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BONDEAU BROILER PROJECT

Status Report



**Bondeau,
Haiti**

Project Goal

Provide impoverished residents of Bondeau, Haiti, an additional source of protein and income by establishing an animal husbandry initiative.

Project Description

The **Bondeau Broiler Project** is implementing a chicken farm for 25 farmers and leaders of Bon Samaritain (Good Samaritan) Episcopal Church in Bondeau that will improve the diets of the school students who live in the community and provide a source of income for families.

This project includes:

- A total of 1,000 day-old chicks (biotype broilers)
- Vitamins
- Antibiotics
- Broiler feed
- Four doses of vaccines
- Twenty feeders for chicks
- Twenty drinkers for chicks
- Twenty plastic feeders
- Twenty plastic automatic drinkers
- Other items such as milk, heater and detergent
- Construction of a 125-square-meter chicken coop
- One scale
- Two solar-powered lamps
- Transportation of materials

This project is supported by Food For The Poor for the first two of four cycles in a year. Each cycle lasts approximately 42 days, during which time it is estimated that 995 broilers will be produced and mature to a weight of 6 pounds or more to be sold for their meat. The estimated market price for each broiler is \$6 each, generating an income of approximately \$5,970 for the first cycle.

Rearing chickens also produces approximately 110 bags of manure each cycle, which can be sold for a profit. One bag of chicken manure sells for approximately \$4, which can generate approximately \$1,760 in income annually.

The completion date of this project may be extended for issues related to weather, natural disaster or civil unrest to the extent that such events exceed normal conditions and impede the project's progress.

Project Update

We are pleased to report the project has started and is progressing as scheduled.

The Food For The Poor - Haiti team reports the following activities have been completed:

- Construction of the chicken coop
- Disinfection of the crawlspace and chicken coop
- Installation of the bedding

Additionally, the team installed all the materials necessary for the safe and comfortable installation of the chicks. This included the automatic plastic feeders and drinkers, as well as the solar-powered lamps and heater to keep them warm.

On March 2, the chicks were placed in the chicken coop. Some items were delivered, including 40 bags of feed along with six vitamin and 11 antibiotic packets and supplies.

A training session was held for the beneficiaries to teach them about rearing broilers. Then, on March 16, the New Castle and Gumboro vaccines were administered to the chicks.

At this time, the mortality rate is zero and the average weight of the broilers is estimated at 1.7 lbs. Delivery of the remaining 44 bags of feed for the growing and finishing stages of the broilers has been scheduled.

Wilcaire Casimir, 41, who lives in Bondeau and works at the Bon Samaritain Parish, is very happy with the execution of the chicken coop project.

"I have never witnessed any projects, like the broilers project, which is being executed at my community," Wilcaire said. "Before, our residents have always had difficulty purchasing meat. Sometimes they used to travel more than 10 kilometers to find it. Now, with this project, they will no longer have this issue.

Wilcaire also is excited about the possibilities and opportunities the chicken coop may bring.

"In addition, trades will also be possible with the local market. Therefore, with such activity that will generate income and bring changes for people in our community," Wilcaire said. "We say a big thanks to the donors and Food For the Poor for funding this project."

Remaining Project Components

- Vitamins (19)
- Antibiotics (14)
- Broiler feed (44)
- Scale (1)
- Transportation

Construction of the chicken coop is finished.



Storage building where the supplies, such as the chicken feed, are kept.



Forty bags of feed were delivered.



Vitamin and antibiotic packets and supplies were delivered.



Bedding was installed after the crawlspace and the chicken coop were disinfected.



The chicks were placed in the chicken coop that had been setup with automatic drinkers and feeders.



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