

MENTY'S CHICKEN FARMING

INTRODUCTION


My name is John Menzio Mbokane


I am 75 years old owner of Menty's Primary
Cooperative Ltd.

▶ BACKGROUND

- ▶ In June 2009 I decided to start a business out of nothing
 - ▶ Out of all I decided to start a Broiler meat chicken but did not have any idea on how to start
 - ▶ I then visited the offices of Agriculture and Rural Development
 - ▶ They promised to visit us and help in any way they could
 - ▶ They came and advised us to start on our own and attend study groups
 - ▶ We had nothing and decided on picking up some scraps to sell
 - ▶ We were able to make R900 which was still nothing to start a business with
 - ▶ We are all four working in the company
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▶ BUILDING & FINANCING

- ▶ We started by building a small poultry house and met Mrs Cherlie at ALFA Chicken Farm
 - ▶ She gave us a book to read on how to grow chickens and advised us to start with a small number of fifty
 - ▶ We took her advice but the problem was chicken feeds and heaters
 - ▶ We did not have enough finance to buy all the above but came up with some plans to feed them and keep the place warm
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- ▶ Rural Development and Agriculture then showed up and realised that we were doing good
 - ▶ We were then sent to attend sessions by A.R.C and they promised to assist
 - ▶ They acknowledged the job and I was invited to Parliament and they never assisted after the conference.
 - ▶ Out of the knowledge we gained from training we built a 18x6 meter poultry house which caters for 1800 chicks
 - ▶ We worked so well and even sell baby chicken 600g to 900g for restaurants and small hotels
 - ▶ We are also selling to the community
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- ▶ Finally our plea to government and the big businesses as small farmers is to be assisted financially so that we can become big farmers.

- ▶ THANK YOU

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