

At the end of this year approximately 162 villages will have been provided with springs, which will cater for 160,000 people. The cost of this will be R161,951. But what the Government expects you to do is to organize yourselves on the principle of "Unity is strength and two together are better than one". Just as there now already exists at Mosae's-Fobane a spring from which people are drawing water, so all the sooner will Government build another spring at Fobane where the local community have contributed towards this venture. Again, a clinic will be established under the Self-Help Campaign. You also know that this Campaign will operate from Lekhalong, where we now stand, to Fobane at Ntsekele's, from Manganeng up to the main tar road at Kolonyama, in the days to come.

Our greatest problem is malnutrition. In order to combat this problem and help to sustain ourselves and our children, the Government has embarked upon a poultry scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture. Under this scheme the Basotho people will be able to participate in poultry rearing, and any ordinary, average Mosotho will be able to supplement his means of living. I wish to encourage you all strongly that those of you who are not yet participating in this scheme should do so immediately for the benefit of yourselves and your children.

Our next problem is that of increasing crop productivity in collective spheres in our lands, because if we do not seek means of doing this we shall continue to starve and ultimately become completely dependent on other nations. In this year's Development Estimates we have allocated funds to facilitate the purchase of tractors - even if on a small scale - to serve the country as a whole. But I will try my best where possible. Again, I have earmarked certain money to be loaned to farmers under the Co-operative Association; but here again, in order that these Government subsidies should give immediate results, you must organize yourselves into credit unions or co-operatives, because, as I have said, "Unity is Strength".

During the past year co-operative societies helped stock farmers substantially by enabling them to sell their livestock at the coast at a very satisfactory price.