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**Annual Report  
2019-2020**



## Incorporation

Kyeema Foundation (ABN 84 107 210 015) is a public company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the Corporations Act. Its registered office is located at Level 7, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

## Charitable status and tax concessions

Kyeema Foundation is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Charitable Institution with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status and receives certain tax concessions and exemptions consistent with its status, which relate to income, goods and services and fringe benefits tax. Donations given by any Australian taxpayer to the Kyeema 'Developing Country Relief Fund' can be claimed as a tax deduction.

Kyeema Foundation is also registered as a charity under the Queensland Collections Act (1966).

## Accreditations

Kyeema Foundation is an Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) registered charity and an active member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). We are a committed signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability, financial management, and management and accountability for non-government organisations (NGOs).

Kyeema Foundation is accredited by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, responsible for managing the Australian Government's aid program. Kyeema acknowledges the support of the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

## Feedback and complaints

We welcome feedback on this report and on our operations and conduct, more generally. Please send any feedback or complaints to [maryy@kyeemafoundation.org](mailto:maryy@kyeemafoundation.org) or write to: Chief Executive Officer, GPO Box 3023, Brisbane Qld 4001. Acknowledgement and response to the feedback will be given. Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made directly to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee by email [complaints@acfid.asn.au](mailto:complaints@acfid.asn.au) or website address: [www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/complaints](http://www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/complaints).

## Front cover photo

There was a very different protocol this year for our training activities - the pandemic brought many challenges which necessitated COVID safe plans for all training activities. In this photo from Mozambique, two female vaccinators are practising giving a chicken the I-2 Newcastle disease vaccine, with a very curious onlooker learning all about it too! Photo credit: Rosa Costa.

## Minimising our environmental footprint

Kyeema actively works to reduce our impact on the environment. Where possible we hold virtual meetings with our people based in diverse geographies and limit hard copies of publications. We also have a carbon offset scheme to minimise the impact of our travel on the environment.



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

## Dr Robyn Alders

These past 12 months have certainly reminded us that reliable access to nutritious food can't be taken for granted. Concerns, real and perceived, of food shortages as a result of COVID-19 public health containment measures have put the spotlight back on the fundamental importance of resilient food systems as a crucial component of good health. This is a positive outcome as, even before the COVID-19 pandemic, food systems were being impacted by the increasing frequency of climate change-induced extreme weather events and the spread of pests (such as the Fall Armyworm) and diseases (such as African swine fever) with devastating impacts on communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Since its inception, Kyeema has focused on building resilient household food security by increasing access to nutritious food, improved income generation and working with government and private sector partners to strengthen the support systems and policies required to ensure that gains are sustained. As part of our COVID-19 response, Kyeema has worked with local partners in communities, small enterprises and government agencies to develop COVID-19 safe plans that have enabled the continuation of our crucial preventive animal health, monitoring and training programs. We were also enthusiastic supporters of the Australian Council for International Development's 'End COVID-19 for all' campaign which highlighted the important role that Australian Aid can play by supporting COVID-19 prevention and economic recovery in the region.

Beyond our COVID-19-related activities, Kyeema has had another strong year. We participated in the Australian Government's NGO Cooperation Program as a result of achieving accreditation in the previous year. Our hard working team were busy strengthening our processes and philosophical foundation by: developing an ethical decision-making framework for communication activities; updating our policy on preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment; and creating new statements on 'One Welfare', the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' and 'Development-induced Displacement and Resettlement'.

Kyeema's ongoing success is due to the commitment, hard work and big heartedness of our Board, staff, volunteers and donors. Thank you all so much for working with our partner communities in Africa and the Pacific. We don't know what next year will bring, but by working together, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of many.



Chair



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

## Celia Grenning

To say that the last few months of the 2019-20 year have been challenging for all would be an understatement! Our field activities have all been impacted to some extent by the COVID-19 pandemic, with all training halted until we could ensure activities were carried out in a COVID safe manner. We are so proud of our project partners for the resilience they have shown and the ideas that have been generated to ensure our activities are implemented in a COVID safe manner going forward.

This year we commenced three activities funded through our first annual grant from the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia-NGO Cooperation Program funds (DFAT ANCP):

- In Papua New Guinea, we are piloting a new program combining village chickens and coral reef gardening with our partners Hiri Coral and PRR Foundation in Central and Morobe Provinces. This might sound like a strange combination, but after supporting a pilot program in Fiji, the rationale is clear. If you wish to restore coral reefs, there needs to be community consensus around no-take fish zones. If you are to ensure the no-take fish zones are observed, having an alternative source of income and affordable protein is a strong incentive.
- In Malawi, the Rural Poultry Centre has commenced activities in Mchinji district, to support Newcastle disease vaccination for village chickens to an estimated 5,600 households. They have undertaken a baseline survey covering 424 households to find out about people's knowledge, attitudes and practice around village poultry and together with the communities identified 77 Community Vaccinators for training.
- Our program with the African Union Pan-African Veterinary Vaccine Centre has continued, with a final draft of the three Master Trainer curricula for Newcastle disease control in village chickens workshopped with African Union Member State representatives. Rollout options have been revised due to COVID-19 restrictions on travel and we are now trialling three methodologies that do not require international or in-country travel.

Our program activities in Mozambique are expanding! We are currently working with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) to deliver the livestock component of a livelihood restoration program in the northern-most province, Cabo Delgado. We are also in partnership with universities in Uganda and Mozambique to use marker-assisted breeding of selected native chickens, to undertake selective improvement of local breed chickens in Mozambique. Recent requests from the Food and Agriculture Organisation to provide support to cyclone affected households in Cabo Delgado and IITA to support similar activities in Sofala province mean that next year will be even busier and more rewarding!

In line with our aim to facilitate innovation and training that improves livelihoods, our activity with partner Mkulima Young (Young Farmer in Swahili) in Kenya and Uganda has increased user numbers for their free digital platform by 10,000 in the last year. This provides agricultural marketing services to small-scale farmers and links consumers interested in supporting local farmers. The platform proved its worth this year, filling the gap for farmers when marketplaces were closed by governments due to concerns over COVID-19 transmission.

Kyeema's work is only possible because of the valuable support that you provide – our generous donors. We also have a dedicated team of staff, volunteers and interns who have been working hard to implement our programs and I thank you all sincerely for your ongoing support.



Chief Executive Officer







# WHO WE ARE

## OUR VISION

Empowerment for vulnerable communities.

## OUR MISSION

Supporting local partnerships and use of local resources to improve livelihoods of vulnerable communities

## OUR VALUES

### ▶ RESPECT

for cultural traditions, diversity of knowledge, world views, skills and learning modes in people from all educational, ethnic, religious and socio-economic backgrounds

### ▶ COLLABORATION

with communities, local service providers, institutions and governments upholding competency, integrity, and transparency

### ▶ PEOPLE FIRST APPROACHES

that foster learning exchange and community consultation

### ▶ EMPOWERMENT

of people to realise their own aspirations for prosperity and service



# WHAT WE DO

### GOAL 1 VILLAGE POULTRY DEVELOPMENT



We promote and support sustainable Newcastle disease control for village chickens.



We promote inclusive economic opportunities for smallholder poultry value-chain stakeholders.



We support research and education on improved village poultry health especially that which focuses on outcomes for maternal and child health.

### GOAL 2 INNOVATION AND TRAINING



We partner with organisations that deliver innovative technologies and development approaches for resource-poor communities.

We support meaningful learning exchanges that aim to improve livelihoods of resource-poor communities.

### GOAL 3 RESOURCE MOBILISATION



Because we are a small NGO, we are always working to widen our supporter base!



We are steadily growing public donor support for our work.

Each year we secure grants from a variety of donors to expand the work we do.



We are looking for aligned private sector partnerships to invest in our work.

We are looking to develop fee for service courses in the areas of our expertise for the international development sector.



### GOAL 4 BEST PRACTICE ORGANISATION



We conform to best global development practice and ethics.



We are always working to strengthen our risk assessment strategy and accountability mechanisms.

We believe in a diverse and inclusive development practice and organisational culture.



We aspire to build the knowledge and skills of our staff, volunteers and partners in areas covered by our policies and procedures.



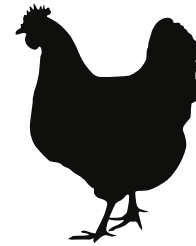
# OUR IMPACT

## Empowering Improved Livelihoods and Food Security

### GOAL 1 - IMPROVED VILLAGE POULTRY PRODUCTION

**39 GOVERNMENT  
(30% FEMALE) AND  
14 NON-GOVERNMENT  
STAKEHOLDERS  
(21% FEMALE)**

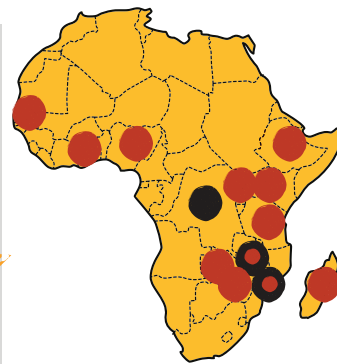
engaged to support sustainable Newcastle disease control in Africa.



Our Program Manager Bethелеhem Zewde has worked tirelessly this year to kickstart our DFAT ANCP project promoting sustainable Newcastle disease control across African Union Member states in partnership with the African Union. She coordinated two large workshops with participants from 12 different countries and completed our registration in Ethiopia to continue achieving our goal for improved village poultry production with new partners in rural Ethiopia.

**2,649  
(51% FEMALE-HEADED)  
NEW HOUSEHOLDS  
PARTICIPATED IN  
NEWCASTLE DISEASE  
VACCINATION PROGRAMS**

in Mozambique and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)



This year we provided technical support and a solar fridge to the AusCongo Network (ACN) in Mbuji-Mayi, DRC to carry on with Newcastle disease vaccination campaigns, with the aim of improving village poultry at household level. Jean Calvin Tshibuabua, the ACN supervisor and the original six vaccinators trained during the project in 2018-2019, continued their great work.

**81  
NEW COMMUNITY  
VACCINATORS  
(58% WOMEN)**

in Mozambique and Malawi supported to lead sustainable Newcastle disease control in their communities



In Malawi, the Rural Poultry Centre personnel, Pat Boland and Luka Tumbwe, have faced many challenges during the COVID-19 restrictions. RPC is working in Mchinji, Nchisi and Thuma districts with government and other NGOs to support improved village poultry for better livelihoods and champion women in their communities for this cause.

**2,758 PEOPLE  
(37% FEMALE;  
5% IN DISABILITY-AFFECTED  
HOUSEHOLDS)**

in Mozambique, Malawi and Papua New Guinea supported to have inclusive economic opportunities through improved poultry health and production



The growing Fundação Kyeema team in Mozambique has had an incredibly busy year working across two large multi-partner projects, dealing with flooding, COVID-19 and political instability in the country. The team has been inspiring in their drive to improve village chicken and goat keeping practices for livelihoods and food security of vulnerable rural communities.

### GOAL 2 - INNOVATION AND TRAINING



We supported our partner Hiri Coral, led by Igo Gari, to set up community coral reef gardening activities and also to establish breeding hubs of locally adapted village chickens, to promote improved village chicken keeping at household level to support food and nutrition security and climate change resilience in PNG. We look forward to expanding this locally led model in the coming years.



**76 COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS (34%  
FEMALE, 14% YOUTH)**

participated in regular community coral reef gardening activities with our partner Hiri Coral in Papua New Guinea



Together with the Mkulima Young founder, Joseph Macharia, we were able to increase the number of users on this amazing free platform for farmers in East Africa, with the help of consultants and other platform users and funding support from the Australian High Commission in Nairobi. We experienced a surge in sign-ups when COVID-19 hit and people were looking for alternative places to continue to make a livelihood, due to forced shutdowns of traditional marketplaces and ongoing severe restrictions.



**10,000 ADDITIONAL FARMERS  
IN KENYA AND UGANDA  
ACCESSED BETTER MARKETS  
AND PRICES**

for their agricultural practice and products on the Mkulima Young platform

