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Kyeema Foundation supporting our staff and communities in this time of COVID-19

The last few months have seen a massive disruption to life as we know it around our global community, with the communities that we work in Africa and the Pacific also dealing with the impact of COVID-19 outbreaks. With several more months of uncertainty ahead, there is a huge need for us all to ensure we are part of strengthening our social fabric, to look after each other during this uncertain period.

We have been implementing operational procedures to keep our teams and the vulnerable rural communities we work with safe during this unprecedented pandemic. This has meant putting a hold on some field activities until it is safe to resume. When some level of normality returns, they are going to need our support more than ever, and we will be there to do what we can.

Our teams have been working incredibly hard implementing our newest programs in Papua New Guinea, Malawi and Ethiopia, funded through the Australian government's Australian-NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). Please find an update below.

Thank you all for your continuing support for the work we do, with special thanks to our monthly donors, who ensure continuity of funding for our activities. We couldn't do it without you.

We hope that you and your loved ones stay safe through these uncertain times.

With gratitude,

Celia Grenning
CEO, Kyeema Foundation

Papua New Guinea project update

Food security and income for villages in PNG through village chicken rearing and reef restoration

In September 2019 Kyeema commenced this project with training of six PNG Master Farmers in Fiji on coral reef gardening, village chicken breeding and rearing, permaculture and community consultation techniques. Once back in PNG, these Master Farmers have been responsible for setting up village chicken breeding farms and coral reef gardening sites.

To date, three village chicken breeding centres have been established (Vanapa and Tubusereia in Central Province and near Lae in Morobe Province), with work on a fourth centre underway in Gabagaba village, Central Province. Two coral reef gardening sites have been set up by our partner Hiri Coral in Bootless bay, close to Tubusereia. A baseline survey was conducted in late 2019 to understand community practices and to gauge interest in poultry raising and marine resource use and conservation. We are collating the data now. Master farmers have also been trained in monitoring and data collection for village chicken and coral reef gardening activities.



Professor Robyn Alders with local farmer in Vanapa,
Central Province

Sadly, we couldn't undertake the planned trial of our community training curricula in village chicken keeping scheduled for March due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. However, it will be the first activity we undertake when travel restrictions are lifted.



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Malawi project update

In partnership with the Rural Poultry Centre (RPC), one of Kyeema's oldest partners in the field, we are working with communities in Mchinji District to reduce Newcastle disease fatalities in poultry. This project continues on from previous work in Malawi with the RPC and will involve the training of 50 community-based poultry technicians (60% female), running Newcastle disease vaccination campaigns and training communities in poultry husbandry. The COVID-19 outbreak has halted field activities for the time being, but as soon as it is safe the RPC team will be back in the field.



Photo credit: Richard Nyoni 2019 Malawi



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Ethiopia project update

Consultation workshop in Ethiopia on participatory, community-based Newcastle disease control in village chickens

Designing sustainable community-based Newcastle disease (ND) control programs at regional level was the main topic of a two-day consultation workshop held in Ethiopia on 13–14 January. Representatives from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Resource, and from Amhara, Oromia, SNNP Regions, AU-PANVAC, Kyeema and NGOs attended. This workshop was part of the Kyeema and AU-PANVAC effort to expand sustainable ND programs across Africa Union member states.



Participants from the Federal Ministry and each region presented the situation of ND and its challenges. Three ND control experts from Nigeria (Dr Joannis Tony Bala), Mozambique (Dr Rosa da Costa) and Tanzania (Dr Bitanyi Stella Stephen) presented their experience of Community Vaccinator models in their respective countries. The Ethiopian participants then formed groups to discuss ND control options and came up with suggested ways of having sustainable ND programs in their respective regions.

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for networking and sharing of challenges associated with ND prevention at grass roots level.

The event was organised and funded by The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Resource in Ethiopia (through World Bank), ILRI and Kyeema (with funding from the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program).

We are very grateful to all who contributed to the success of the workshop.



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Local solutions for vulnerable communities

African Union roundtable with Australian government funded NGO partners in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Mrs. Bethlehem Zewde represented Kyeema Foundation at a roundtable discussion convened by the Australian Embassy in Ethiopia on 15 January. His Excellency Ambassador Peter Doyle, Embassy staff, Susan Pascoe (Chair of the Australian Council for International Development Board) and eight Australian Non-Government Organisation (NGO) partner representatives participated. The partners have all been funded through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) or the Direct Aid Program (DAP). The theme of the roundtable was Ethiopia's new legislation for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the 2020 elections. Each organisation made a short presentation on their activities in Ethiopia



The roundtable provided an excellent opportunity for networking with other NGOs working in Ethiopia and sharing challenges associated with implementation of activities. A key issue was the new legislation for CSOs wishing to register in Ethiopia. The new legislation has made the registration process easier for organisations to navigate, which will help to facilitate the operations of international NGOs in Ethiopia.

Australian Embassy delegates visit the African Union Pan-African Veterinary Vaccine facility in Bishoftu, Ethiopia

We were very pleased to co-host a visit by the Australian Ambassador to Ethiopia, Peter Doyle, and Senior Program Manager, Rebecca Yohannes, to the AU-PANVAC facility in Bishoftu on 12 February 2020. The visit was part of the Embassy's monitoring of grants given to NGOs under the Australia NGO Cooperation Program. Dr Nick Nwankpa, the AU-PANVAC Director, made a presentation on the Newcastle disease control activities we have been co-implementing with AU-PANVAC across AU Member States. The delegates were also taken on a tour of AU-PANVAC's laboratories and animal facilities. Kyeema is very grateful for the ongoing support of both the Australian government and AU-PANVAC for the ongoing Newcastle disease control training activities. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Kyeema Foundation and AU-PANVAC for their great work to address Newcastle disease and improve the livelihoods of farmers across the continent. He said that Australia is proud to support this important collaborative initiative between NGOs, the African Union and the Ethiopian Government.

Sustainability in poultry farming

At Kyeema Foundation, we advocate for the use of local, sustainable resources such as village chickens, to mitigate the impact of multiple local and global challenges faced by the communities we serve. The UK-government funded One Health Poultry Hub which is an organisation working to support sustainable and safe poultry production. They are tackling the challenge of attaining sustainable intensification of chicken meat and egg production in Asia. Their key sustainability goal is to reduce the risks that may cause harm to both animal and human health.

Dr Robyn Alders AO (Chair of Kyeema Foundation) and a Senior Consulting Fellow to the Chatham House Centre on Global Health Security (a core member of the One Health Poultry Hub), has recently written a blog for the Hub. The blog raises crucial questions in relation to exactly how we define 'sustainability' and suggests a triple bottom-line (i.e. economic, environmental and social) approach to sustainability as an impactful framework for poultry production.

Read the blog here: <https://kyeemafoundation.org/sustainabilityforpoultryfarming/>

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