

*MATANEL FOUNDATION*

*ACTIVITY REPORT*

**Program:**Alternative Livelihoods Training and Support Project

**Year: 2025**

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Alternative Livelihoods Training and Support Project

Year of activity: 2025

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Number of active participants in the program: 107

Estimated number of impacted participants: 535

**Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):**

In 2025, Tevel launched a cornerstone initiative of our whole-village transformation strategy with the establishing communal farming groups on seven hectares of irrigated land. Organized into groups of 10–20 households, 100 farming families have begun generating meaningful economic returns with the cultivation of high-value crops including beetroot, garlic, and chili. The first harvest of high-value crops is expected in 2026.

During this reporting period, we also completed the installation of irrigation systems on an additional 1.5 hectares previously allocated for emergency maize production, dug two additional boreholes, and established a new fenced farm supplied by its own dedicated water source.

Additionally, following the launch of an income-generating poultry program in 2024, this year Tevel purchased a solar-powered incubator and additional equipment to scale the initiative. We are now constructing eight hen houses, with an initial capacity of 2,000 chicks and plans to expand to nearly 6,000 chicks community-wide by year-end.

In parallel, the demonstration farm will maintain a separate production stream of approximately 200 chicks per month. Villagers have been trained to produce their own feed, construct effective housing, and access veterinary services. We also operate a brooding house that protects young chicks—especially vulnerable during their first four weeks—from cold and predators.

This integrated approach has strengthened the village economy, increased community resilience, and laid the groundwork for long-term, sustainable recovery.

**The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):**

- Using village community clubs, land secured in Shamanjanji, in Nanduba, and in Chilimambume was cleared with members receiving half their payment directly and the other half invested into community savings groups.
- These savings clubs now unite 212 members across 13 groups practicing regular micro-savings and credit.
- Among them, 136 members are running small businesses—selling vegetables, clothing, and groceries, and raising goats. Through the clubs, families are gaining financial literacy, managing household finances more effectively, and saving for their children's education.
- Since August, the communal plots have been cultivated with three high-value crops—beetroot, garlic, and chili—with a portion of the beetroot grown organically. Tevel has also launched an outgrower scheme, securing committed buyers for both beetroot and chili to ensure reliable market access for participating farmers.
- Here's a clean, unified sentence:
- Tevel has supported 12 farmers in collectively raising 2,000 broiler chickens, enabled three former YSPs to raise an additional 700 broilers, and is hosting 4,000 broiler chickens at our central center for both demonstration and production.

**The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):**

This project was evaluated by measuring our effectiveness in implementing the stated objectives and delivering key outputs as follows: establishing the essential infrastructure, forming cooperative farming groups for high-value crop production, and launching a successful outgrower scheme. In terms of poultry farming, the solar incubator, which is available for community use, has increased hatch rates by roughly 30% and enables hens to continue laying eggs. Selective interbreeding is improving flock resilience, and incubating

village eggs for three weeks allows a household with 50 chickens to grow its flock to as many as 300.

Additionally, Tevel partnered with a local agribusiness through an outgrower scheme for broiler production. The company supplies participating farmers with chicks and feed, then purchases mature birds at a guaranteed price. This arrangement provides a stable market and predictable income, generating an average net profit of 15 kwacha per bird—equivalent to approximately \$500 in total profit for 2–3 families raising 1,000 birds.

Participant satisfaction was assessed through ongoing informal feedback between farmers and the project coordinator. The team's rapport and engagement with villagers were also continuously observed through routine interactions across our broader work in Mphande, providing a consistent picture of community trust and collaboration.

### **Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:**

In 2026, Tevel seeks to expand our work and we are currently mapping Mphande A—a nearby village of approximately 250 families—primarily focused on livestock. The village has no boreholes, and residents must walk up to an hour to fetch water from the new farm on the forest boundary. Because a YSP graduate is from Mphande A and several villagers have already expressed interest in our work, we intend to install boreholes there and extend livestock support and related services in 2026.

The community already keeps goats and chickens, and we are exploring opportunities to strengthen these existing assets. As part of this review, Tevel is considering providing chicks, introducing improved livestock practices, and integrating agroforestry to enhance long-term resilience. Our assessment is currently underway.

### **Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (as PDF documents)- See Attached**

Please join photos – as **JPG files** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

Please join a **5 minute movie** which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.- [Click here](#)

| Expense Report  |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Line Item   | Budget          | Expenses        |
| Clearing, preparing 4.5 hectares for cultivation including boreholes and irrigation | \$35,000        | \$20,091        |
| Inputs for high value vegetable crop (for 10.5 hectares)                            | \$48,500        | \$58,782        |
| Agricultural Intern   | \$4,500         | \$5,000         |
| Agronomist Supervisor (1/2 salary)  | \$6,500         | \$7,080         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$94,500</b> | <b>\$90,953</b> |
|   |                 |                 |
| Income Sources  |                 |                 |
| <b>Matanel Foundation</b>   |                 | <b>10,000</b>   |
| Pears Foundation  |                 | 21,000          |
| Livelihood Impact Fund  |                 | 30,000          |
| Debra Pell  |                 | 30,000          |
| <b>Total</b>  |                 | <b>\$91,000</b> |

## Photos and Videos



Chicks arrive at Tevel Training Farm



Hen house under construction



High-Value Crops: Chilis



## Drilling for Water

Video links:

Short video about our work:

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Community Clubs:

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