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SUBJECT: NTINGA VISITS KULUMILO MULTI-PURPOSE CO-OPERATIVE

Raising chickens has been a great hands-on experience for Mr & Mrs Rozani. This power couple started Kulumilo Multi-Purpose Co-operative in 2012 and formally registered it in 2017. Their primary focus is raising layer chicks and sell to the community of Silverton in Mthatha and various wholesales.

Currently they have about 260 chickens and they are expanding their business by also tapping into Poultry Farming, Vegetable Garden, Sewing and selling woods in their community. They first bought 50 chicks, which they grew to be chickens. Initial they were 5 members in this cooperative, however due to Covid 19 only 2 members are still active.

This project started as a hobby, enjoying fresh eggs has turned into valuable life experience. They were working at First National Bank (FNB) and decided to take an early retirement because they want to focus on their project.

It has been a tough journey for this power couple, they are requesting government to intervene. During the visit that was conducted by Ntinga they cited several challenges such as lack of infrastructure, feed and transport for delivering their products to their clients.

Previously, they have been supported by O.R. Tambo District Municipality and Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR).

Their journey is inspiring, irrespective of the challenges they are experiencing, their project is operating and is growing rapidly.

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