

## from the Leadership

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merging from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are coming from the cusp of one of the most unprecedented events in our lifetime. We are aware that as a superfood producer, Kakuzi is a key contributor to people's well-being and livelihoods, the country's economic development and food security within Kenya and the region.

The values we hold as a Company are fundamental to our business and go beyond our agricultural operations into the work we do with communities, the welfare of our employees and our long-term environmental sustainability. Our business does not and cannot operate in isolation as we are part of the wider ecosystem in Murang'a County and beyond.

In the year, we have continued the focus on our six SDGs. Our work in education has further enhanced learning opportunities for the 5,000 children attending schools located within our boundaries and we will continue to expand these initiatives in the coming years.

In health, we continue working alongside other organisations to provide invaluable preventive, promotive and curative health for vulnerable communities. Our work in environmental sanitation has delivered new facilities to 18 schools directly benefiting over 6,000 learners. And finally, efforts to ensure our operations are enriching environments continue through our tree planting and water catchment preservation initiatives.

Under the guidance of our Independent Human Rights Advisory Committee (IHRAC) we have operationalised the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights. This has culminated in the launch of one of the region's first Independent Operational level Grievance Mechanisms that is aligned to the UN Guiding principles on Business and Human Rights.

The need to protect our environment, reduce our carbon footprint and ensure our agricultural operations provide a sustainable supply of superfoods which are grown responsibly has never been greater.

As our operations grow, so do the opportunities we as a business have to provide innovative interventions that we believe provide real stakeholder value.

I commit our third ESG report to you as a demonstration of our commitment to this cause.



