

HIV Prevention among Youths

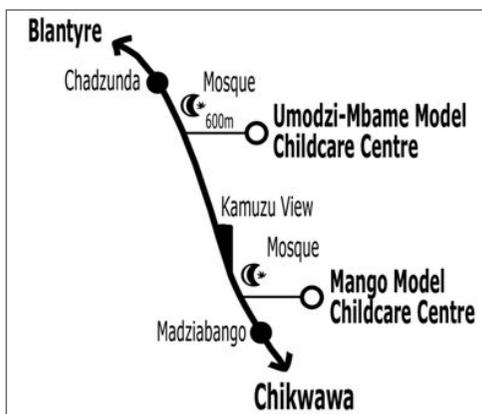
Youths in the country with a 14% HIV prevalence rate are one of the most endangered groups. Even though AIDS is widely spoken about, the situation does not improve.



*film Zione is
a new way of
HIV awareness*

project Zione in Schools - To change the risky sexual behavior of the youths, **boNGO** made a film called **Zione** that tells a story of a 17-year old girl resorting to prostitution to solve financial problems at home. The project **Zione in Schools** will enable the youths aged 10 years and above in primary and secondary schools to watch the film under the supervision of experienced councilors, and provide a platform for open discussions about love and relationships. **boNGO is looking for partners interested to fund the project.**

Where boNGO's projects are



boNGO's early education programs take place mainly in Blantyre rural - at the local childcare centers. With the projects **Zione in Schools** and **Happy Classrooms** boNGO aims to reach other parts of Malawi too.

boNGO's Approach to Development

boNGO has recognized the importance of the self-help approach of people at the grassroots and therefore is interested in supporting such development projects that have the active participation and sense of ownership on the side of the community. This very approach forms the name '**boNGO**' - abbreviation of **based on Need-driven Grassroots Ownership**.

boNGO's Origin

In 2005, a team of three friends met in Malawi to develop a quality childcare center in a rural area that could become an example for other center. Thus the Umodzi-Mbame Model Childcare Center was started and eventually became the foundation for setting up the organization **boNGO**, with the three founding members as its directors.



founding members and directors of boNGO

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CHILDREN DEVELOPING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL



**boNGO Worldwide is a non-governmental
organization raising the standards of education
in Malawi**

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 6 000 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.



most of the childcare centers are based under a tree, lacking teaching materials and toys

boNGO's Early Education Programs

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.



Model Childcare Center Umodzi-Mbame operates since 2006

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.



teaching materials made of locally available resources

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



Mango - new Model Childcare Center opened in September 2011

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

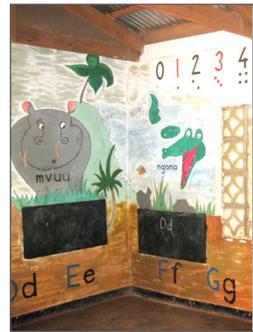
Although the Malawi Government supports the primary education, the quality is often low. The main reasons are lack of teachers, teaching materials and school buildings. boNGO aims to introduce more stimulating learning environments through the **project Happy Classrooms**.



a typical primary school classroom

project Happy Classrooms

boNGO takes inspiration from the Model Childcare Centers Umodzi-Mbame and Mango where the alphabet, numbers and other pictures on the walls have strongly improved the quality of lessons. boNGO introduces similar decorations at primary schools which help teachers to teach and make learning easier for students.



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

