DECLARATION

I declare that AN EVALUATION OF THE EGG LAYING CHICKENS’ PROJECT AS A POVERTY ALLEVIATION EFFORT WITHIN BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE (mini-dissertation) hereby submitted to the University of Limpopo, for the degree of MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT has not previously been submitted by me for a degree at this or any university; that it is my own work in design and in execution, and that all material contained herein has been acknowledged.

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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 administrated 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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