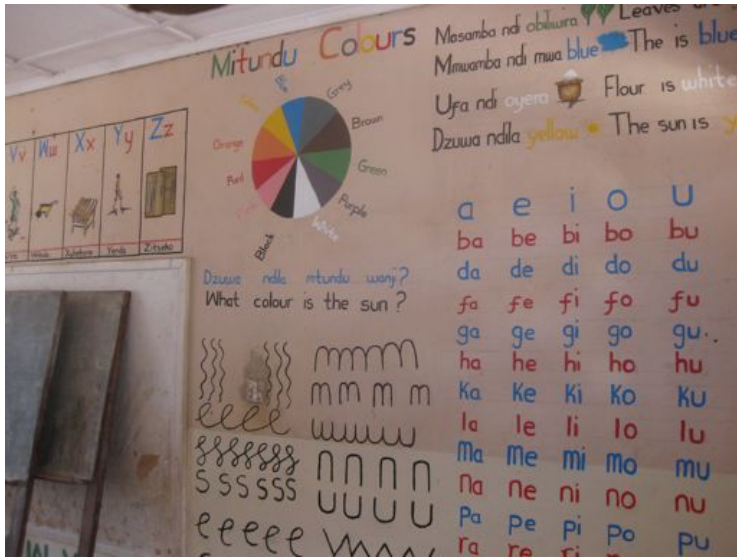


report on the HAPPY CLASSROOMS project (October 2011)



The project **Happy Classrooms** successfully continues bringing a major positive change into the government primary schools. The learning environment in the benefiting schools is child and teacher friendly, and especially the “visual learners” appreciate it.



So far over 70 classrooms in the city of Blantyre and surrounding villages were decorated.



The project concentrates on the government primary schools which, unlike the private ones, are effected by the lack of teachers and teaching aids the most.



boNGO is employing 12 painters who travel to the identified schools and place the decorations on the walls. (Blantyre Girls Primary Schools in the city of Blantyre)



The positive impact together with relatively low costs contributed to the intention of realizing the project in all the primary schools in Blantyre urban and rural. They are over two hundred of them!
(Chichiri Primary school in the city of Blantyre)



In some schools we can find that the teachers have already tried to create the visual teaching aids by themselves.
(Namatapa Primary school in the city of Blantyre)



The project **Happy Classrooms** have so far only reached the young learners from Standards 1 and 2. **boNGO** hopes that in the future also older students from Standards 3 upwards will be able to benefit



Some classrooms are not plastered and the decoration could be realized only with very high expenses.
(Ndirande Primary school in the city of Blantyre).



Some classrooms can't benefit from the project at all as they don't have any walls.
(Mbayani Primary school in the city of Blantyre)



Before the project is brought to a new area of Blantyre, a meeting between boNGO and all the local school head-masters takes place. There the conditions of the project are discussed as well as involvement of the Parent Committees.



Assessing the state of the walls before decoration works start is realized in cooperation with the school management, painters and boNGO directors.



Each decorated classroom contributes to better education of more than 1000 children.