



One egg makes a big difference. One egg a day can give a child a better life.

“When you meet the Project Canaan children, you know that Heart for Africa (Canada) is already leading real change.”

– Roger Pelissero, Chairman of Egg Farmers of Canada

One-ninth of the global population, mostly in developing parts of the world, does not get enough food to live an active, healthy life.¹ Egg Farmers of Canada, in partnership with the International Egg Foundation, oversaw the planning and construction of Project Canaan’s layer operation in Swaziland where 63% of the population lives below the poverty line.²

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 care and egg production. The operation now produces 4,000 eggs a day and offers a dependable source of high-quality protein and essential nutrients to an entire community.

Key project information

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

“We’re working towards a world where children won’t go hungry, and get the nutrients they need to thrive.”

– Tim Lambert, CEO of Egg Farmers of Canada



About Swaziland

Malnutrition and HIV/AIDS have affected most of the Swazi population. One in three people in Swaziland is undernourished³ and more than 44% of the population is infected with HIV/AIDS.⁴ This epidemic has left as much as half of the country’s population as orphaned or vulnerable children.

About Project Canaan

Project Canaan is a large-scale farming project and safe haven for orphaned and abandoned children in Swaziland. The result is a growing 2,500 acre multi-commodity farm that employs more than 280 Swazis and a community that provides care and education to 170 children.

1. World Hunger Education Service. *2016 World Hunger Poverty Facts and Statistics* (2016).
2. Central Intelligence Agency. *The World Factbook*. (2013).
3. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. *Swaziland is moving towards commercial farming*. Rome (2014).
4. Heart for Africa (Canada). *Why Swaziland* (2010).

Results

- The egg project produces **4,000 fresh eggs each day** for the community. These eggs feed Project Canaan’s children and staff, and supplement a feeding program that delivers **74,000 hot meals every month** to rural areas through a network of 30 churches.
- The expansion of the 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