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ABSTRACT

Poverty among communities is not a static condition. There are many factors which contribute to its causes and depth. In South Africa, the economic gaps imposed by the previous apartheid government aggravated economic inequalities and caused considerable disparities, which resulted in the high unemployment rates. This led to a call for pro-active initiatives by post 1994 democratic government to remedy the living condition of the previously disadvantaged people. As part of its poverty relief drive, the South African government has embarked on a series of developmental initiatives to bring services to the poor and to reduce enormous prevailing backlogs, with the aim of increasing community participation and improving the lives of the poor.

This study evaluates the egg layers project as a poverty alleviation effort within Blouberg Municipality of the Limpopo Province to respond to the prevailing poverty and underdevelopment among the poor communities. This study revealed from the observations, interviews conducted and questionnaires administered to sampled beneficiaries of Blouberg Municipality who faces poverty.

The study formulated strategies and made recommendations regarding the impact and implementation of the egg layers on poor people.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ABET- Adult Basic Education Training

ANC – African National Congress

CDM –Capricorn District Municipality

DBSA – Development Bank of South Africa

DFID – Department for International Development

DHW – Department of Health and Welfare

DoA – Department of Agriculture

DPW – Department of Public Works

EC – European Commission

GDP – Gross Domestic Product

GEAR – The Growth, Employment and Redistribution

HIV/ AIDS – Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

IDP – Integrated Development Plan

LDCs –Least Development Countries

NDA – National Development Agency

NGOs – Non-Government Organizations

PRP – Poverty Relief Programme

RDP – Reconstruction and Development Programme

SMME – Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises

Stats SA – Statistics South Africa

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

WCED – World Commission on Environment and Development