

DEDICATION

I dedicate this work, firstly, to my family. My husband, Fhatuwani Mulaudzi, your unwavering support and motivation throughout this PhD project was incredible. Your constant loving push and compelling words: *'You are already halfway through just give this one more push, and you will be done!'*

To my daughters, Anza, Masana and Wanga Madembe, I will always cherish your wise and encouraging words that there are things that one cannot give up without thinking of *unintended* consequences. I love you.

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Yes, I could not have done this without the Almighty God.