's Co-Lead Doctor and Sexual and Reproductive Rights expert, Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, on her recent appointment as UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health.**

Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng holds a MBChB degree from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa and was appointed Commissioner at the Commission for Gender Equality by the President of South Africa in 2019. She is an expert in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and has worked independently with a focus on policy, clinical services, public health information and development for the past 13 years. Dr. Mofokeng has advised on national policy on the National Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee on Adolescent SRHR Framework Strategy, as well as the Multi-Party Women's Caucus (MPWC) of the Parliament of South Africa on sex work decriminalization. She is a co-lead doctor at Global Doctors for Choice-South Africa, as well as a board member at the Soul City Institute for Social Justice, Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Task-force, Safe Abortion Action Fund, Accountability International and the Global Advisory for Sexual Health and Well-being.

Due to her national leadership, commitment to advocacy, and understanding of global health politics, Dr. Mofokeng's has collaborated with several international partners to advocate for SRHR, including abortion access. These impressive collaborations have facilitated advocacy efforts such as a keynote address on behalf of the Global HER Act in the United States Senate and briefing for United States congressional staff regarding the "Impact of the Global Gag rule" in South Africa and the African region. Dr. Mofokeng is a member of the International Sexual and Reproductive Rights Coalition (ISRRC) and represented the Africa region at the 50<sup>th</sup> United Nations' Commission on Population Development (CPD). She was the first ever civil society member to deliver a statement to the United Nations Human Rights Council at the 36<sup>th</sup> Session on using Human Rights standards to ensure access to safe abortion across the world.

Over the last five years, Dr. Mofokeng has held partnerships with organizations such as ONE campaign, UNFPA, Population Connect, and Inroads and has traveled to India, Uruguay, Berlin, United States, Ivory Coast, and Senegal on behalf of SRHR advocacy. Examples of advocacy campaigns include #fight4HER, #mybodymychoice, #DrTSexBook, and #YoungFeministvoices.

Dr. Mofokeng is a thought leader and a broadcaster who uses media as an advocacy tool. She was a presenter on Al Jazeera's "The Cure," a columnist at *The Sunday Times*, and Additionally, she has been published internationally in *The Guardian*, *Teen Vogue*, and *Project Syndicate*, with syndication of an opinion piece published in February 2020 leading to 1.2 print copies in more than 26 countries and 19 languages.

Dr. Mofokeng has facilitated workshops at 10 health campuses across South Africa, guest lectured at Wesleyan College, WV, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, MD, and Rutgers University, NY. Dr. Mofokeng currently serves as a technical advisor for Global Health Strategies' SAFE Project and project manager for their healthcare provider advocacy training. Additionally, she is a senior Aspen New Voices Fellow, recipient of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 120under40 New Generation Leader in Family Planning Award, and has been named a global leader for her work on Gender Equality at the Goalkeepers awards in New York named Glamour Woman of the Year for 2019 in Health. Dr. Mofokeng is an author of the South African bestseller, "Dr T: A Guide to Sexual Health and Pleasure".