

AAI programs and project updates from Zimbabwe

During the first quarter of 2023, AAI management, the Director and associates have been moving around Zimbabwe, implementing projects and programs which the organization has been working on to reduce the suffering of animals and enhance their interests. It is our pleasure to share some of our field updates in order to inform our local and international supporters of the incredible work done by AAI in improving the livelihoods of animals.





and hundreds of subsistence farmers. The program aimed at raising animal welfare standards in the poultry farming industry. The sessions discussed the welfare of chickens, good animal welfare practices and the effects of bad animal welfare practices, how battery cages are cruel and compromise layer hens' welfare, cage-free egg production systems, and the animal cruelty laws in Zimbabwe.



Whilst addressing the adverse effects of antibiotic abuse in poultry production, the stakeholders raised the issue of the use of ARVs in enhancing broiler growth. This is so disheartening as this directly compromises animal welfare and is a threat to human health upon consumption of the poultry products subjected to such.





These training programs and community outreach programs help to improve the well-being of laying hens and provide free-range design models that allow chickens to express their normal behavior such as dust-bathing, perching, and foraging. This program encourages putting an end to the use of battery cages in poultry farming. 15% of farmers committed to transitioning from battery cages to free range.









We established Wildlife Protection and Conservation clubs in six schools across rural and urban areas in Zimbabwe with 225 students becoming members. This program facilitates human education, appreciating the value of wild animals, ways to mitigate human wildlife conflicts and seeing animals as sentient beings who must be treated with compassion and kindness through seminars and educational tours at game parks.





We spent our weekends taking students from 2 schools on an educational tour at a Game Park where the students were appreciating the intrinsic and extrinsic value of wild animals. Many thanks to our supporters as students learned and appreciated the need to protect and value wildlife.





We supported farmers to transition from animal agriculture to plant-based agriculture. We supplied starting beans seed and inputs to 15 farmers to start planting beans. This program aims to reduce reliance on animal protein and help to reduce the suffering of animals raised for food. This program explains the benefits of plant-based diets and promotes a shift from animal-sourced foods to plant-based alternatives.





AAI wishes to thank all our generous supporters, local and international who have made all this work possible. We will continue to make the world a better place for animals. We are the voice for the animals. The future of animals is bright!