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Update on **HSA** international projects

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Improving the welfare of chickens during transportation in Lilongwe, Malawi

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- In Malawi, **165,000 chickens** are consumed **every day**
- Most of these chickens are **transported live** from farms to markets attached **upside down** to sticks or the handlebars of bicycles

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A 2022 survey revealed that...

- More than **10% of the chickens die** in transit and at the markets due to poor handling, overloading, and excessive heat
- Of the vendors, **55% did not provide feed and water** to the chickens as they waited to be sold
- The majority of vendors expressed **willingness to adapt** to a more animal friendly system

Improving the welfare of chickens during transportation in Lilongwe, Malawi

- Initially worked with 100 vendors
- Provided **education on chicken welfare**
- Enabled access to **locally-made chicken-friendly crates**



Caring beyond the farm gate

Improving the welfare of chickens during transportation in Lilongwe, Malawi

- **Conduct chicken welfare training** for 350 vendors
- Manufacture and distribute **350 bamboo chicken crates** to trained vendors
- **Train five crafts-people** in crate production
- **Sourcing and distributing bamboo seedlings** to farmers to promote sustainable bamboo production for future crate manufacturing.







Other examples of HSA international support...



A dedicated
HSA Travel Award 2024

Dr **Han Quang Hanh**, Vietnam
visited **Aarhus University**
and learned about
*welfare of pigs and poultry
during transport and slaughter*



Other examples of HSA international support in 2023-24...

- **Farhan Rhidor**, veterinarian, Ibadan, Nigeria
Animal welfare awareness among primary stakeholders during transport and in markets in Nigeria
Survey, visits, training, and advocacy during a 7-month project - HSA Mentoring program
- **Priscilla Komolafe**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Attending the 2024 UFAW conference in Porto
– but funding returned as impossible to obtain visa
- **Roberto González Garoz**, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
*Assessment of unconsciousness in stunning of rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)*
- Visits from China (2024-25) in a **train-the-trainer scheme** for slaughterhouses
- Majority of **HSA Scholarships** (≈4/year) are awarded to international candidates



Thank you for your attention

