

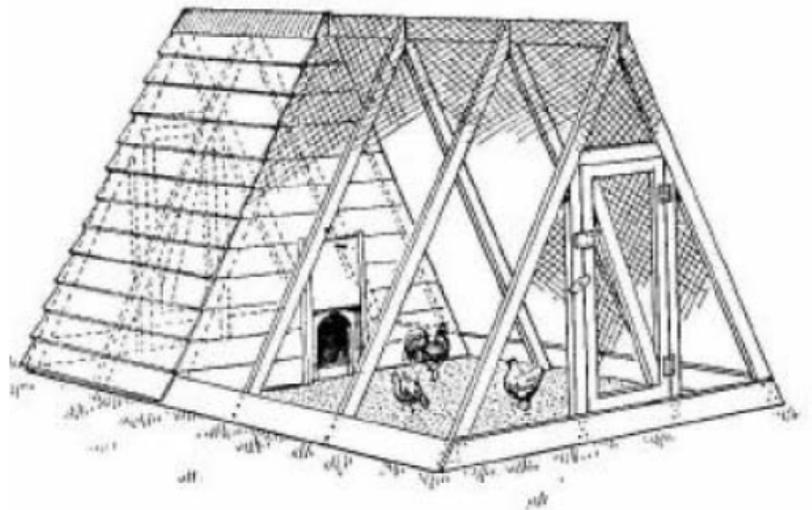
Chicken Coop Project

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Project Summary: To assist the local families in the construction of 6 mobile poultry egg production units. Student interns will guide families in the construction, care, and storage of eggs and the marketing of surplus. The goal of this project is to replace make shift chicken coops with small scale organized production units.

Background: The Nivacle have a strong interest in the production of eggs. Primarily for their own consumption, but also for the potential marketing of excess production. The Nivacle are nutritionally deprived primary due to low consumable food production options. They recognize that egg production would be a means of helping meet their nutritional demands. Secondly, the Nivacle recognize the production of eggs could help interject income into their village.



Proposal: The Nivacle Foundation will assist the artisans in overcoming each of these roadblocks in the following steps:

1. Material: Local retailer Elmer Funk has adequate framing and construction material available at fair market price for the poultry house structure. In addition, in Loma Plata there is an agricultural facility that can provide young laying birds as well as feed for production.



Existing Chicken Enclosures

2. Construction: Chicken coops could be built on site. (outside basketball area) and delivered upon completion. This is a good localized area with electricity need for the construction. A total of 6 chicken coops would be built, possibly more depending on the community interest and success of project.

3. Tools and equipment: Basic tools and equipment would include a circular saw, hammer, wire cutters, level, square, tape measure. These can be purchase locally.

4. Internship: The purpose behind the chicken coops are two fold. 1) To provide the education and construction of chicken coop design and 2) Provide and opportunity for education and

construction be led by student interns. for the A room in the school as been designated as the Artisans Coop. This will offer a place from the weavers and carvers to work together, sharing skills and teaching others. Benjamin, one of the carvers, has offered his assistance in teaching younger people how to carve if they wish. Quality will be emphasized in all the crafts.

5. Marketing: This is a critical step to be realized for the needs of the community to be met. There is a proposal for the construction of the store which serve as a marketing center for not only local villiagers, but also for surrounding communities. This infusion of money would help fulfill the immediate needs of food options, but also establish principles of economics for future growth.

Costs:

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| Tools and Equipment | \$ 475.00 |
| Buidling Materials (6 coops) | \$1800.00 |
| Chicks | \$ 120.00 |
| Feed-one Year | \$1725.00 |
| Internship Assistance | <u>\$1000.00</u> |
| Total Project Contritubtion | \$5120.00 |

How Can I Help? Individuals, families or others can contribute all or a portion of the costs of this critical project, which is so important to the nutrition of the village..

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