

# **Send a Cow: 'Addressing Social and Economic Poverty for Vulnerable Families in Leribe' (MYG033.15)**

## **Summary of End of Year 2 Report**

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This project aims to assist vulnerable families to develop food security through integrated agriculture and training sessions in Leribe, Lesotho.

In addition to training on enhancing the commercial viability of their agricultural output, the 12 beneficiary groups (400 people) have also received training on gender based violence, HIV and AIDS.

This project has also been complemented by an additional project, "Improving water access for vulnerable families in Leribe", which resulted from underspent funds from Send a Cow's previous Multi-Year Grant project, MYG007.12. It took place in the same location as MYG033.15 and identified existing but unsafe water sources. These were capped and water storage tanks were constructed in order to make the water clean and safe for drinking.

### **Activities in Year 2**

All 400 people involved in the project have planted a variety of cash crops including butternut, green pepper, green beans, tomato, beetroot, carrots and some leafy vegetables such as spinach and mustard. Following on from extensive training, the farmers are also commencing value addition such as drying and packaging the produce in order to preserve it and sell it in the off-season.

Additionally, each group has planted 1,000 fruit trees and practiced some applied water harvesting techniques. Each group is also producing broiler and layer chickens for household consumption and sale. One of the groups keeps layers that produce an average of three trays of eggs per day, generating income of £5.60 per day.

### **Budget Summary**

The project is running to schedule and has spent a total of £123,350.03 in Year 2. This includes funding provided from the underspend of MYG007.12.

This represents a £9,509.71 overspend on the Year 2 budget however this was primarily as a result of a significant fall of the value of Sterling (GBP) during 2016. The exchange rate loss was absorbed by Send a Cow.