

Ratidzo Trust Progress Report

We have now returned to the UK for a few months to feed back to supporters and to do some fundraising. Innocent (our full time employee) is continuing to run things while we are here.

The main update is that we just about managed to finish building the fowl run before we left. We were able to employ a local builder to assist us in the 6 week build (which was constantly delayed by the heavy rains) and just have some finishing touches to plastering etc. to do on our return.



The fowl run has 6 rooms to house fowl and 2 store rooms, with a fenced-in area on the outside to allow fowl to roam free outside. We did manage to house some fowl before we left, 15 chicken layers are now producing around 10 eggs a day and our plan is to increase this to around 50 birds (once we have the funding in place). This will enable us to sell eggs to raise income and to donate where needed.



16 roadrunner (free range) chickens are also housed and we hope they begin to breed. We also wish to increase their number to around 100 birds. This will allow more breeding and for us to setup chicken projects with individuals and groups in the community.

We also have a batch of 16 quails which have just started laying. We aim to incubate the eggs to build the stock. (Incubator is currently not working).

The orchard is growing well and we also started planting a bee friendly garden to go alongside our Bee Against Poverty project. Which has been made possible by securing the land thanks to your donation.



On our return the well will also be dug and this will allow us to start vegetable farming in the shade greenhouse. The water tank tower has also been built.



We will now be able to use the fowl run, orchard, veg garden & goats to continue to raise income and support our charity's work in the local community, schools and our sponsored orphans & host families.

Thank you once again for your support, we look forward to being able to report back to you again later this year.