

## **Lorato - Write Up**

My name is Lorato Patricia Moncho, I'm the founder of Loetopele Construction and Projects, 100% female-owned entity. Our core business is Occupational Health and Safety Consultants based in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province of South Africa.

As the director of LTP Construction and Projects, I was partaking in the women's month visual event in August 2021 hosted by BBCBE Youth and SAWIC & BE Youth in Gauteng, South Africa. I was doing the summary of the event that involved political party members and other high profile business owners. Through my participation in the programme, I was then approached by Balwin Foundation to train women in construction from the BBCBE and SAWIC & BE organizations on 3 courses namely: Health and Safety Representative, First aid and Fire-fighting. This opportunity benefited 8 women from both organizations and was sponsored by Balwin Foundation.

I was then featured in the eMagazine of World Safety and Health in Asia for March 2022 edition, as part of celebrating International Women's month and Women in Safety. I wrote an article about women in safety, and their daily challenges and successes that we face on site. How do I manage to win when faced with challenges on site? Furthermore, I was also interviewed on a live podcast with #SafeTeaFirst Asia which also talks about Women in Safety. I must say with my background, I managed to motivate many female safety officers through the positive and enthusiastic approach to safety. I believe that my contribution with the article and podcast really influenced many female safety officers to know that safety is a very interesting career and it allows you to learn different factors in your working environment on a daily basis. And lastly, to encourage women that they must not feel sidelined in this career, the more they are committed to their career they will be recognized and be given the platform and the opportunities, and this will lead the next generation to have a positive mindset towards the Safety Industry.