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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

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 workedshop 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

1.1
We promote and support sustainable Newcastle disease control for village chickens.

1.2
We promote inclusive economic opportunities for smallholder poultry value-chain stakeholders.

1.3
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

2.1
We partner with organisations that deliver innovative technologies and development approaches for resource-poor communities.

2.2
We support meaningful learning exchanges that aim to improve livelihoods of resource-poor communities.

GOAL 3
RESOURCE MOBILISATION

3.1
Because we are a small NGO, we are always working to widen our supporter base!

3.2
We are steadily growing public donor support for our work.

3.3
Each year we secure grants from a variety of donors to expand the work we do.

3.4
We are looking for aligned private sector partnerships to invest in our work.

3.5
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

4.1
We conform to best global development practice and ethics.

4.2
We are always working to strengthen our risk assessment strategy and accountability mechanisms.

4.3
We believe in a diverse and inclusive development practice and organisational culture.

4.4
We aspire to build the knowledge and skills of our staff, volunteers and partners in areas covered by our policies and procedures.

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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 Bethlehem 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 Tshiboabua, the ACN supervisor and the original six vaccinators trained during the project in 2018-2019, continued their great work.

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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

GOAL 2 - INNOVATION AND TRAINING

76 COMMUNITY MEMBERS (34% FEMALE, 14% YOUTH) participated in regular community coral reef gardening activities with our partner Hiri Coral in Papua New Guinea

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.

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

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81 NEW COMMUNITY VACCINATORS (58% WOMEN) in Mozambique and Malawi supported to lead sustainable Newcastle disease control in their communities

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GOAL 3 - RESOURCE MOBILISATION

This year, thanks to our loyal donors and supporters in Australia,

WE RAISED A TOTAL OF AUD 41,587 for the work we do with vulnerable communities in Africa and the Pacific. We grew our network to around 2,000 FOLLOWERS who helped spread the word about the importance of village poultry for livelihoods and food and nutrition security of rural communities globally. From the Brisbane team of staff, interns and volunteers who have worked hard this year to support our activities in Africa and the Pacific - we extend a big thank you.

This year, Kyeema completed its first organisational diversity and inclusion survey of staff, Board members, volunteers, interns. Results show A DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE FROM 10 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, SPEAKING 9 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. Of those surveyed, 5% IDENTIFY AS HAVING A DISABILITY.

"The level of diversity is beyond what I expected. I feel more at home at work."

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We have a diversity of skills, knowledge and perspectives that we have the opportunity to tap into. We had some good feedback about the culture of inclusion within the organisation and we hope to continue to improve this culture as we move forward.

"Kyeema Foundation is a good organisation in promoting diversity"
Precious Karimi

Precious joined our team as an intern while studying Public Relations at the Queensland University of Technology. In 2020 she officially joined the Brisbane team as our part-time Communications Officer. She has worked on Kyeema's social media, digital and promotional strategies in addition to creating and improving Kyeema's storytelling content for our website and social media platforms.

Ali Ume

Ali is a retired agricultural project officer based in Queensland and the instigator for our work in Papua New Guinea (PNG). He currently volunteers his time to manage the PNG project activities. He heard about Kyeema's work with promoting smallholder chicken keeping in Africa and thought it was needed in his birth country of PNG. After training as a Master Farmer in Fiji in September 2019, Ali has helped his family to set up a local chicken farm in Vanapa village, to demonstrate the techniques and benefits of raising local breed chickens to the local community. He has since helped a number of local farmers in Vanapa to set up their own local chicken farms.

Cecilia Castiello

Cecilia is studying a Bachelor of Social Science with a Major in Health at the University of Queensland, Brisbane. She has previously interned at Save the Children and the Belgian Development Cooperation in Uganda and was a volunteer art teacher at AGAPE Hope Centre in Kenya. Cecilia is fluent in four languages, including French which has been very useful for communicating with our partner in the DRC!

Kate Hampson

Kate recently graduated with a Bachelor of International Relations, majoring in International Relations of Asia, at Griffith University. She has previously interned in Bandung, Indonesia with Rumah Energi on the BIRU program, working towards the creation of domestic bio-digestors as sustainable energy sources for communities and small farm holders.

Antonio dos Santos Jr.

Antonio Jr. joined our Mozambique office this year as a Pasture Management Expert. He is a Master Agronomist specialising in pastures and forages. He was trained at the Eduardo Mondlane University as an Agronomic Engineer and in 2008 began lecturing there at the Faculty of Agronomy. In 2013 he graduated with a Masters in Agriculture and Environmental Leadership from the Tokyo University of Agriculture and since then has worked in the agriculture and environment sector with several universities, companies and international organisations.

Reinata Tomás Miguel

Reinata joined Kyeema this year as a Livestock Extension Officer in the Afungi Province of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique. She graduated from Instituto Agrário de Bilibiza in 2017 as a medium level technician in Agriculture. Reinata had previously worked with CONSULTEC, one of the agriculture livelihood programs partnered with the Total Project in Palma where she worked as an enumerator and assisted in compensation contracts for households being resettled. In her new role Reinata will assist the team in training activities and engagement with local communities.

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**Key Projects 2019/2020**

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

*Food security and income for villages through village chicken rearing and reef restoration: DFAT Australian NGO-Cooperation Program (ANCP) project*

This year we kickstarted our DFAT ANCP funded project in Papua New Guinea (PNG), working in four communities to introduce village chicken keeping and vegetable gardens as alternative and complementary food and livelihood activities and to set up two coral reef gardening trials. In September 2019, six Master Farmers including representatives from our key partners Hiri Coral and PRR Foundation were trained in improved village chicken keeping, coral gardening, participatory community decision making and permaculture, in order to lead these activities in PNG. The Master Farmer trainees spent four intensive weeks in Fiji at TeiTei Farm and Plantation Island Resort before returning to PNG to set up their own village poultry breeding farms in Gwarumemase, Tubusereia, Vanapa and Gabagaba villages in Central Province and Markham Valley in Morobe Province. Throughout the year, with the support of Kyeema these farmers have worked hard to build up local chicken flocks and make them more available to surrounding communities. One of the Master Farmers, Hiri Coral Director Igo Gari, also set up the first community coral reef gardening trials in Gwarumemase and Tubusereia waters.

115 community members (43% female) engaged in activities
6 Master Farmers trained (2 females)
4 village poultry breeding hubs established
154 households engaged through baseline surveys (16% women; 19% disability affected)
76 community members (34% female, 14% youth) participated in community coral reef gardening activities

The Master Farmers have raised over 500 local chickens and have already started distributing chickens (for sale and giveaway) to nearby households, with tips on keeping and raising their own household birds. The community coral gardens set up by Hiri Coral in Gwarumemase and Tubusereia waters are showing some promising results, with 76 community members participating in the planting and monitoring this year. In July 2020, 6-months after planting, the corals have shown good growth and several fish species were noted to have moved back into the site. We look forward to supporting formal village chicken training and further set up of coral gardens in the 2020-21 year, as the easing of COVID-19 restrictions occurs.

Kyeema acknowledges the support of the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) for this project.

Village Poultry for Better Livelihoods –Mchinji: DFAT Australian NGO-Cooperation Program (ANCP) project

With assistance from the Australian Government through the ANCP, the Rural Poultry Centre (RPC) commenced an ambitious activity in Mchinji district, bordering Zambia. The program builds on earlier work with the Dzithandizeni Women’s Group, a long-established group located in five separate zones throughout the district. It also builds on earlier work done by Heifer International to establish a dairy enterprise in the district. While that project is now completed, RPC has engaged some of the community animal health workers who have already been trained by Heifer International in livestock and are well suited to having their knowledge in poultry production and vaccination augmented and extended. A DFAT review of activities in February 2020 gave a glowing report of activities up to that time. Since then, the coronavirus pandemic has adversely affected progress, but means of continuing the work in a manner which is safe for all concerned have been successfully devised and implemented. Current plans are to expand the program from five to all seven Extension Planning Areas (EPAs) in the district, with 77 community-based poultry workers selected this year for training in the coming year. A baseline survey with 424 households planned for involvement in the vaccination campaigns in Mchinji was also conducted to find out about people’s knowledge, attitudes and practice around village poultry keeping.

MALAWI
Improving Rural Livelihoods in Malawi through Village Poultry

RPC is also continuing monitoring of its previous program in the district of Ntchisi in central Malawi. This program focused on promotion of vaccination against ‘Chitopa’, the local name for Newcastle disease (ND). Having set up vaccination programs in four EPAs in the district from 2016-18, RPC’s role is now mainly focussed on support and monitoring of continuing activities. They ensure that vaccine is available from the Malawi Central Veterinary Laboratory, so that communities can access it via their representatives.

RPC Volunteers Program

The RPC Volunteers Program is an initiative whereby local volunteers based in Malawi gain valuable experience and knowledge while creating a real impact through a range of short-term activities in rural communities. The major immediate beneficiaries are intended to be the volunteers themselves.

This program has been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Before then, it had enabled valuable collaborative work between the RPC and the Wildlife Action Group (WAG) in Malawi, which continues to this day. RPC assisted in training farmers and distributing chickens to communities bordering the Thuma Forest Reserve, home to an impressive variety of wildlife and flora. The idea was to enable those communities to shift their source of livelihoods away from the resources of the forest and towards more sustainable enterprises, including village chickens. By developing better chicken rearing practices and instituting vaccination against ND, we were able to turn the community’s attention away from dependence on the forest for their livelihoods. Chizinga and neighbouring communities now have a better sense of ownership and custody of the forest, its trees and its wildlife. There was a wavering and inconsistent response in the early stages but gradually the communities realised that village chickens gave significant benefits both through sales for cash and manure for their crops.

A recent assessment in June 2020 found a considerable increase in chicken population in the target villages. Farmers who received chickens in the early stages of the project have now passed on some of their progeny to secondary farmers, thus widening the impact of the inputs. This work together with other parallel efforts through WAG with the border communities is making its mark: the forest is coming back, noticeably greener and thicker because poaching and wood-cutting has been significantly reduced. RPC will continue to monitor progress of this activity.

Support for I-2 Newcastle disease vaccine production

The sole manufacturer of the I-2 Newcastle disease vaccine in Malawi is the Central Veterinary Laboratory (CVL) at Bwemba which is managed by the government’s Department of Animal Health and Livestock Development. Over the years, RPC has played a significant role in supporting the vaccine production unit with a view to ensuring continued supply of the vaccine to smallholder farmers throughout the country. As one means of reducing the risks to continued production, RPC has actively advocated consideration of a public-private partnership arrangement under which the government would continue to ensure proper standards and quality assurance, while a private entity would be responsible for production, marketing and distribution. While government has yet to agree to explore such an option, RPC will continue to seek means to better ensure a stable supply of the I-2 vaccine. RPC supports a wider group of stakeholders, the Consultative Group on Newcastle Disease in Village Poultry, which gives voice to a diverse selection of institutions who have an interest in control of this disease in rural poultry. While the response to the coronavirus pandemic has placed restrictions on an in-person meeting of the Consultative Group, we are liaising with partners to enable an online networking system which will achieve the desired result.
Pilot of Master Trainer courses in Africa to improve Newcastle disease control in village chickens: DFAT Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) project

As part of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), Kyeema continues working with the African Union Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC) based in Ethiopia, to strengthen the capacity of African countries to control Newcastle disease (ND) in village chickens. This is an extension of previous activities undertaken with AU-PANVAC to develop Master Trainer curricula. This year, workshops in Nigeria and Ethiopia were attended by a total of 44 (25% women) government and non-government personnel who pre-tested the Newcastle disease control Master Trainer curricula (in Nigeria) and discussed different models of ND vaccine distribution in Ethiopia.

44 government and non-government personnel (25% women) participated.

Sustainability was the theme of two ND workshops conducted in Nigeria in October 2019. 23 veterinarians and animal scientists from eleven Member States of the African Union gathered to pre-test the technical content of modules from two ND control training curricula for Master Trainers: ‘Laboratory diagnosis of Newcastle disease’ and ‘Newcastle disease prevention and control in the field’. Each workshop was conducted over five days and comprised of country presentations, group discussions and practical demonstrations. The workshops provided an excellent opportunity for networking and sharing of challenges associated with diagnosis and control of disease of village chickens, particularly ND. The ND control Master Trainer curricula are a major tool that will form the framework for the control of ND and improvement of village chicken production in African Union Member States (AU-MS).

In January we partnered with the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources, the World Bank and the International Livestock Research Institute to hold a two-day workshop to discuss different ND vaccination delivery models for sustainable ND control in Ethiopia. During the workshop, Kyeema supported ND control experts from Nigeria, Mozambique and Tanzania to present their experience of Community Vaccinator models in their respective countries to Ethiopian participants from three regions in Ethiopia.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed project activities and prompted a revision of the project implementation modalities. The next two years will focus on adapting ND control training modules for an e-learning environment and piloting e-learning ND training for animal health personnel in selected AU-MS. Kyeema will be working with Master Trainers, veterinary students and animal health extension workers to promote sustainable ND control in village poultry across Africa.

Australian Ambassador visit to AU-PANVAC / Kyeema

This year we had the opportunity to co-host a visit by the Australian Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union, Peter Doyle and DFAT Senior Program Manager, Rebecca Yohannes, to the AU-PANVAC facility in Bishoftu. The visit was part of the Australian Embassy monitoring of grants given to NGOs under the ANCP. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation and thanks to Kyeema and AU-PANVAC for their great work in improving 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.

Round table with ANCP and Direct Aid Program (DAP) members

In January 2020 Kyeema had the opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion convened by the Australian Embassy in Ethiopia. His Excellency Ambassador Peter Doyle, Embassy staff, Susan Pascoe (Chair of the Australian Council for International Development Board) and representatives of eight Australian NGOs participated. The partners have all been funded through ANCP or DAP. Each organisation made a short presentation on their activities and a representative from the Ethiopian Charities and Societies forum presented on the new Civil Society Organisation legislation.
The ‘Native Chicken Project’, funded by the European Commission through the African Union Commission, is being implemented in Mozambique (Fundação Kyema with University of Eduardo Mondlane [UEM] and Directorate of Animal Sciences [DCA]) and Uganda (Gulu and Makerere Universities and Wougnet).

In Mozambique we are working in the province of Maputo. One of the key project objectives is to characterise indigenous chicken genetic resources in both countries.

The work this year commenced in agroecological Regions 1 (Namaacha District) and 2 (Marracuene District). In Namaacha District, the teams consisting of UEM partners, Fundação Kyema, the DCA and district extension staff, undertook a survey to characterise native chicken ecotypes, their production systems and the whole value chain. Extension staff from the districts helped with the selection of households, with emphasis on women and youth smallholder farmers keeping different ecotypes of native chickens. The teams were divided into three groups. The first group collected biological and socio-economic data on native chicken production and identified constraints and opportunities for smallholder chicken production. The second group sought to understand the main problems households face with chicken diseases and how they have been overcome. The third group sought to understand the main local feed resources and their availability at different times of the year.

The Native Chicken Project team engaging host farmers to collect qualitative data. Photo credits: Rosa Costa.

Examples of chicken houses in Palma due to limited access by road.

Insights to date

Settling, purchasing and breeding decisions are predominantly made by male household members while cleaning, feeding animals and fetching water are predominantly undertaken by female household members. Most purchased animals are cockerels from other smallholder farmers, at an average cost of 250 meticais (approx. US$3.30). Most farmers prefer indigenous chickens for breeding due to their tolerance to harsh conditions (heat, feed scarcity and diseases). They choose animals to buy based on conformation and body size. Farmers practice uncontrolled mating of birds with roosters that are shared within the community. They plan to have chicks hatched in October, claiming that during this time there is low risk of disease and the chicks will reach market weight during the peak market period. Although farmers do not use an identification system or keep records for their chickens, they can still recognise them. In most of the households interviewed, land is owned by male household members and few could estimate the annual return from the land. Most of the houses are made of bricks, rocks and cement. In some areas, chickens are housed in pens of different designs, with earth floors and some are roofed with iron sheets and built with rocks, wood, cement or mud, similar to the houses for the family.

In general, the activities were delayed due to COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020 and recommenced when there was partial lifting of the lockdown. COVID-19 resulted in a decrease in market activities. Most of the households interviewed indicated that due to the lockdown, they had limited access to markets, leading to a decrease in the number of chickens sold, which was reflected in the prices. The lockdown also resulted in a decrease in the number of chickens imported from other regions.

Project activities were delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020 and recommenced when there was partial lifting of the lockdown in June 2020. As a result, some of the activities planned for the current year have been interrupted. Also, due to the state of insecurity in the project region this year, there is limited availability and high cost of construction materials in Palma due to limited access by road.

Agricultural Livelihoods Program in Palma District, Cabo Delgado Province

Fundação Kyema continued to deliver the livestock component of the livelihood restoration program to minimise the resettlement impact on affected households in the Afunji region of Palma District. The activities implemented during the current year focused on introduction of improved livestock management practices for physically and economically displaced households, and restocking with Boschveld chickens, an improved native bird with higher production potential. Each household received three hens and a rooster and Newcastle disease control was established in the project area. Relocated households were provided information on the construction of livestock pens, which included kraals and poultry houses, in the backyards of houses at the resettled villages. To complement the chicken ownership at household level, duck keeping programs have also been introduced.

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Example of a chicken house in the study area. Photo credit: Rosa Costa.
Supporting small-scale farmer decision making through data generated from Mkulima Young online marketplace

This year we continued our support for Kenyan partner ACLECOPS to develop and promote the Mkulima Young (MY) platform for farmers in Kenya and Uganda, with funds from the Australian High Commission in Nairobi's Direct Aid Program. User consultants in both countries worked with farmer groups through face-to-face promotion, talk-back radio and TV spots. The upgrade of the MY website and App was completed and released in October 2019.

In early 2020, with the advent of COVID-19 related restrictions, the focus moved to online promotion through established social media and exposure on blog sites in East Africa and internationally. There was an increase of registered MY users from 20,000 in February 2019 to over 31,000 in June 2020 (around 20 new users/day) and this continues to increase. There was a significant growth in users in the last few months of the project (April–July 2020), which we attribute to needs of users during the COVID-19 pandemic, as traditional marketplaces were affected due to social distancing regulations enforced by governments in the region.

On social media there was an increase of 70,000 followers (128 new users/day; from 120,000 to 190,000) on Facebook and 14,000 (25.6 new users/day; from 20,000 to 34,000) on Twitter. As a result of the upgraded platform, there is now enhanced ability to capture disaggregated data of the users' location, product and service. Trust in the platform and diversity of services and information that the platform offers will continue to improve as new opportunities and partnerships are considered for the future of the platform.

Our partners from the AusCongo Network (ACN) have completed two more vaccination campaigns this year with communities in Mbuji-Mayi in the Kasai-Oriental province, in addition to the three campaigns Kyeema supported in the 2018-2019 year. Mr Jean Calvin Tshibuabua led a team of nine vaccinators to cover 16 villages that continue to vaccinate their chickens against Newcastle disease. This year, we continued to troubleshoot issues on the sustainability of the activity for the local community with ACN. The main challenge is sourcing reliable and affordable transport and storage options for the vaccine, which is produced at the National Veterinary Laboratory in Kinshasa, some 1,350 km away. Thanks to the tireless support of the original project volunteer trainer and facilitator Dr Theodore Mwabi, and with funding support from Partners in International Collaborative Community Aid Ltd (PiCCA), we were able to purchase and transport a solar fridge from South Africa for the long-term storage of bulk vaccine from Kinshasa at the ACN community and business centre. Though it was a long and complex process, we are pleased to report the centre now has a functioning solar fridge for storage of the I-2 Newcastle disease vaccine that can be flown in from the capital as needed through pre-order of vaccine from the 239 households they are now servicing.

Kyeema acknowledges the support of the Australian High Commission in Nairobi through the Direct Aid Program for this project.
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FIJI

Happy Chickens for Cyclone Rehabilitation, Poverty Alleviation, and Food Security in the South Pacific

In 2019 we continued to support Sustainable Environmental Livelihoods for the Future (SELF) in Fiji to establish a diverse and more productive local chicken breed that is well adapted to local conditions for the purpose of improving locally empowered climate change resilience, poverty alleviation and food and nutrition security.

Kyeema supported Brisbane intern Faith Considine to volunteer her skills and time at TeiTei Farm (the home base of SELF). SELF were incredibly grateful for Faith’s contribution to the establishment of their new website and Instagram account (@teitei.fiji), her work on the farm, particularly in the management of the incubation unit and financial training. She also organised several community training workshops (including the September 2019 Master Farmer training for our PNG ANCP project) and the pilot Eco-Agritourism venture (early in July) that was attended and supported by Kyeema friends and associates to support the continued coral reef restoration and local food resilience work of SELF.

BANGLADESH

Pioneering solar-powered salinity sensor and e-traceability platform for smallholder aquaculture shrimp farmers

With financial support from Palladium, Odyssey Sensors were supported to develop affordable sensors and an e-traceability platform and data collection system for low-income aquaculture farmers in Bangladesh. Odyssey Sensors is a company that designs and delivers affordable, accessible, reliable and innovative, simple-to-use solutions that improve the environmental and economic sustainability for smallholder farmers. The e-traceability platform logs critical data to better coordinate the entire value chain and allow importers the ability to track shipments down to the specific pond where the shrimp originated. This helps provide greater assurance to the buyer, prevents middlemen from carrying out bad practice, and thus helps secure access to international markets and mitigate the risks to low income farmers.

In June 2019, Odyssey Sensors and Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation (BSFF) provided a brief to the World Bank on emerging quality control measures in Bangladesh. In January 2020, Odyssey Sensors began their third phase of the grant by incorporating remote sensing capabilities that autonomously measure and upload data. The aqua sensors now have the ability to detect solar irradiance, humidity, temperature and other external parameters (salinity, dissolved oxygen, ammonia) and control an external power switch. This is a major step towards truly scalable e-traceability and is increasing the economic and environmental sustainability of low-income farmers without adding administrative burdens, such as time-intensive data entry. Odyssey Sensors and BSFF plan to expand the pilot to 400 farming clusters with coverage of almost 1,200 ponds. They are now working in a consortium with Global Aquaculture Alliance, which operates in over 50 countries.
KYEEMA CHAMPIONS

Leading the change in the communities we work with

Tracy
Mkulima Young consultant in Kenya

“I enjoy working with the farmers, particularly in helping them to digitise the marketing process and overcome some of the challenges of the middlemen, who exploit farmers by buying their commodities at a cheaper price and selling it at a very high price.”

Meet Tracy, a Kenyan consultant working with the Mkulima Young (MY) online platform, in partnership with Kyema. She is a graduate from Kenyatta University, with a Bachelor of Agriculture Management. She wants to bring change to her community and country in agriculture. The MY project has provided her with a professional development role in which she helps to educate farmers on how to use the platform via mobile App or on the website. Tracy has been of tremendous help to thousands of farmers who are engaging with the MY platform, by aiding in the establishment of connections among farmers and helping them make more profit for their produce.

Kevin
Master Farmer in Papua New Guinea

“I am looking forward to planning together to expand our work [with village chickens and coral reef restoration], the first of its kind in PNG.”

Kevin is one of six Master Farmers trained in coral reef gardening, village chicken rearing, permaculture, and community consultation techniques for the project ‘Food security and income for villages through coral reef restoration and village chicken rearing’. Since his training in September 2019, he has helped set up a successful small village poultry breeding unit and is helping with a community coral reef gardening site in Tubusereia village, Central Province. Kevin says that the local breed chicken is good as it has the ability to survive heavy rains and heat, but the chicks still need some attention with warmth and good quality feed which, with his training, he has been able to provide solutions for with housing made from local materials and feed from locally available crops and household scraps.

Amedio
Local village chicken keeper in Papua New Guinea

Amedio is a local farmer at Vanapa village, Central Province and a key member of the Vanapa village Chicken Farming outreach initiative, which was established with support from Kyema to build food security and income-generation for rural households. He is a hardworking family man, always making sure his family is living a healthy and happy life. He is raising village chickens in his backyard to maintain a consistent supply of protein to add to the fresh vegetables and greens harvested from his gardens. He has been engaged in conducting baseline surveys and collecting data in his village for Kyema’s monitoring and evaluation of the project. We want to thank Amedio for his immense input into the development of the village chicken farm hub at Vanapa.

Melissa
Master Farmer in Papua New Guinea

“As part of our ANCP project ‘Food security and income for villages through coral reef restoration and village chicken breeding in PNG’, Melissa completed her Master Farmer training in Fiji in October 2019. She is one of six Master Farmers trained to teach skills in village poultry rearing, coral reef gardening, participatory community decision making and permaculture to their communities.

Since returning to PNG, Melissa has established a village chicken farm at her family property in Markham Valley. She started with 50 chickens in May 2019 and now has over 300 beautiful breeding birds. Her flock consists of a local village/naked neck breed mix. She attributes her success to date with the high quality of a self-produced local feed mix, as well as the training of four staff members who have helped her troubleshoot problems and find solutions along the way. Recently, the farm has begun selling chickens to people in the surrounding area as well as to local restaurants in Lae.

Established with the support of her father, Melissa has also become the CEO of PRR Foundation Inc (PRR), a Non-Profit based in Lae, PNG. PRR seeks to ‘create an impact in rural communities in PNG, bridging them to development opportunities and claiming their place and space in all spheres of life through information, empowerment, skills development, values formation and providing the necessary resources and mentorship’. PRR is now working in partnership with Kyema to promote village chicken keeping for improving the livelihoods and food security of people throughout Markham Valley.

Local solutions for vulnerable communities
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Annual Chickens4Change Photography Competition

Our fourth annual fundraising photography competition, re-named ‘Chickens 4 Change’, was held this year. The competition aims to raise awareness of the important role village poultry play in rural communities around the world and to raise funds for training community vaccinators in Malawi through the work of our partner there – the Rural Poultry Centre (RPC). First place this year was awarded to Associate Professor Soshe Ahmed from Bangladesh with his submission titled ‘Marzina Khatun, from a remote village (Choubaria) of Magura district, Bangladesh’. A more detailed story of Soshe and Marzina as well as the runners up can be found on the blog at our website: www.kyeemafoundation.org/blog

PNG Film Fundraiser

In November 2019 Kyeema hosted a small film screening in collaboration with the PNG community. The film ‘Power Meri’ by Joanna Lester follows the story of Papua New Guinea’s first national women’s rugby team - the PNG Orchids. Prior to the film, market stalls with local food and music were set up for an immersive PNG experience. The funds raised went directly to our PNG project activities in Gabagaba village to support their trained Master Farmer to work with local households to raise locally adapted chickens.

New Kyeema website

In June 2020 we launched our new website: www.kyeemafoundation.org. After nine months in the making, the website is looking better than ever with updated content across the site. A big thank you to Faith Considine, Christine Spencer (from Sprout Projects), Paolo Curray and Eliza Smith, whose tireless work made this happen!

Minimising our environmental footprint

This year we introduced a carbon offset scheme to minimise the impact of our travel on the environment. In 2019-20 we have offset a total of $2,600, which has been allocated to our coral reef gardening activity in Central Province, Papua New Guinea.

First place by Associate Professor Soshe Ahmed, Bangladesh.
Kyeema Foundation's income consists primarily of grants from institutional donors and donations from individuals, together with minor revenue generated from fundraising activities. Revenue was recorded at $1,000,924 for the year, representing an increase of 55% on 2018-19, predominantly driven by a new program in Mozambique that commenced in 2018-19. In 2019-20, Kyeema had a total expenditure of $864,175, up 41% compared to 2018-19 ($614,223). This was primarily due to the new program that commenced in Mozambique in 2018-19. We continue to run a lean operation, with a low proportion of expenditure relating to administration costs at 4% and program support costs at 7%. We keep our fundraising costs low at 0.3% of overall revenue.

For a copy of this full financial report, please email us at kyeema@kyeemafoundation.org.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

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At the end of the financial year, Kyeema had zero balances in Current or Non Current Other Financial Assets, Non Current Trade and Other Receivables, Non current Investment Property, other Non current Assets, Current and Non current Interest Bearing Borrowings, Current and Non Current Financial Liabilities, Current and Non Current Other Liabilities.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 33 JUNE 2020

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Note on 2018-19 Cash Movements

Designated purpose funds were raised for the Rural Poultry Centre (RPC) in Malawi, which was established in early 2013 as an affiliate of the International Rural Poultry Centre, a subsidiary of the Kyeema Foundation (www.ruralpoultrymalawi.org). The RPC exists to promote the needs of smallholder poultry farmers throughout Malawi and to raise livelihood and contribute to improved nutrition in rural areas of Malawi. RPC adopts a keep-it-simple philosophy with an emphasis on effective support at the grassroots level. Presently, there is no other local organisation dedicated to village poultry. RPC has a Board of Trustees to oversee the overall governance and policies of the organisation.

GOVERNING BODY DECLARATION

The Board of Directors of Kyeema Foundation declare that:

i) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 33 to 37, have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, the requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct (for further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website www.acfid.asn.au) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, and:

• comply with relevant Australian Accounting Standards as applicable; and
• give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

ii) In the Directors’ opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dr Stewart Routledge, AO
Director
Brisbane

Fergus Smith
Director
Singapore

Kyeema Foundation Limited

Independent Audit Report to the members of Kyeema Foundation Limited


Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Kyeema Foundation Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons’ declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Kyeema Foundation Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of Kyeema Foundation Limited’s financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of Kyeema Foundation Limited in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board’s APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors’ financial reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct and the ACNC Act. As a result the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of Kyeema Foundation Limited are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act. Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct, and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to acknowledge the expertise, support and assistance of the following list of hard-working volunteers who have been vital to keeping Kyeema and its projects operating.

Interns/volunteers
Faith Considine, Cecilia Castiello, Kate Hampson, Precious Karimi, Melissa Ralda

Technical support
Dr Mary Young, Dr Pat Boland, Dr Theodore Mwabi, Dr Austin Bowden-Kerby, Dr John Copland, Dr Robert Hedlefs, Russell Parker, Ali Ume, Leonie Barnes, Freda Haihe

Team coach (Positive Mindset)
Wendy Somerville (Powered Up People)

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Karen Black, Rachel Haynes, Bobby Lane, Wan-Kit Sham, Sri Thillailingham

Website/IT support
Paolo Curray, Taro Dodd, Tony Hunt

Legal Support
White and Case LLP International Law Firm

Communications support
Mike Worsman (Give Media), Lana Heydon, Richard Nyoni (Ettaric Images), Leo Wiles (Wiles Photography), Ariane Luff and Christine Spencer (Sprout Projects)

Annual Report
Words With Heart Printing and Design

Guest bloggers
Juan Pablo Villanueva Cabezas, Deborah Thompson

Fundraising support
Kenina Ingram, Palu Ingram, Nelly Ingram, Faith Considine, Precious Karimi, Marina Marangos, Wendy Nichol, Leonie Barnes, Bronwyn Dallow, MaryAnn Devery

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our partners and supporters.

The Palladium Group has been supporting Kyeema since its inception through the provision of office space and administrative and financial support. This valuable support has allowed Kyeema to establish and expand its work around the world. Palladium has also made important financial contributions to Kyeema activities since its inception.

The Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has provided support for sustainable Newcastle disease control activities in Africa since our inception. We are now receiving support from DFAT through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

The African Union – Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre has provided continued support for development and review of Master trainer curricula for Newcastle disease control in Africa.

Partners in International Collaborative Community Aid (PICCA) provided funds to purchase a solar fridge to store ND vaccine required to undertake ND vaccination of village chickens for farmers in Mbuji-Mayi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in partnership with the AusCongo Network.

Rotary Brisbane provided funding to support the set-up of a village chicken breeding centre and a coral gardening trial in Gabagaba village, Central Province, PNG. They have continued to provide funds for our activities in PNG.

Just World Partnerships provided support developing our concept note for the ‘Food security and income for villages through village chicken rearing and reef restoration’ in PNG.

Tropical Water Solutions Pty Ltd have provided generous funds for our activities in Malawi and Papua New Guinea.

The School of Veterinary Science at The University of Queensland maintains and continues to provide the I-2 Newcastle disease master seed free of charge.

Sprout Projects for helping us develop and deliver our communication and fundraising strategy in 2019-2020.

We would like to thank Allen’s Australia for their in-kind donation for our 2019-20 financial audit.

Kyeema is increasingly receiving private donations from the Australian public, which are most important for furthering our activities. We could not do what we do without the generous support of many businesses and individuals, both in time and money. Kyeema thanks each and every one of you.

For more information about our generous supporters visit our website.

www.kyeemafoundation.org/our-partners-and-sponsors/
GOVERNANCE

The Kyeema Foundation Board

The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction, ensuring compliance, providing governance and approving the annual budget. The Board met four times this year, including the Annual General Meeting in December 2019.

Members of the Board are:

Professor Robyn Alders, AO, BSc(Vet), BVSc, PhD. Senior Consulting Fellow, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House, UK; Honorary Professor, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra; Chair Kyeema Foundation.

Dr Stewart Routledge, AO, BVSc. Managing Director of Stewart Routledge & Associates; Director of Kokoniu Limited; Director & Founder Kyeema Foundation.

Celia Grenning, BAgSc (Hons). Chief Executive Officer & Director Kyeema Foundation

Dr Rosa Costa, DVM, MSc. Steering Committee Member African Poultry Network; Lecturer Veterinary Faculty University Eduardo Mondlane; former Director of the National Veterinary Research Institute in Mozambique; Africa Regional Manager & Director Kyeema Foundation.

Dr Pat Boland, BVSc, MVSt. Founder and interim Director Rural Poultry Centre Malawi; Member of Animal Health Committee and the National Technical Working Group on Avian Influenza Malawi; part-time lecturer at the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) Malawi; Director Kyeema Foundation.

Aysegul Kayahan, BSc, MA. Founder/Director Relocation Specialists; Chapter Lead Australia – Forum for Expatriate Management (Community); Member Brisbane Angels; Director @ The Ethicos Group, Solarbuddy.org & Kyeema Foundation and on the advisory board of ImpaQI.

Fergus Smith, LLB/BBus, LLM/BCL Partner, White & Case Singapore; Director Kyeema Foundation.

Dr Eliza Smith, BVSc (Hons), BSc. Program Manager & Associate Director Kyeema Foundation.

Dr Tarni Cooper, BVSc (Hons), BSc, PhD Candidate; Associate Director Kyeema Foundation.

Joseph Macharia, BSc (Agricultural Education and Extension), MSc. PhD Candidate; Founder Mikulima Young; Associate Director Kyeema Foundation.

Sub-committees of the Board

The three Board Sub-committees, established in December 2017 to improve our organisational governance structure and outcomes, met four times this year prior to each Board meeting:

The Strategic Planning (SP) Sub-committee comprising Aysegul Kayahan, Joseph Macharia, Celia Grenning (Chair) and Eliza Smith, is leading the development of our forthcoming 2021–2025 organisational Strategic Plan and will make recommendations for areas in which we need to focus as an organisation in order to achieve our goals and create an environment that is reflective of our

The Finance Audit and Risk Management (FARM) Sub-committee comprising Fergus Smith (Chair), Stewart Routledge and Bethlehem Zewde oversees the checks and balances we have in place for managing our fundraising and expenditure, monitors organisation risk and acts to ensure that our organisation continues to be sustainable.

The Project Management and Evaluation (PME) Sub-committee comprising Stewart Routledge (Chair), John Copland, Rosa Costa, Pat Boland and Tarni Cooper oversees the selection of all new Kyeema projects and reviews our monitoring, evaluation and learning activities for our projects and at an organisational level.

We sincerely thank our Board and Sub-committees, who are all volunteers, for their guidance and direction over the past year.

We are a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC). We are also a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and the End COVID for all campaign.