



ACTION STORY



School Poultry Project, Uganda

From Setback to Recovery: Eggs for Learning

Background

Supported by a Global Landcare ALI Fund grant, this school-based poultry project in Uganda set out to raise a flock of laying hens. The aim was simple but powerful: a steady supply of fresh eggs to help meet the nutritional needs of the school community, while giving pupils and staff hands-on experience in caring for livestock.

Solutions

The project team built a secure poultry house fitted with feeding troughs, drinkers and nesting boxes, and began raising 50 young birds in late 2025. Regular updates shared with Global Landcare tell a story of care, resilience and a community that refused to give up when things went wrong. This action story follows that journey, from the first chicks to the first eggs.

A Strong Start: Late 2025

By the end of December 2025, the birds were two months old, healthy and growing well. The team was looking forward to collecting the first eggs in February.



A Hard Setback: January 2026

On 19 January, the team woke to devastating news. An outbreak of disease, reported as malaria, had swept through the poultry house overnight. 42 of the 50 birds were lost and only eight survived.



Back on Its Feet: March and April 2026

With support from the school, the project rebuilt. By March, 50 new chicks were three weeks old and thriving, and the eight surviving hens had begun to lay. By April, their eggs were helping to meet the school's nutritional needs.



Moving Forward

What began as a story of loss has become one of resilience. With a new flock growing alongside eight productive hens, the project is on track to provide a reliable supply of eggs for the school community. As the flock grows, so do the running costs of water, electricity and labour, and the team is working on ways to keep the project strong and sustainable for the years ahead.



1 School Supported



8 Laying Hens



50 New Chicks