Raising Chickens at Home
They were eating breakfast when something comes to Mutoni’s mind. Where did we get this omelette from? Where do eggs come from? Yes, using eggs I bought from the market. That’s right Mutoni, and eggs are important to eat.
Eating eggs gives us protein to grow.

Eggs also have other benefits.

You can sell eggs to pay for school fees and other expenses.

You can also let the eggs hatch.

You can sell the chicks.

Or let them grow.

Adult chickens lay eggs and can provide a lot more.

What do they do when they're grown?
WE CAN EAT THEM

OR SELL THEM

AND THEIR DROPPINGS CAN BE USED AS FERTILIZER ONCE PRIED OUT

THEN WHY DON’T WE KEEP CHICKENS?

I WAS CONSIDERING THIS FOR IT WOULD HELP BRING IN MONEY FOR OUR FAMILY

TOTAELY! YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME MONEY TO BUY SOME CHICKENS!

BOTH OF YOU KIDS WILL HAVE TO HELP OUT

I THINK OUR NEIGHBOR MAMA JOSHUA RECENTLY HATCHED A FEW CHICKS

LET’S GO!
Hi, Mama Joshua. How are you?

Hi, Kayitesi Jane. All is well, what brings you out here?

We were hoping to start raising chickens, do you have any we can buy?

I recently hatched a few chicks I could sell to you.

Come with me and I’ll show you my set up.

We keep our chickens here at night:

It is raised off ground to protect from predators.

Gaps in flooring allow droppings to fall through and prevent disease spread.

Covering walls in ash can help decrease parasites.

If birds get sick, burn and rebuild shelter to reduce spread to healthy birds.
Predators include: Cats, Dogs, Snakes, and large birds.

We add whatever soft bedding we have during egg laying.

We make sure the chickens have water available.

We let them out to scavenge during the day.

And when they return we give leftovers/scrap. This is more important for growing chicks.
I know it seems like a lot of work, but it will be worth it to have healthy chickens!

These chickens have all been vaccinated against Newcastle disease and should be vaccinated every 4 months.

You can contact the community animal healthcare worker or veterinarian for more vaccines. You should also contact them if the chickens get sick from other diseases.

The Newcastle disease vaccine is essential for their health because it strengthens their defense against Newcastle disease. It is given to healthy chickens, not sick ones.

Thank you so much, Mama Joshua.

Good luck, Mutoni.
A FEW DAYS LATER!

IS THAT CHICKEN OKAY?

SHE SEEMS SICK.

MOM!

WHAT'S WRONG?

ONE OF THE CHICKENS LOOKS SICK.

MAMA JOSHUA ADVISED US TO CALL THE COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTH CARE WORKER. SHALL WE DO THAT?

HELLO, THIS IS THE COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTHCARE WORKER.

HI, THIS IS THE RWAGATARE FAMILY.
I recently bought a few chickens and one looks ill.

Common diseases include: Newcastle disease, avian infectious bronchitis, coccidiosis, Gumboro. All of which have vaccines that help protect chickens against them.

Have they been vaccinated against Newcastle disease?

Yes, they have.

That's great, it's likely not Newcastle disease. I can come by to take a look.

Thank you.

To be continued...
QUIZ

1. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CAN BE PREVENTED BY VACCINATION?
   A. NEWCASTLE DISEASE  
   B. COCCIDIOSIS 
   C. INFECTIOUS BRONCHITIS  
   D. ALL OF THE ABOVE

2. THE COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTHCARE WORKER IS FEMALE
   A. TRUE  
   B. FALSE

3. WHAT IS NOT A BENEFIT OF KEEPING CHICKENS?
   A. CHICKENS CAN BE SOLD FOR MONEY 
   B. EATING EGGS WILL HELP YOU GROW 
   C. DRIED CHICKEN DROPPINGS CAN BE FERTILIZER 
   D. NONE OF THE ABOVE

4. YOU SHOULD TRY TO SUPPLEMENT FEED IF CHICKENS ARE
   SCAVENGING
   A. TRUE  
   B. FALSE

5. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT IMPORTANT IN CHICKEN
   MANAGEMENT?
   A. VACCINATIONS  
   B. HAVING MANY CHICKENS 
   C. GIVING SHELTER  
   D. PROTECTING FROM PREDATORS

6. HOW MANY WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE IN THIS COMIC?
   A. 2  
   B. 3  
   C. 4  
   D. 5

7. WHEN DO YOU GIVE A VACCINE?
   A. IN HEALTHY ANIMALS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE 
   B. IN HEALTHY ANIMALS ONCE 
   C. IN SICK ANIMALS 
   D. NEVER

8. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT CHICKENS OR GOATS?