

# Egg laying farm in Malawi



## WHAT IS PROJECT MALAWI?

In cooperation with DanChurchAid the SANOVO STAALKAT GROUP has decided to support the setting up of an egg laying farm in Malawi. The main product of the farm will be to produce and sell eggs to local institutions or on the local market.

The project will start up building a henhouse to occupy a population of 300 chickens. Besides the henhouse and the 300 chickens the project includes a proper supply of feed, education of the local staff and vaccines for the chickens. Everything will be handled by a group of preselected local women who in the process will receive training.

So far the SANOVO STAALKAT GROUP and DanChurchAid have committed five years to the chicken project starting December 2007. The project will be followed closely with exchange of information and know-how, and we invite everybody to follow the story of the Malawi project at our websites:

[www.sanovoeng.com](http://www.sanovoeng.com)

[www.staalkat.com](http://www.staalkat.com)

## MALAWI

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in Africa with a very short history of democracy. The country has fought against corruption and political violence, and hunger and AIDS has impoverished its population. However, the population is learning to make demands of their democratically elected government and of those people who have been given the responsibility of managing the country's few resources. There continues to be a great need to strengthen the civil society and those organizations that work to combat poverty and hunger in Malawi. An increasing number of Malawians, however, know their basic rights and participate in decisions regarding themselves and their local community.

Malawi suffers from chronic poverty. Most people only have a short and very basic education. This is a problem when the country wants to improve an agriculture that uses methods corresponding to those used in the Iron Age in Western Europe.



More than 80% of the population live in rural areas cultivating small plots of land that rarely are big enough to feed a normal sized family for a whole year. As a consequence, the majority starves for several months in the lead

up to harvest time. Starvation occurs even in good years when rainfall is adequate and comes at the right time. In periods of drought or flood the situation quickly escalates to actual hunger crisis.

## FIGURES ON MALAWI

- 33% of the population is malnourished
- 35.9% of all Malawians over 15 years of age are illiterate
- 41.7% are so poor they have to live on less than one dollar a day
- Four out of five people live on less than two dollars a day