

Soweto, 31 July 2019

Good Morning and Greetings from South Africa.

We had another successful trip to our Village Area Macubeni in the Eastern Cape Province.

This Macubeni trip was again different for all of us.

Because it is very difficult to get healthy Day Old Chicks (DOC) in the Eastern Cape (Queenstown), Stuart Weitzman (Evonik Animal Nutrition) asked HIS customer Willem Miller and his colleagues Jacques Cloete (AFGRI Feeds) to join him on a working visit to Macubeni.

The idea was for the AFGRI Team to collect 360 DOC's from THEIR customer's (Alpha Ross Chicks) hatchery in Pretoria at 2AM on the Tuesday morning and drive 10h to meet Stuart in Queenstown. Stuart then took over the chicks and drove the 90 minutes to deliver them to us in the Village.

360 Day Old Chicks arrive alive and in time for our people in the village to receive the chicks for all to say, "they look fresh"!

Thats what you call a supply chain

Utho Ngathi travelled from Johannesburg with the fully loaded Pick-up with furniture and equipment purchased from donations collected from the farewell party of Reiner Beste and the 25th work-anniversary of Hannes Fickler.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND HIGHLY APPRECIATED CONTRIBUTIONS!!!!!!

The beauty of this part of the country is overwhelming and it is exciting to pass the mountains, valleys and small towns of the Eastern Cape Province, but to witness poverty and very challenging life circumstances are often heart breaking.



The day after arrival the Utho Ngathi Team took another trip to Queenstown (90 km) to load the 1 Ton of Chicken Feed. The Pick-up which was donated by Evonik Foundation and members of the Management of Evonik Industries is working hard, that we can assure you.



The time the 360 Chicks arrived we were all excited and the chicken house was clean and well prepared. One challenge is the heating of the chicken house. In temperatures often below 0 in Winter and these days with very strong winds, it was difficult for us to reach the ideal temperature of 31 Degree; we managed 26 Degree the time the chicks arrived. We are proud to say that now 9 days after the placement of the chicks our mortality rate is 1!!! We are thankful to the AFGRI Team; they organized a very good flock of DOC's from ALFA ROSS CHICKS.



All the teaching and advice from Stuart, Willem and Jacque will help our team to grow our chicken with more expertise. Yesterday Mum Dasi, our supervisor in the Inclusive Chicken Farm Macubeni, had the job to weigh 120 Chicks on the scale. Sadly, none of the chicks reached the weight they should have reached after 8 days, so Willem advised on more light in the chicken house at Night which our team implemented today.

One disturbing News: Our Greenhouse Tunnel got damaged during period of very strong Winds and we are now planning on the fundraising for the repair of the plastic sheeting of the Greenhouse.

Once more we would like to say THANK YOU to Evonik Industries and the team from Animal Nutrition and the AFGRI Team for all the efforts to help us develop

OUR INCLUSIVE CHICKEN FARM MACUBENI.

The Utho Ngathi Disability Projects Team