

Soweto, 13. August 2018

Good morning and greetings from Soweto, South Africa

Traveling to the Eastern Cape of South Africa is always something special. It is a long journey from our Office in Soweto (10 Hours' Drive) and in our cold winter its definitely a challenge to sleep over in the villages. If you have temperatures below 0 Degree Celsius, no heater and only electricity for 2 or 3 lights in the house, you can imagine how cold it is. There is no tree holding back the cold winds and on an altitude of 1700m in often poorly built houses, the cold winter winds blow through the whole house.

It is an impressive situation, you drive many Kilometer on dirt roads through dry grasslands without any visible agricultural projects and suddenly you see our 3 chicken houses, the greenhouse tunnel and people with and without disabilities, who take care of our Inclusive Chicken Farm and Inclusive Vegetable Farm Macubeni.

Due to the cold winter and weaker day old chicks unfortunately 20 % of our chicks died within the first week of the last cycle. We are working of a better heating system to give the chicken house the right warmth before we place the day old chicks for the new cycle.





Exciting News: We received a call from the German Embassy in South Africa, asking if we can submit a proposal under the Small Project Fund of the German Embassy. With the Budget of Euro 13 000, we developed a plan to build a 5 Room Building with a Kitchen, Office with a Sitting Room, a Store Room and most important a well-equipped Physiotherapy Treatment Room. The construction of the building has started and we are planning to have the building completed before End of November.



We had our Highlight in the Year Calendar of Utho Ngathi Disability Projects; the Evonik Charity Golf Day!

Perfect weather, a well organised event and with the participation of members of different business partners and customers of Evonik Industries, the Golf Day became another memorable Day.

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Evonik Charity Golf Day and we are thankful for all the support and encouraging words we receive on that day. During the price giving and Dinner Buffet, Masauso Phiri from Utho Ngathi Disability Projects had the opportunity to give a presentation about our work for the inclusion and betterment of livelihoods of persons with disabilities in South Africa and Zambia.



After the presentation the management of Meadow Feeds offered a donation of chicken feed for a complete cycle of broilers and feed for our layers. We are Thankful for all the support we receive through this Evonik Charity Golf Day from participating companies and the additional Donation from Meadow Feeds.



Utho Ngathi Suedliches Afrika e.V. in Siegen, Germany is busy preparing the Fundraising Tour 2018. Masauso Phiri and Andreas Woerster will travel to Germany and over 4000 people in over 50 Presentations and meetings in different Schools, Colleges, Churches and other Groups will hear and see more about the life and work with and for Persons with Disabilities in Southern Africa.

We are proud that we also received the Invitations to present our Work to the Evonik Foundation, Management and Staff at Evonik Industries in Essen (24. /25.09.), Hanau (20. /21.09.) and Marl (09.10.)

**Your Utho Ngathi Team**