

## Chairperson's 2022 Report:

### Dr. Juliet Waterkeyn



A little over five years since Africa AHEAD relocated from the United Kingdom back to our roots in Zimbabwe in 2018, the organisation has sustained phenomenal growth for the fourth year running, with an average of around one million beneficiaries per year for the past four years. This is all the more admirable given an environment where many local NGOs are finding it difficult to survive. I am proud to report that our organisation has become the 'go to' organisation for international organisations seeking to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through community-led development through Community Health Clubs.

Since its formation the focus of Africa A.H.E.A.D (**Applied Health Education and Development**) has operated solidly within the WASH Sector, focused primarily on behaviour change in hygiene within water and sanitation programmes (SDG 6). With the urgent need to enable communities to be resilient against global warming (SG 7), we are formally extending the scope of Community Health Clubs to ensure food sustainability (STD 2) which coupled with SDG 6 will ensure Good Health (SDG 3) and Poverty Reduction (SDG 1). Therefore in 2022, the Board agreed to change the 'A.D' in the acronym to signify **Agriculture for Development** to capture our work on the empowerment of women (SDG 5) through income generation (SGD 8) in agricultural projects. The more holistic design of our projects this year can be appreciated at a glance by the 'SDG train' in each page in this Annual Report, which shows which 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) are being simultaneously addressed in each project.

The good governance of the organisation has been further strengthened in the past year by welcoming Victor Nyamandi, Director of the Environmental Health Department as a Trustee, an appropriate addition to the Board since he was the District Health Office when the first CHCs were started in Makoni District in 1994. He replaces our loyal Trustee Sally Kuiper who retires, having been of great support over the past few years as signatory for the Board.

Africa AHEAD is now a truly home-grown NGO, managed **by Zimbabweans for Zimbabweans** whilst striving for a level of excellence which is more often associated with better resourced international organisations. Once again we have a clean bill of health from our auditors.

The following pages give so much detail it is hard to believe this was all achieved in the past year by our Executive Director and his dedicated team.