



ESMIE

Esmie is 28 years old and lives in Maluwa Village. She had one year of previous teaching experience at a local preschool but never received any training before taking on her job at **Umodzi-Mbame Model Childcare Center** in October 2006.

“I had some teaching experience before I started at Umodzi, but now I am teaching much differently than I used to. I have learnt a lot about using different teaching methods and encouraging children to be creative. For example, I did not know how else to teach the alphabet than through learning the Alphabet Song by heart. Now after 8 months of training and intense supervision and evaluation I have many more ideas about using objects, letter cards, writing activities, stories, and games. **Today the children can not only sing the Alphabet Song but actually are able to recognize and write the letters.**

I have become much more creative myself and enjoy exploring new teaching ideas. **I experience how the kids have much more interest and understanding and so teaching them has become much easier and more fun for me.”**



Esmie sharing teaching ideas: During the regular Teacher Trainings the teachers explore new creative ideas how to use locally available materials to teach the children.

Esmie teaching the Alphabet: Not only singing the ABC song by heart but learning the letters through different interactive ways.

