

PHASE TWO

CHICKEN LAYER PROJECT & ON-SITE CANNING FACILITY

2023 - 2024

Date: August 1, 2022

Project Amount: \$50,000.00 USD

Peoples Targeted:

Orphaned and vulnerable children living in rural areas.

Issue:

Since AIDS came on the scene in the early eighties, Malawi has suffered great loss of life and its whole family structure has been altered. Fifty three percent of its population are aged 18 and younger. 16.7 percent of children under 18 are Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC).

In Malawi an orphaned child will by default go to whomever is the closest living relative. Often these children find themselves living with very aged grandparents, or single mothers who are already struggling to provide the bare necessities for their existing families. This puts these children at an extremely high risk for exploitation and abuse. Often these children and especially young girls are forced into immoral practices simply to have food for the day.

We have personally been moved by the plight of these children and have taken action to provide for the food and nutritional care of these children. In 2008 we built the Goshen Care Center through which we are able to care for up to one hundred orphans and vulnerable children.

Our goal from the onset has been to have a facility that through a combination of both paid staff and volunteer help can sustain itself. We have made an initial investment of sixty-five thousand dollars to purchase land, erect buildings and install a deep well with a reserve water tank.

This second phase will give us the ability to sustain ongoing food security in the form of both meat and eggs as well as the preservation of vegetables through canning. In addition, through profits made from the sale of both chickens and eggs we will have the ability to cover operational costs as well as secure the future financial resources needed for ongoing project operations.

Proposed Method:

- Chicken layer project producing both eggs and meat
- Adding on-site canning equipment to preserve our bumper crop of vegetables

We are seeking to add a five hundred layer chicken house to our Goshen Care Center in order to attain complete sustainability.

Chicken Layer Project

Through much research and the experience of living in Malawi we believe one of the best ways to attain self sustainability is through the raising of chickens on a large scale for the sale of eggs. There are many pros of this project with very few cons.

Pros

Provides additional revenue for the care center through the sale of eggs...

Provides both eggs and meat for children...

Waste can be sold or used as fertilizer for our gardens...

Helps offset salaries of Goshen Care Center staff...

Project will be used to teach children a trade in our life skills program...

This project will consist of building a chicken house and storage area capable of raising 500 layers, as well as purchasing the initial livestock, feeders, and supplies needed to get started.

Once the initial investment is made we will have the ability within a two year period to provide enough meat, eggs and vegetables to feed the children at our care center as well as keep the layer project going indefinitely.

Canning of Vegetables

Almost without fail we have bumper crops of vegetables in the summer growing months. With a small investment in canning equipment we will have the ability to preserve our summer crops of vegetables for use in the winter and early spring of the following year.

Pros

Consistent nutrition for children year round...

Canning equipment (Jars) can be used year after year if they are well maintained...

Resources Needed:

Finances For The Following:

- Chicken Layer House & Storage Building (500 Layer Capacity)
- Starter Livestock And Feed
- Initial Canning Equipment Of Large Pans, Pressure Cookers And Jars
- Truck For Transporting Chickens And Eggs To Market