

Capacity building with chickens

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Sitsasaweni, Eswatini



Economic Empowerment

Total Budget

\$20,600

Project Timeline

JAN 19

DEC 20



Overview

This was a follow-on project after an initial Entrust-supported project provided seed funding to allow a disabled person's group in rural Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) to set up a chicken broiler business to earn their own income. Results were strong and improving as the group learned through trial and error and received training and advice from our local partners and government authorities. This project supported a new purpose-built chicken-rearing building and two batches of 300 chicks, which doubled current capacity and is providing an ongoing income stream to 20 disabled people and their families. The project was on hold for 6 months during COVID-19 lockdowns.

Objectives



A new purpose-built chicken house

Impact

A chicken-rearing house was built on donated land. With the assistance of the community, the chicken house is fully functional. Sawdust and chicken feed is also being stored and sold from the premises.



600 chickens purchased

Two lots of 300 chickens were purchased to begin the project. This has allowed profit to participants, a secure food source and easier access to obtain chickens. The group have been trained in chicken-rearing and budgeting.



Chickens are transforming my life!

Gcebile says "Since we have our own land and structure there are a lot of opportunities. I see that our vision has been met - we are now able to stock more chickens in shifts as our structure is big to accommodate more than two batches. This creates reliability to our customers. We are now able to collect some profit to cater for our needs. It gives us a job. I'm excited that during our gatherings we share ideas and skills. Really, this has been a great project, thank you so much!"



Life change

- 20 members of the disabled person's group are earning their own income and provide for their families, a further 170 people
- Cultural perceptions around disability within their community are being impacted positively as well as participants gaining dignity and a sense of self-worth
- Improved incomes will lead to better health and greater opportunities for education for the group members and their children

