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Poultry Project, Luangwa Valley, Zambia

Background to the Area and its People: The Luangwa Valley in Zambia's Eastern Province is home to



world-famous South Luangwa National Park, one of Africa's most famous wildlife destinations, and an area where the High Five Club is fostering a long-term relationship with the local community. It is where H5C co-founder Manny Mvula was raised and worked for many years in the safari industry, and one of the rural areas in which Cheryl Mvula currently works, and hence is very close to our hearts.

Despite its popularity for tourism, the majority of the Kunda people who reside here still live in poverty. Very few people have formal employment, most surviving by growing maize and vegetables for their food security. People here are lucky if they get protein more than twice a month. This means that illegal poaching of wildlife 'for the pot' is a livelihood strategy for some in the community, whilst many others suffer from poor nutrition, which leaves them open to opportunistic diseases in an area where 1 in 4 live with HIV.

Poultry Project: Mnkhangya CRB (Community Resource Board) has set up a poultry project in the area to provide an affordable, valuable source of protein to local people in the form of eggs and chicken meat.

This community-owned project was set up in December 2008 when 300 layers were purchased using funds this enterprising community had set aside themselves for development. The CRB built a simple predator proof structure to house the chickens along with a protected outdoor fenced area so the chickens have outside access during daylight hours, along with purchasing the equipment needed to feed and water them.



They also secured training on how to look after the chickens and implement good welfare standards.

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Circa. one year on the layers are doing extremely well – production is currently on average 280 eggs per day and welfare standards are high.

Demand, however, far exceeds supply, with all eggs produced sold instantly. The eggs are priced at a subsidised rate and all income generated covers chicken feed, gives work to two people to look after the



chickens and provides funds for further development projects in the community. Hence following the initial set up this is a totally self-sustainable initiative. Even the chicken manure produced is used as a local fertiliser in the community's vegetable plots!

The community would now like to expand the initiative to double their capacity to provide an affordable

protein source for more people, thereby improving the health and nutrition of many and further reducing the incidence of illegal wildlife poaching in the area.

Funding Needs:

- Purchase of 300 layers (£500)
- Construction of predator proof brick structure to house chickens along with perimeter fence for an outdoor area (£2,000)
- Feeding and watering equipment (£100)
- **Total Cost: £2,600**



High Five Club Support:

The community have raised the funds to construct the housing and outdoor fenced area, along with the watering and feeding equipment. They hence require a small donation of £500 from the High Five Club to purchase the 300 layers. We are very happy to come together to provide this hand up to the community.