

Foreword

I am delighted to introduce the 20th edition of the *South African Health Review*. In commemoration of this achievement, this edition considers the healthcare developments of the past 20 years, explores the current challenges faced by our healthcare system, and reflects on possible issues for South Africa in the years ahead.

Since its inception, the *South African Health Review* has had the ambitious goal of providing a comprehensive analysis of health and systems of health care, by which to map our transition from a nation divided by systemic inequality to one of equitable access to health care for all. Our aim has been to reflect on the progress achieved both in policy and in the lived realities of South Africans, and point to areas of shortfall where advances in policy have not translated into effective change. It is heartening to note that the *Review* has lived up to its initial ambitions and has become firmly entrenched in the public health landscape of our country.

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