



Our farm in Malawi



Mrs. Loiness Kaikeni, age 23, secretary of the Kumala Group

Married to a farmer with whom she has two children, age 3 and 5



Members of the Mtoso group caring for the chickens.

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In December 2007 SANOVO STAALKAT entered a humanitarian cooperation with DanChurch Aid with the aim of setting up an egg laying farm in Malawi. With the aim of providing the local employees with a stable income and establish a financially healthy egg farm, SANOVO STAALKAT has decided to support the project both financially and intellectually until 2012. This is bulletin no 3.

From the very beginning the contribution was split between two villages – Kumula Village and Mtoso Village:

Kumula Village: 31 members - Stock: 155 layers “HJI Line” race
Mtoso Village: 28 members - Stock: 175 - - -

Progress and Challenges

Production: Since April 2008 the chickens started laying eggs with an average number of 160 eggs per day in the May. Cold weather in June and July combined with a disease of Coccidiosis drastically reduced the production in June and July. Kumala has registered a loss of 20 chickens. The disease has been cured, the weather is getting warmer and the production is picking up again. The chickens now look healthy.

Mixing of own feed: The women have been taught how to mix their own feed of maize, fish meal, soya beans and lime stone, which has reduced the cost of buying feed. The beans are from own production, whereas maize has to be purchased. Unfortunately, the price of maize is steadily increasing.

Sale of eggs: The women can now sell the eggs at MKW 25 (€0,12) – per egg locally and at longer distance markets at MKW 30 – 32 (€0,15). Longer distance markets means selling the eggs to neighbour villages within the distance of 10 kilometres. The farms are placed in areas with very poor infrastructure and it appears that the best mean of transportation is bicycle. Consequently, both farms have been provided with a bicycle which will enable them to sell the eggs to neighbour villages at the higher price.

Based on the current sale of eggs, both villages have managed to maintain a positive cash flow