Subject: Chairperson's Note FY2021.

Dear Partners,

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and EAHP secretariat, this is to convey my sincere appreciation for all the support and collaboration EAHP has received from each of you. I also acknowledge that 2021 marks our 9th year of existence still thriving to foster stronger ties for better health in East Africa. This is aligned well with our core mission which is to promote regional health integration with non-state actors for the East African Population.

The year 2020 proved to be a year that put the health systems and structures in Africa under the limelight. Partnerships especially in the health space have been called upon as individual countries have had to pull resources together from both the public and private sectors. The East African Countries have not been exempted as discussions on how to work to ensure that affordable and quality healthcare reaches the EAC population has escalated.

After the first case of the Corona Virus being detected and reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Egypt on 14th February 2020, with talks of the vaccination being rampant. With the WHO, Africa CDC, and other organizations work to ensure that the Covid-19 vaccine reaches everyone, we are striving to work with governments and development partners to ensure that safety and Covid-19 restrictions are adhered to and followed.

2021 is yet another in the journey towards achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC) targets by 2030. Against all odds that the corona virus pandemic has come with, we re-affirm our commitment and we look forward to working with you to have a healthy and productive population who has access to affordable and quality health care in EAC region.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Aflodis Kagaba Chairman