

IEF Global Egg School

 Livingstone, Zambia

 25-26 April 2023



Malnutrition rates in Zambia are among the highest in the world. 60% of Zambians are living below the poverty line and 35% of children in Zambia suffer from stunting.¹ Agriculture is the primary source of employment for three-quarters of the population, with small-scale farmers representing the vast majority of Zambia's agricultural community.²

The absence of technical training opportunities contributes to malnutrition in the country, as it hinders the ability to achieve productive and profitable agricultural practices. Recognising the opportunity to enhance egg production knowledge and promote better nutrition in rural Zambia, the IEF launched its first Global Egg School there from 25 - 26 April 2023.

The school offered invaluable training, with topics including effective layer management, biosecurity and layer nutrition for both beginners and experienced individuals in the Zambian egg farming community.



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Meet the attendees

The Global Egg School welcomed local out-growers and agricultural students. Since 2021, ZamHarvest have been empowering out-growers with guidance to build their own barns, providing exclusive contracts for purchasing feed and guaranteeing them higher prices for their eggs, surpassing what can be achieved independently.

Competition is replaced with cooperation as all farmers in the scheme sell eggs at the same price, fostering a supportive community that shares knowledge and best practices. The success of this initiative has paved the way for the implementation of another programme this summer.

Also attending the Global Egg School sessions were egg farmers already responsible for the brooding, rearing and production of eggs as part of established businesses, looking to improve their existing expertise.

Meet the trainers



Farhad Mozafar
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**Dr Sylwia
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Day 1 Senior Egg Personnel



The first day of the Global Egg School provided senior egg personnel with valuable insights into improving efficiencies and outcomes on the farms they are already managing. Sharing their wealth of expertise, the trainers enhanced local egg production knowledge and reinforced the “why we do what we do” message.

The sessions aimed to improve understanding around crucial egg production processes and layer management through practical training. By implementing a “Train the Trainer” approach, the wider egg farming community will ultimately reap the benefits of the knowledge too.

The enthusiasm for egg farming and learning among attendees was awe-inspiring. Feedback to the IEF was resoundingly positive and participants said that all sessions provided crucial information and they were grateful to have attended them.

Cassy Price, IEF Executive Director: Programs

The second day of the school covered the fundamentals of efficient egg production. Delivering to an audience of existing and incoming out-growers as well as local agricultural students, the trainers explored the importance of practices that keep layers healthy and productive.

The sessions focused on providing the necessary foundations for participants to begin and thrive with their own egg production business. The positive impacts of these sessions will extend far further than the attendees themselves, with the potential of entire communities benefitting nutritionally and economically from just one egg farmer.

Within the audience, there were also eager local villagers aspiring to become egg farmers, with the training laying essential groundwork for their future pursuits.

Day 2 Agricultural students



I relocated to South Zambia when I heard of the ZamHarvest out-grower programme. Thank you to IEF and the trainers for sharing their knowledge and helping us become successful egg farmers.

Brian Mate, Day 2 Attendee

¹ Habitat for Humanity. 2017. Housing Poverty in Zambia. <https://www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/country/zambia/>

² International Trade Administration. 2022. Zambia - Country Commercial Guide. <https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/zambia-agriculture>