Poultry of 500 Chicken Providing a 3-Fold Benefit

This is an effort to establish a poultry starting with 500 day-old chicks. After 6 months of growth of the chicks into hens, the hens will start laying eggs.

This would serve the Dream Home in 3 ways.

- 1. Firstly, these funds will help provide a **sustainable income source** for the orphanage. Sales of eggs laid by the hens will generate an income of \$75 to \$100 daily, for 12 to 18 months.
- 2. Secondly, we will be able to benefit from fresh eggs daily providing a **steady supply of high-quality protein for the orphans**.
- 3. Thirdly, we would engage the orphans in helping to care for the chicks. This would help **foster a sense of responsibility**. Despite the obvious setbacks and trauma these children have suffered, it is our goal to encourage active engagement in their own lives and surroundings and avoid imbuing a sense of entitlement or learned helplessness. To assist in this process, we intend on having the older orphans themselves help in periodically feeding the hens. They will also be able to learn from this venture and potentially be involved in helping to manage this in the future.

| Budget for 1 Year | |
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| 50 bags of chicken feed + transportation of feed | \$ 4,700 |
| Staffing | \$ 1,000 |
| supplies - brooms, disinfectant, buckets, feeders, drinkers etc. | \$ 650 |
| Water rate | \$ 500 |
| Vet | \$ 800 |
| Rent | \$ 750 |
| GlobalGiving fees @ 15% | \$ 1,482.35 |
| Total | \$ 9,882 |

The property we have located is ideal because it includes a store (for storing feed) and water tanks that collect rain water – which would help reduce expenditure on water. This is also fenced and was previously used for the same purpose – raising hens / layers.

In summary, this is a great opportunity and we welcome your support to help launch this.