



One egg makes a big difference. One egg a day can give a child a better life.

“The International Egg Foundation is committed to ensuring high quality protein is accessible to everybody. Eggs in particular can have an incredible impact in terms of improving human nutrition.”

— Julian Madeley, Managing Director,
International Egg Foundation

Volunteers worked hand-in-hand with local Swazis to share the knowledge and expertise necessary to manage the farm over time and build an understanding of best practices in animal care and egg production. The operation now produces 4,000 eggs a day and offers a dependable source of high-quality protein and essential nutrients to an entire community.

One-ninth of the global population, mostly in developing parts of the world, does not get enough food to live an active, healthy life.¹ Egg Farmers of Canada, in partnership with the International Egg Foundation, oversaw the planning and construction of Project Canaan's layer operation in Eswatini where 63% of the population lives below the poverty line.²

Key project information

Location	Lobamba, Eswatini
Number of barns	2 open-air barns
Flock size	2,500 hens per barn

“We’re working towards a world where children won’t go hungry, and get the nutrients they need to thrive.”

– Tim Lambert, Chairman, International Egg Foundation



About Eswatini

Malnutrition and HIV/AIDS have affected most of the Swazi population. One in three people in Eswatini is undernourished³ and more than 44% of the population is infected with HIV/AIDS.⁴ This epidemic has left as much as half of the country’s population as orphaned or vulnerable children.

About Project Canaan

Project Canaan is a large-scale farming project and safe haven for orphaned and abandoned children in Eswatini. The result is a growing

2,500 acre multi-commodity farm that employs more than 300 Swazis and a community that provides care and education to 250 children.

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2. Central Intelligence Agency. The World Factbook. (2013).
3. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Swaziland is moving towards commercial farming. Rome (2014).
4. Heart for Africa (Canada). Why Swaziland (2010).

Results:

- The egg project produces **4,000 fresh eggs each day** for the community. These eggs feed Project Canaan’s children and staff, and supplement a feeding program that delivers **74,000 hot meals every month** to rural areas through a network of 32 churches.
- The expansion of the multi-commodity farm **created more jobs** within the community and provides an additional opportunity for training and skill development.
- The **education and the vocational skills** acquired from the farm help prepare the children and staff to sustain the farm over time and offer a continuous source of locally produced eggs.



About the International Egg Foundation

Established in 2013 by the International Egg Commission, the International Egg Foundation is an independent charitable foundation established to increase egg production and consumption in developing countries to help improve nutrition, health and education. Visit internationaleggfoundation.com to learn more about our projects and programs.