



The humble egg is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Swaziland

“With 6 grams of high-quality protein and 14 essential vitamins and nutrients, eggs are the perfect food to feed a hungry world.”

– Tim Lambert, CEO of Egg Farmers of Canada

Sustainable agriculture and access to high-quality protein is crucial for countries experiencing food insecurity and malnutrition. Egg Farmers of Canada, in partnership with the International Egg Foundation, oversaw the planning and construction of Heart for Africa’s layer operation in Swaziland.

Volunteers worked hand-in-hand with local Swazis to share the knowledge and expertise necessary to manage the farm over time and build an understanding of best practices in animal husbandry and egg production. The operation welcomed its first flock of pullets in January 2016 and is now offering a dependable source of high-quality protein to an entire community.

Key project information

Location	Lobamba, Swaziland
Partner	Heart for Africa
Number of barns	2 open-air barns
Flock size	2,500 hens per barn

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“Eggs in particular, given the efficiency of hens and scalability of operations, can have an incredible impact in terms of nutrition and sustainable food supply.”

– Julian Madeley, Managing Director of the International Egg Foundation



About Swaziland

Malnutrition and HIV/AIDS have affected the majority of the Swazi population. One in three people in Swaziland is undernourished¹ and more than 42% of the population is infected with HIV/AIDS.² This epidemic has left as much as half of the country's population as orphaned or vulnerable children.

About Heart for Africa

Heart for Africa, a humanitarian organization based in Swaziland, brought hope to the region with its large-scale farming project and safe haven for orphaned and abandoned children. The result is a growing 2,500 acre multi-commodity farm that employs more than 250 Swazis and a community that provides care and education to more than 100 children.

1. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Swaziland is moving towards commercial farming. Rome (2014).
2. Heart for Africa. Why Swaziland (2010).

Results

- The eggs produced feed Heart for Africa's children and staff, and supplement a feeding program that delivers **74,000 hand-packed meals every month** to rural areas through a network of 30 churches.
- The expansion of Heart for Africa's multi-commodity farm **created more jobs** within the community and provides an additional opportunity for training and skill development.
- The **education and the vocational skills** acquired from the farm help prepare the children and staff to sustain the farm over time and offer a continuous source of locally produced eggs.
- Through the generosity of supporters the operation will expand to **30,000 hens** over time.



About the International Egg Foundation

Established in 2013 by the International Egg Commission, the International Egg Foundation is an independent charitable foundation established to increase egg production and consumption in developing countries to help improve nutrition, health and education. To learn more about the International Egg Foundation, visit internationaleggfoundation.com

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