

Dear AIHA family, friends, and partners,

As 2025 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reach out — both to say thank you and to introduce myself in my new role.

Many years ago, my first experience with the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) was not as a staff member, but as a partner. I was working within a local institution engaged in an AIHA-supported partnership, navigating a period of change and uncertainty in our health system. What stayed with me then — and has stayed with me ever since — was how different AIHA felt: grounded in trust, shaped by peer learning, and deeply respectful of local leadership. AIHA didn't come with answers already decided. It came ready to listen and to build alongside us.



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Today, stepping into the role of Executive Director, I carry that perspective with me. I know what it means to be on the partner side of this work, and I believe that this is one of AIHA's greatest strengths. For more than three decades, AIHA has focused on strengthening institutions, not just delivering projects — supporting the people and organizations who are closest to the challenges, and therefore closest to the solutions.

At a moment when global health is shifting and many systems are under strain, I am convinced that AIHA's approach is more important than ever. Strong, resilient health systems — and the promise of health for all — depend on local ownership, durable partnerships, and long-term capacity building. That is what you have helped make possible through your support for AIHA.

As we move into the new year, I look forward to being in closer touch and sharing more about how AIHA is evolving to meet this moment, while staying true to the values that have always defined our work. I am grateful to be joining this community and honored to help lead AIHA into its next chapter.

Best wishes,

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