

**Interchristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission
(IcFEM Mission)
Holy Living & Hard Work**

POULTRY PRODUCTION SCHEME

Background:

Amongst the supporters of IcFEM, we have a chicken farmer, who lives in Shaftsbury, and who supplies one of the major UK supermarket chains with chickens. He has also spent many years working in Africa, with one of the major aid organisations. In 2000-1 he visited Kimilili and saw the needs for food, for employment, for income and for business generation. This gave him the vision for this project.

The Proposition:

It is intended to set up a facility where chickens are hatched and raised to the point of sale. The project will handle approximately 1000 birds per week. Two parts are needed for the project -- a hatchery and an abattoir.

The Hatchery -- a 20 ft. long seaworthy box container will be fitted out with air conditioning, and a feed mill. It needs to be maintained at 17°C to hatch the eggs. The container will be set up in the UK and tested to ensure that all is working before it is dispatched to Africa.

- There will be farms with chickens which supply eggs to the hatchery.
- There will be farms that take the day-old chicks and rear them to maturity.
- There will be farms growing maize and soya for the chicken feed.

The Abattoir -- when the chickens have reached the appropriate size, which takes approximately 59 days, they will be brought to the abattoir, where they will be humanely killed, plucked, gutted and made ready for market, then placed in a refrigerated section. This will also take place in a 20 ft. or 40 ft. refrigerated container.

Additional needs: there will also be need for vehicles to transport the chickens to the farms and to transport feed. There will also be need for refrigerated vehicles to take the chickens to market. To ensure that both the hatchery and refrigeration units continue to function there will be the necessity to provide a standby generator.

The detailed breakdown of costing is available, and the total project cost is in the region of £30,000 (container transport - £3,500, hatchery - £12,000, abattoir - £2,500, mill - £2,000, building £3,000, 75 KVa generator and vehicles £5,500). We believe it could revolutionise the area and provide a source of income and protein for the population.