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boNGO establishes the Model Childcare Centers that provide a high quality early education and serve as a training facility for teachers from surrounding centers too. Teachers in these Model Centers are properly trained; they use different teaching methods with an emphasis on learning through playing. With time they are qualified to co-facilitate the trainings conducted for other teachers.

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About boNGO
boNGO is a Malawian NGO established in 2007 with the aim of providing children an environment that enables them to develop their full physical, mental and social potentials. Therefore boNGO:

- Increases the quality of early childhood education.
- Improves the learning and teaching environments at primary schools.
- Brings an innovative way of HIV prevention among youth.

Early Education in Malawi
There are over 6000 childcare centers in Malawi, providing care and education for children aged between two to seven. They are mostly initiated by active members of the community that are lacking the experience and resources. The teachers (local volunteers) are usually little educated and do not receive any salary for their work. They teach the children numbers, alphabet and other basic knowledge but mostly through memorizing and repeating, a method that does not give the children sufficient stimulation that is so important for their full development.

boNGO’s Early Education Programs
boNGO developed a Teacher Training Program for teachers from existing childcare center that are lacking education and experience. The training takes place partly at the Model Childcare Centers where the participants watch the experienced teachers and conduct lessons in pairs; and partly in their own centers where they teach under supervision. They also learn how to produce teaching materials and toys.

The training complements theory and praxis and is encouraging the participant’s own initiative, creativity and self-esteem.

boNGO is looking for sponsors interested in funding the monthly operational costs of the Umodzi-Mbame and Mango Model Childcare Centers.

Primary Schools in Malawi
Although the Malawi Government supports the primary education, the quality is often low. The main reasons are lack of teachers, teaching materials and school buildings. boNGO aims to introduce more stimulating learning environments through the project Happy Classrooms.

boNGO partners with companies that sponsor individual classrooms and have their symbols displayed there.

Mango - new Model Childcare Center opened in September 2011

Model Childcare Center Umodzi-Mbame operates since 2006

a typical primary school classroom

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