



# “HEART AND SOUL OF THE AFRICAN DREAM”

Between 1989 and 1997, Baroness Chalker was UK Minister of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, holding responsibility for Africa and the Commonwealth and then also for Overseas Development. She has been a member of the Lower and Upper Houses of the UK Parliament for over forty years. She was made a Life Peer in 1992. She has also been an adviser to the World Bank and was the first woman to be appointed as a non-executive director of Unilever. She is a member of the international advisory board of Lafarge et Cie and is the Founder and President of Africa Matters Limited, a pan African group of advisers seeking to take investment into African businesses and keep them viable. She was Chairman of the Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) and is a Founder Trustee of the Investment Climate Facility for Africa

(ICF) as well as being a patron of a number of charities, including the Chalker Foundation for Africa. She is founding Member of the Global Leadership Foundation and has served on the Board of the Foundation since its incorporation in 2004 and has been part of three GLF project teams in Africa.

Since leaving Government she has shown her consistent support for sustainable development in Africa through projects which respectively work on improving access to healthcare, economic development and poverty reduction through The Chalker Foundation, ensuring sustainable economic development through Africa Matters, advancing human rights and democracy through the Global Leadership Foundation and supporting children and orphans affected by the impacts of HIV infection in Lesotho and Botswana through the Sentebale.

The programme helps children and adolescents struggling to come to terms with their HIV status by providing a fun, friendly and safe environment for them to address their men-



tal health and wellbeing amongst their peers, giving them the tools and knowledge they need to lead long, healthy and productive lives. It ensures children's basic needs are met including food, shelter, education, healthcare and love. It also provides specialist care such as psychosocial support and aid for those with disabilities. It also delivers life skills and vocational training to enable children to return to their community and support themselves through life. Another

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“for her work as Minister for Overseas Development (1989-1997) and her consistent support for international development in Africa through improving access to healthcare, economic development, human rights and poverty reduction and countering the impacts of HIV infection through The Chalker Foundation, the Sentebale charity and the Global Leadership Foundation.”

incredible initiative on behalf of the foundation is the 'Let Youth Lead' advocacy programme - which provides young people with a platform to voice the challenges of youth living with HIV and those affected by the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. The programme aims to engage policymakers to drive positive change in HIV interventions that better support this generation. It also provides adolescent-friendly HIV Testing & Counseling Services (HTS) and HIV prevention services in Lesotho, with young people (18 to 24 year olds) at the heart of delivering this work. These young people are called 'Peer Educators'.

Baroness Chalker has more than 30 years' involvement in African issues, and is particularly keen to help companies develop sustainable corporate investment in their communities. She believes education and good health provision are essential to relieving poverty, alongside profitable business ventures. Apart from her steadfast social commitments, she enjoys wildlife viewing, classical, jazz and African music, reading, driving and theatre.