

# FIGHTING POVERTY ... IN TANZANIA

## MAMA BAHATI FOUNDATION

### POULTRY BUSINESS BECOMES AN AT-HOME CLASSROOM

While Rose Chiloletti's husband has gone back to school, she is using her poultry business to teach her four children about marketing and business principles. The sale of her chickens and ducks, as well as sunflower oil, is the sole income for this family of six, who live in Iringa, Tanzania.

Rose joined Five Talents partner, Mama Bahati Foundation, in order to increase her capital but she has also found new customers through her fellow loan group members. The eggs and poultry also give her neighbours access to a reliable source of protein.



Rose

Rose is also member of the Mothers' Union, another Five Talents partner, where she has gained business management training. She is now a trainer of other women in her neighbourhood, whom she motivates and encourages to join this loan program. By sharing the knowledge she has gained through this programme, she says that she is spreading a word of love, which is God's wish that we should love each other.

### WHERE WE WORK



Tanzania landscape

The United Nations has stated that in Tanzania "income inequality for rural areas has remained more or less constant and is rooted in inequitable access to productive assets, including land, financial services, livestock and education." The Mama Bahati Foundation (MBF) is working to combat the problem of poverty. It is based in the rural town of Iringa in central Tanzania, which is home to 115,000 people, and is expanding to reach women in the Kilolo District.

One hundred percent of Mama Bahati's clients are women, and many engage in businesses such as agriculture, handicrafts, retail shops, hair salons, tea rooms and secretarial services. MBF was founded by Bishop Donald Mtetemela and officially registered in February 2006. His vision is "to be a leading microfinance institution in up-lifting the standards of living of communities by meeting both spiritual and social needs." Its core values include a belief in the individual, targeting women as entrepreneurs and caregivers, promoting strong loan officer and client relationships and achieving self-sufficiency in long-term operations.

### FIVE TALENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP

During 2010, Five Talents is raising £70,000 for its programme in Tanzania. Please consider a gift today.

### STATISTICS

#### MAMA BAHATI FOUNDATION

Number of members:	1.085
Initial Loan Amount:	£24
Total Outstanding	
Portfolio:	£52,205
Repayment rate:	92%
Impact of Single Loan:	9 people

#### TANZANIA

- There are 9 million rural poor.
- Population living on less than \$2 a day: 59.7%
- Population that is undernourished: 44%
- Rural population that does not have adequate sanitation facilities: 59%

