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## **PROFILE**

Born in 1971 to a Christian family of scarce resources in Tefle, Volta Region, Ghana, he always dreamed of breaking the back bone of poverty through education. At the age of 12, he received a prophecy that he would be going abroad to further his education. In 1985, at age 14, the prophecy was accomplished but not without difficulties. After taking the exams to send students to Cuba, he placed first in his district but was unlawfully replaced by the son of the most powerful politician of the district. A concerned citizen sent him to the office of the former President Jerry John Rawlings, when he was allowed to participate in the national test in which he became first.

He was in Cuba for 17 years, right from the junior high school to the medical school and subsequently to the postgraduate specialist course of Neurosurgery.

When he completed the Neurosurgical course in 2001, the people of Belize found him and took him to that country as they needed Neurosurgical Services which they had never had the privilege of enjoying locally. He performed simple and complex surgeries on many people including the elite of Belize with no surgical mortality in his 5 consecutive years of practice.

In the USA, under Dr. Robert Grossman, a well-known neurosurgeon, he worked as a Clinical Research Specialist where he was invited by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons of America to present six papers in their international conferences.

After 28 years, he has decided to come back to Africa to help his people as he has come to the convincing realization that he is more needed here than in the United States of America.

He was deeply touched by the spirit of selflessness of the Cubans and Americans and this shaped his world view in the subconscious level till he came to the conscious realization that a meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being prefect...It is about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others. It is only then that we could have a full, happy and contented life. He came home to give back to his people in the field of Neurological Surgery and philanthropic efforts to help alleviate the problems of the helpless, the destitute, the orphans and vulnerable children, the widows and their children, the elderly, the mentally disabled, the physically disabled including the deaf and the blind, students, patients and the public at large through the Cosmopolitan Aid Foundation.

## ACHIEVEMENT

- African Legend Award by Africa Network Television, Gainesville, Florida, USA-2015
- Co-founder and President of the non-governmental organization, Cosmopolitan Aid Foundation-2014
- First ever Clinical Research Specialist of the Department of Neurosurgery of the Methodist Hospital of Houston, Texas. Presented in one single international conference of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, five papers in San Francisco, California (2010) and one paper in New Orleans, Louisiana, (2009).
- Motivational speeches to the youth on personal perseverance and resilience-2003 to present
- First ever Neurosurgeon to set up Neurological Surgery Unit and to practise in Belize, Central America & Caribbean.
- Authored a book in the field of Spinal Surgery titled: Lumbar discopathy and other lumbosacral conditions-2002
- Authored a book in Organic Chemistry for Students of High Performance-1991
- Medals of all colours for 3 consecutive years in the Cuba “What do you know” of Chemistry in the Senior High School-1988-1991
- First position in the examinations organized at the National Level for students going to Cuba-1985
- Suma cum laude at all levels of education.

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

ORGANISATION	DATE	POSITION
Cosmopolitan Aid Foundation	2014- current	Co-founder/President
Ridge Regional Hospital Neurosurgery	2014- current	Senior Specialist of
Tamale Teaching Hospital Neurosurgery	2013-2014	Senior Specialist of
The Methodist Hospital, Houston, USA. Surgical Assistant.	2008-2013	Clinical Research Specialist &
Universal Health Services/ Belize Health Partners Limited, Belize City, Belize, Central America & Caribbean.	2002-2007	Consultant in Neurosurgery

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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Clinical Research Specialist	2008	The Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas, USA.

**Instructor in Neurosurgery,** 2001 “Hermanos Ameijeiras” University Hospital  
 Department of Neurosurgery  
 Havana Medical School, Cuba.

## MEMBERSHIPS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP	SINCE	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP
Ghana Medical Association	2014	National Member
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	2002	International Member
Belize Medical and Dental Association	2002	National Member

## EDUCATION

SCHOOL	DATE	CERTIFICATE
Havana Medical School Cuba.	1997-2001	Neurosurgeon ( <i>cum laude</i> with Havana, highest honours).
Havana Medical School Havana, Cuba.	1993-1997	Medical Doctor ( <i>cum laude</i> with highest honours).

## HONOURS AND RECOGNITION

2015	African Legend Award by Africa Network Television, Gainesville, Florida, USA  For the humanitarian efforts of the Cosmopolitan Aid Foundation and professional achievements.
2010	Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons for classifying 5 papers which were presented at the conference in San Francisco: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Decompressive Hemicraniectomies”</li> <li>2. “Cauda Equina Syndrome Secondary to Lumbosacral Disc Herniation”</li> <li>3. “Clinical outcomes after Microsurgical approach for Recurrent Lumbar Disc Herniations”</li> <li>4. “Outcome of Microsurgery of Herniated lumbar discs: Goals for comparison with minimally invasive surgery (MIS)”</li> <li>5. “ Microsurgical medial facetectomy and discectomy”</li> </ol>
2009	Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons for classifying a paper which was presented at conference in New Orleans: “Decompressive Hemicraniectomies”

- 2002 Universal Health Services-Pioneered the setup of the first Neurosurgical Unit in Belize.
- 2001 “Hermanos Ameijeiras” University Hospital Excellence in Teaching Award—“given to the neurosurgical resident who has most contributed to junior resident and medical student education through knowledge and art”
- 2000 Honoured for scoring 100% in the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> academic years of neurosurgical residency training examinations.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Voado EY, Grossman RG. Microsurgical medial facetectomy and discectomy.** Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. 2010 Oct.

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